

PRESS RELEASE

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DUNKERQUE-PORT STEPS UP ITS SHORT SEA SHIPPING NETWORK WITH THE LAUNCH OF A DUNKERQUE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND LINK

CONTAINERSHIPS, a short-sea shipping company present in the port of Dunkerque since 2013, has decided to expand its shipping services, as of Thursday, 19 November 2020, with the launch of a service from and to the Republic of Ireland.

A vessel, the M/S AILA with a capacity of 900 twenty-foot equivalent (TEU) containers with 204 reefer plugs will provide the following round trip service: Thursday, Dunkerque, Monday Dublin and Tuesday Cork.

Setting-up this service will make it possible to meet the demand of Irish and European shippers wishing to have a direct link in order to develop logistics flows.

Stéphane Raison, Chair of the Dunkerque-Port Executive Board, welcomed this announcement: *"After the successful launch in 2013 of the link to Portugal, Containerships is continuing its development in Dunkerque by offering a service ideally placed at the end of the week, which will offer a real alternative to European market players having regular exchanges with the Republic of Ireland".*

Rob Waterman, CEO of Containerships commented: *"The Port of Dunkerque is an obvious choice in that it provides a unique offer on the market, Containerships being the only operator to run a containerised service between Dunkerque and Ireland. The reliability and efficiency of the Port of Dunkerque mean we can provide a genuine Multimodal Door-to-Door solution, meeting the needs of Intra-European Transport."*

About Dunkerque-Port:

Leading French port complex (Calais-Dunkerque); 9th largest port on the Channel and North Sea Ranges, 3rd largest port in France, the port of Dunkerque stands out in many segments: Leading passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkerque corridor); largest energy hub in France; largest LNG terminal; leading French port for containerised imports of fruit and vegetables; leading French port for mineral and coal imports; largest rail port in France; largest regional river port; 3rd largest port in France for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. Dunkerque-Port is the Commercial Port of the new Hauts de France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the railway industry in France, and the leading region for the French automobile industry. 2019 traffic: 53 Mt.



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