

# Communiqué de presse



## **Ziegler France lays the foundation stone for its future multimodal branch in Dunkerque : a strategic project to strengthen sustainable logistics and international trade**

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### **A ceremony that opens a new chapter for the Ziegler Group**

On February 26, 2025, a foundation stone ceremony marked the beginning of a major project for Ziegler France. The event was attended by:

- Mr. Alain Ziegler, Chairman of the Ziegler Group
- Mr. Patrice Vergriete, Former Minister, Mayor of Dunkerque, and Chairman of the Urban Community
- Mr. Maurice Georges, Chairman of the Management Board of Dunkerque-Port
- Numerous partners and key economic stakeholders

This new logistics hub, strategically located in the Port of Dunkerque, demonstrates Ziegler's commitment to high-performance, sustainable, and connected logistics solutions.

### **An ambitious project for smart and sustainable logistics**

Located in the heart of France's 3rd largest port, this future multimodal branch will cover 55,000 sq.m. and will comprise a building of over 19,400 sq.m., including:

- A 16,750 m<sup>2</sup> logistics warehouse,
- A 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> domestic groupage,
- 400 m<sup>2</sup> of RE2020-compliant offices.

In the branch will be equipped with 40 loading docks, 2 access ramps, and 4 freight dock accesses, along with 46 HGV parking spaces and 42 car parking spaces. Additionally, it will feature a 280 ml rail connection, enhancing multimodal transport capabilities.

Designed to meet the latest sustainable logistics challenges, the site will hold a BREEAM 'Very Good' environmental certification and incorporate a secure lithium battery storage system. Its environmentally friendly infrastructure will include electric vehicle charging stations and photovoltaic panels with a capacity of 965 kWp. With ICPE 1510E certification, the facility will optimize energy efficiency through a range of sustainable features, including rainwater recovery systems, LED lighting, and reversible cassette heating and air conditioning for office spaces.

### **A strategic partnership with the Dunkerque -Port**

This project reinforces Ziegler's collaboration with Dunkerque-Port, working together to develop a modern, multimodal logistics hub. Their shared goal is to enhance the region's attractiveness by providing integrated, competitive, and environmentally friendly supply chain solutions.

Patrice VERGRIETE, Former Minister, Mayor of Dunkerque and Chairman of the Dunkerque Urban Community: 'We are proud that Ziegler France, a major player in transport and logistics, is coming to our region. This project blends innovation and environmental responsibility, will help to diversify the local economy, will create jobs and offer new prospects for local businesses, while meeting the energy and environmental challenges of the future.'

Maurice GEORGES, *Chairman of the Management Board of Dunkerque-Port*: «With this new facility, the Ziegler Group is contributing to strengthening Dunkerque's position as a leading logistics hub in Northern Europe. Ideally located at the heart of the port ecosystem, within the new Dunkerque Logistique Internationale (DLI) zone, this building, with its rail connection, will play a strategic role in the development of port and industrial activities».

### Scheduled to open in 2026

The branch is set to open in the first quarter of 2026, further solidifying its role as a key logistics hub. It will enhance connections between Europe and Asia while driving economic growth through its modern, high-performance infrastructure.

«This branch will provide daily connections across Europe and Asia, strengthening the local and national economic networks. This project reflects our commitment to multimodal, sustainable and connected logistics», Vincent Merletti, Director of the North and IDF at Ziegler France.

### About Ziegler France

Ziegler France is a leading provider of freight transport, logistics, and customs solutions, offering innovative and sustainable services. With its strong certifications, the company is dedicated to delivering operational excellence in all areas.

### About Dunkerque-Port

Dunkerque is France's leading port complex, working in cooperation with the other seaports in the North of France region. Today, its ecosystem integrates numerous maritime, logistics and industrial activities, with a commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

More sustainable and resilient, the port is Europe's leading energy hub. The development of a low-carbon industrial zone, a benchmark on a European scale, is a perfect illustration of this. It is based on the decarbonisation of existing industrial processes, the circular economy and green reindustrialisation, of which Dunkerque is one of the pioneers.

With its electric mobility ecosystem, the Port of Dunkerque is at the heart of the North of France electric battery valley.

Its platform of innovative solutions, combined with the development of container and logistics capacity and the multimodal transport network, is opening up new opportunities for the region.

In total, the port generates an annual added value of €3.8 billion, with 29,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

By 2030, the new developments underway in the industrial port area will have created 20,000 additional jobs.

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