

CONTINUATION OF "CAP 2020" PROJECT FOR NEW CONTAINER DOCK

Dunkerque-Port is a major player in goods transport and the economy of the Hauts-de-France region. It enjoys an ideal geographic location in northern Europe on one of the world's busiest seaways, large land reserves, and a potential market of 80 million consumers; as well, its good accessibility and high-quality infrastructures enable it to berth very large ships such as latest-generation container carriers.

As France's foremost multimodal port, Dunkerque-Port is steadily strengthening its position with a constantly-growing share of road-alternative transport modes (52% in 2017).

To exploit all these advantages in a context of ever-greater volumes of trade by container shipping, Dunkerque-Port designed the CAP 2020 project, with the aim of increasing its capacity to berth the largest new-generation container carriers and offering a complete logistics system through the construction of a new complex in the Western Port (quays, dock, logistics parks).

The CAP 2020 project is expected to have positive effects on the regional economy in terms of jobs and added value, promote multimodal transport systems thanks to efficient rail and waterway connections, and reduce the environmental impact of goods transport.

A public consultation about this project was held from 19 September to 22 December 2017. This public consultation provided an opportunity for helpful discussions not only with local residents, but also with political, economic, industrial and social stakeholders. These discussions were led by a Special Public Consultation Commission (CPDP), under the direction of Jacques Archimbaud, and the Consultation's conclusions were published on 22 February 2018.

These conclusions confirm the CAP 2020 project.

78.5% of those taking part expressed a favourable opinion through the CPDP questionnaire.

The National Public Consultation Committee (CNDP) reports also contained various suggestions and recommendations for the Port regarding the continuation of the project.

Based on these conclusions, Dunkerque-Port has decided to continue with the studies for the CAP 2020 project in order to prepare the file which will be submitted to the Public Enquiry.

About Dunkerque-Port:

The largest French port complex (Calais-Dunkirk); 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); 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 2017 was 50.4 MT.

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