

## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CUSTOMS, GPMD AND UMC

**On Wednesday 22 March 2017, at the headquarters of the Regional Directorate of Customs and Excise (DRDDI), a partnership agreement was signed by Jean-Charles Le Gall, President of the Maritime and Commercial Union, Stéphane Mage, Regional Director of DRDDI Dunkirk and Stéphane Raison, CEO of Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque.**

In Dunkirk, an area that drives innovation through the creation of added port-related value, this partnership expresses the three entities' determination to increase the attractiveness of the port of Dunkirk with the aim of recapturing the market of customs clearance and traffic.

The goals of the agreement include developing industrial, logistics and commercial services, speeding up transit through the port, and coordinating communication with transport operators at regional, national and international level.

### **About Dunkerque-Port:**

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*The ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, Dunkirk has built a reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkirk hub); the largest French port complex, with traffic of more than 90 MT via Calais-Dunkirk; France's largest energy hub; the country's largest LNG terminal; the leading French port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the largest French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the region's largest waterway port; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts-de-France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the rail industry, and the leading region for the car industry. Traffic in 2016 was 46.7 MT.*

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