

# DUNKERQUE PORT

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# 2022 TRAFFIC

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## 2022 TRAFFIC:

### DUNKERQUE PORT TRAFFIC ENDED THE CURRENT YEAR UP 1.5% AT 49 MT

**D**espite unfavourable economic conditions, traffic in the port of Dunkerque continues to expand, supported by strong growth in LNG (9.7 MT, +133%) and containers (745,000 TEU, +14%).

- **Liquid bulk:** up by 60% at 13.9 MT. While hydrocarbons are down 8% to 3.4 MT, the volumes of LNG processed at the LNG terminal are approaching 10 MT (4 MT in 2021). In 2022, the port of Dunkerque docked 142 LNG carriers, compared with 62 in 2021.

- **Solid bulk:** down 18% at 16.2 MT. Iron ore (8.5 MT, -23%) and coal (2.9 MT, -14%) logically showed a sharp decline linked to both the cessation of SEABULK's activity at the West Bulk Commodity Terminal (QPO) at the end of 2021 and the current poor economic situation affecting the steel industry in particular. Grain ended the year slightly down 4% at 2.2 MT, but there was a good start to the 2022/2023 grain campaign. The decline in other solid bulks (2.6 MT, -11%) reflects the fall in the order book for local and regional industry.

- **Miscellaneous goods:** trending downwards, at 18.9 MT (-5%).

Ro-ro freight activity (Channel + Ireland) **is down 18% to stand at 468,000** accompanied and unaccompanied units. The long-term effects of Brexit remain perceptible for cross-Channel business and are aggravated by the economic situation in the United Kingdom. The ro-ro service to Ireland underwent a year of consolidation with almost stable freight volumes.

Tourism is experiencing strong growth against a backdrop of the disappearance of health measures affecting international travel, but has not yet returned to pre-pandemic volumes. Passenger vehicle traffic reached **312,000 units (+293%)** while the number of passengers reached **1,366,000 (+86%)**. Note that the Ireland ro-ro service has been opened to tourism during the summer.

Containerised traffic recorded its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth at **745,000 TEUs (+14% in 2022)**. Dunkerque's growth over the last two years (+62%) is the largest on the North European range. Full containers increased by **11% to 456,000 TEUs**.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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### 1- THE PORT OF DUNKERQUE: GOING GREENER

- **On January 28**, several port operators supported the initiative of Gravelines town hall, the Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority and the Trees Everywhere association in favour of the climate in an operation to plant 500 trees (out of nearly 27,000 intended for the 7,000 sq. m. of the platform), in the Huttes district of Gravelines.
- On February 1, the French industrial company Verkor announced the choice of the Port of Dunkerque for the construction of its first Gigafactory dedicated to the development of low-carbon automotive battery cells. The result is 1,200 direct industrial jobs for the area during the first phase of the project. The first delivery of low-carbon, high-performance batteries for electric vehicles, scheduled for July 2025, will be manufactured in Dunkerque. Production capacity will increase from 16 GWh in 2025 to 50 GWh in 2030. Covering an area of more than 150 ha, the site chosen to set up the Gigafactory will meet the growing demand of European and international car manufacturers, and the acceleration of the deployment of high-performance electric vehicles on the European continent. It is located in the Heavy Industry zone (ZGI) of Dunkerque Port, accredited as "Choose France" turnkey site in January 2020, during the visit of the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron to Dunkerque. The site meets all the requirements of a Gigafactory in terms of land, logistics, energy capacity, proximity to customers, access to skilled labour and possibilities for expansion. Once production has started, the Gigafactory will supply several customers, including Renault Group, following the signing of a strategic partnership with Verkor last summer. The announcement of the establishment of Verkor in the Port of Dunkerque is a major event for the entire region surrounding Dunkerque and the Hauts-de-France in general. This arrival contributes to the creation of an "Electric Battery Valley" in the region, in line with the associated logistics, maritime, rail and river sectors. The installation is the result of collaborative work carried out over many months between the port teams, those of the Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority and of Verkor.
- **September:** Signing of the Dunkerque Port CSR Charter. Committed to the economic, social, inclusive and responsible development of the region surrounding the port.
- **On September 30**, as part of World Maritime Day, Dunkerque Port mobilized with the "DK Clean Up" association to carry out a cleaning operation on the Braek breakwater. Dunkerque Port's internal communication brought together 44 port employees to participate in this civic action in order to preserve and protect our heritage.
- **October:** Against the backdrop of the energy crisis, Dunkerque Port is implementing a short-term action plan contributing to the national effort for energy sobriety (motor-pump units for lock management, lighting, fluid management, energy, etc.). The plan involves the entire port community, which approved it during the Development Council.

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## 2- THE PORT OF DUNKERQUE, A TOOL FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURROUNDING REGION

- **On March 17**, Saint Patrick's Day at the Ireland Terminal, the Dunkirk Port and DFDS teams distributed "lunch boxes" to road hauliers leaving for Rosslare, Ireland. The Dunkirk-Rosslare ferry line has totaled more than 63,000 freight units since January 2021.
- To improve France's competitiveness, the Directorate General for Infrastructure, Transport and the Sea (DGITM) has embarked on a policy to promote French ports. A round table devoted to seaports was thus organised in Dubai, from March 21 to 23, as part of the World Fair, with a speech of Nicolas Trift, deputy director of ports within the DGITM. On March 21, in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (Maritime Transport Affairs Department), a major event was organised at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. This event brought together the main ports of the UAE: Ras Al Khaimah Port, Fujairah Port, Umm Al Quian Port, Ajman Port, Sharjah Port (with the exception of the ports of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, which met on March 22), various companies in the maritime sector, as well as shipowners and ship repair companies. Dunkerque Port presented its activities and assets during the trip.
- **June 30**, Dunkerque Port welcomed Her Excellency Marie-Christine BUTEL, Ambassador of France in Kosovo, Donato GIULIANI, Counselor for cooperation and cultural action at the Embassy of France in Kosovo, Hajrulla ÇEKU, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, Nora ARAPI KRASNIQI, Advisor to the Minister of the Ministry of Culture of Kosovo, Liza GASHI, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and their delegation.
- **August**: Extension of the grain terminal, delivery of the new platform to Nord Céréales.
- **From October 17 to 21**, a delegation led by François DECOSTER, Vice-President for the Hauts-de-France Region, Maurice GEORGES, President of the Executive Board of Dunkerque Port, François LAVALLEE, President of the Littoral Hauts-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President of the SEPD (Straits Ports Operating Company) visited Namibia. The trip was part of the partnership that this southern African country has had for several years with the Hauts-de-France region and the port of Dunkerque. The aims are to develop culture between the two countries, exchange expertise in different areas between regions and between ports resulting in the strengthening of commercial ties. On this occasion, the delegation, accompanied by His Excellency Sébastien MINOT, Ambassador of France to Namibia, had the honour of meeting His Excellency Hage GEINGOB, President of the Republic of Namibia.
- As part of the National Conference on the Economy of the Sea, Dunkerque hosted an "off" event called "Welcome on board!" intended to introduce everyone to the challenges of the economy of the sea, with a rich and festive programme of events around maritime and port culture. On the site of Môle 1, the maritime village welcomed visitors from November 4 to 7, with boats, exhibitions, events, visits, conferences, tasting of seafood products, partner stands, night screening on the wine cellar but also information on sea careers.

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### 3- THE PORT OF DUNKERQUE, AN ESSENTIAL LINK IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SUPPLY CHAINS

- **April:** Doubling of the Dry Port. Greater capacity with four new 850-meter railway tracks (investment €10.7 million)
- **April 5, 6 and 7:** "Fruit Logistica", in Berlin. This event is the world benchmark for professional fruit and vegetable trade fairs and represents the entire supply chain of the fruit and vegetable industry, from producer to point of sale. It is usually held in early February. Postponed in April due to the health crisis, the show involved all the players in the sector; it welcomed 3,300 exhibitors from all over the world and more than 70,000 visitors. Partners from the port marketplace were also present alongside the port (Conhexa-Duncold group, as well as Destock FCL).
- **April 5, 6 and 7 "SITL"**, at Paris Nord Villepinte. The International Transport and Logistics Exhibition (SITL) was held in Villepinte, on the stand of Norlink Ports, Pavillon Hauts-de-France. The ports of Lille, Boulogne, Calais as well as Delta 3, LDCT (Lille Dourges Conteneurs Terminal), Danser, CargoBeamer, Agora-Groupe Sogetran were also present alongside Dunkerque Port.
- **On 29 April**, Négoce Nord-Est (which represents the interests of agricultural trade in three administrative regions of the East of France, Alsace, Hauts-de-France, Ile-de-France) and the FC2A (Fédération du Commerce agricole et Agro Alimentaire), organised their Regional Congress in Dunkerque. Dunkerque Port made a presentation as part of this event, the theme of which was "Dynamics of agricultural and agri-food trade: investing for the future". Dunkerque Port has been a member of FC2A since 2021. The federation brings together:
  - the FNA (Federation of Agricultural Trade),
  - the FFCB (French Federation of Livestock Traders),
  - FEDEPOM (National Federation of Traders in Potatoes, Garlic, Onions, Shallots),
  - ANEEFE (National Association of Shippers, Exporters of Fruits and Vegetables),
  - SNIPO (National Union of Egg Manufacturers and Traders),
  - the SNIA (National Union for the Animal Feed Industry).
- **From June 14 to 16**, Multimodal, the leading trade fair for freight transport, logistics and supply chain management in the UK, Ireland and Northern Europe, was held in Birmingham. Dunkerque Port's commercial teams were present on the Norlink Ports stand, alongside the ports of Calais, Boulogne, Eurotunnel and CargoBeamer. Daniel DESCHODT, Deputy Managing Director and Sales Director, spoke at a conference on Brexit, statistics and the ambitions of the port of Dunkerque.
- **On June 15 and 16**, Dunkerque Port was present at the "Top Logistics Europe 2022" trade show held at Lille Grand Palais. For 2 days, this "One-to-One" event allows 200 logistics and supply chain experts to meet.

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- **On July 5**, Banana producers and traders from Guadeloupe and Martinique, the official suppliers for the Tour de France, were in the spotlight in Dunkerque, the emblematic port for French bananas, for the first stage of the Tour de France 2022. Over the last 25 years, strong ties have been forged between the Banana producers of Guadeloupe and Martinique and the Port of Dunkerque. Some 4,500 tonnes of bananas from Guadeloupe and Martinique arrive at the port each week, representing 24 million fruit. The Port and its partners strive to offer exemplary distribution logistics. The Tour de France was therefore a great opportunity to celebrate this partnership. And it was in Cassel, on the route of the first French stage of the Tour, that Dunkerque Port organized a special event with the UGPBAN (Union of Groups of Banana Producers from Guadeloupe and Martinique) in the presence of Pierre Monteux, its Managing Director, and many customers and partners in this sector.
- **On August 5**, in addition to its existing freight service between Dunkerque and Rosslare, the DFDS company decided to develop passenger transport on an experimental basis. The trip includes car and passengers, a cabin, luggage and four meals.
- **July 18**: visit to the port by a delegation from the Transport Committee of the European Parliament consisting of Karima DELLI, President, Benoit LUTGEN, Dominique RIQUET, OLIVIER Philippe, ID FRANCE, Angel DZHAMBAZKI, Melek FIKRI, Blagovest ZDRAVKOV TICHEV, Christophe RAIRIE, Franck RICAUD, Administrator, with Amélie HENNION, Aluminum Dunkerque, Thierry FLAMENT, ArcelorMittal Atlantique and Lorraine, François LAVALLEE, Littoral Hauts-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Patrice VERGRIETE, Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority, Franck DHERSIN, Regional Council Hauts-de-France, Franck GONSSE, National Coordination of Port and Assimilated Workers, Jean-Claude CHARLO, Filip HERMANN, DFDS Seaways, Jean-Pierre DECOOL, Senator, Jérôme DEZOBRY, Canal Seine Nord Europe company, Hervé TOURMENTE, Sub-Prefect of Dunkerque, Marc RIONDEL, Terminal des Flandres, Sylvain PAINEAU, Verkor company.
- **On September 27**, the “Norlink Day” event was held in Dunkerque Port with 400 participants and visits to four sites related to the flagship activities of the port of Dunkerque: cross-Channel, logistics, industry and containers. Following this, round tables for professionals from the sector focused on “the future for regional logistics”.
- **October 4, 5 and 6**, “Fruit Attraction” show at Iféma in Madrid, an international fruit and vegetable show. Dunkerque Port and its port partners, Conhexa, SDAN, DESTOCK FSL were present on the Port stand.
- **On October 12 and 13**, “Top Transport” trade show in Marseille, business meeting for experts in transport and logistics.
- **November** Terminal des Flandres: delivery of 14 hectares of additional land.
- **On November 7**, the Minister of Industry Clément BEAUNE inaugurated the warehouse of the Société de Développement Ax Nord (SDAN). Created in 2017, SDAN has launched three projects on land of around 20 ha in the Dunkerque Logistique International area. The construction of the first was launched by GSE: a warehouse with 43,770 sq. m. of floor space developed on spec, which will have six storage cells and 1,380 sq. m of office space. The project is in the process of obtaining BREEAM “Excellent” level certification. This pro-active quality approach promotes a design and a construction integrating the highest current environmental challenges. The energy performance of the buildings and the reduction of consumption are guaranteed in particular by the installation of a self-consumption photovoltaic power plant with an area of 300 sq. m. and by the recycling of rainwater to supply the building. The

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the comfort of the building's future users is central to this approach, including the acoustic treatment of the service sections, and the emphasis placed on thermal and visual comfort. Similarly, the site will be accessible by soft modes of transport with charging stations for electric vehicles, and bicycle facilities. The project is designed to harmoniously integrate with its environment and respect biodiversity, thanks to the work of an ecologist on all landscaping work. The distribution centre is part of a real estate development project totaling 400,000 sq. m. over a seven-year timeline. As a developer-investor, SDAN is part of the landscape and the drive of Dunkerque Port with its CAP 2020 plan, which is designed to let it compete with the major Benelux hubs, in particular by taking advantage of cross-Channel traffic in the post-Brexit world.

- **On November 30 and December 1**, participation in the "Riverdating" show in Le Havre, an annual event dedicated to the river transport and multimodal sectors, and to waterway logistics solutions in Europe.

## 4- THE PORT OF DUNKERQUE, DRIVER OF INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSITION

- **On September 23**, Georges François LECLERC, Prefect of the Hauts-de-France and North regions, proceeded to lay the first stone of the specific cross-border contact point (PCUF) in Dunkerque Port, surrounded by the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Dunkerque Port, the Chairman of the Management Board, the Regional Director for Agriculture and Forestry, the Inter-regional Director of Customs and the Sub-Prefect for Dunkerque. The project is designed to set up a single control point at the new European border, a consequence of Brexit: the customs officers and the veterinary and phytosanitary inspection service (SIVEP) are thus grouped together. Thanks to financing from the European recovery plan of €12.6 million, the project with 2,120 sq. m. of floor space as an extension of the existing SIVEP building, including inspection premises in particular, is fully in line with the government's purpose of environmental and energy responsibility, with high environmental quality and low emission premises, as well as independent electricity production with the installation of 490 sq. m. of photovoltaic panels on the site
- **From September 21 to 24**, "La Fabuleuse Factory" took place on Place Jean Bart. The objective of the event launched by Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority to be a mini City of Science and Industry, was to introduce industry and the jobs of tomorrow in the Dunkerque region in a fun and educational way. The Commercial Department was able to discuss with residents, middle school and high school students about this major turning point in the region, and answer their questions concerning the major projects under development in the industrial-port area.
- **On 8 and 9 November**, a major annual meeting for stakeholders in blue (maritime) growth, the "Assises de l'Economie de la Mer" were held at Lille Grand Palais at the invitation of the Métropole de Européenne de Lille and the Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority. More than fifteen round tables and workshops highlighted the issues of maritime sovereignty and the importance of the land-sea link. Organised by the "Le Marin" newspaper and the Ouest France group, in partnership with the French Maritime Cluster, the 17th Conference welcomed professionals, institutions and State representatives. Due to their strategic location, issues of European competition as well as those relating to maritime cyber-security, European defence, decarbonisation, the hinterland and national sovereignty were addressed.

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## PROT PRECINCT ACTIVITY IN 2022: INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTICS FACILITIES

2022 was punctuated with great news for the economic development of Dunkerque Port, in both logistics and industry.

The "Choose France" label obtained in 2021 for the Dunkerque Logistique Internationale (DLI) turnkey site enabled the reservation of 70 hectares of land for 400,000 sq. m. of warehouses. The first of them, a building with 43,770 sq. m. of floor space backed by the SDAN company, was inaugurated in the presence of Clément BEAUNE, Minister Delegate in charge of Transport, on 7 November 2022.

Dunkerque Port launched a call for expressions of interest in March 2022 with the ambition of reconciling the city centre with the port. The winner, IDEC, is the backer for an urban logistics project on Pier 2 called "Le Passeur", which will create a link between productive activities and urban development. The commissioning of the facility is scheduled for the end of 2024.

To support the region's energy transition, Dunkerque Port will host two solar farm projects which will see the light of day in 2025, one led by Photosol with an installed capacity of 20MWp, the other by EDF with 15MWp.

In February 2022, Verkor announced the choice of the Port of Dunkerque for the construction of its Gigafactory which will produce low-carbon electric battery cells. The first delivery of cells is scheduled for mid-2025. Production capacity will increase from 16GWh to 50 GWh in 2030. At stake, 1200 direct jobs.



# INVESTMENTS

## 2022 REPORT + 2023 FORECASTS

2022 saw a strong upswing in activity, enabling an investment programme of 71 million euros adopted in November 2021. The programme is the largest in the last 5 years. However, in June 2022, the port's Supervisory Board adopted a revised programme of €33.4 million, i.e. an increase of €12.44 million in order to support the price increase. The investment programme voted in 2022 has been 95% completed.

## 2022 REPORT

2022 was devoted to the continuation of the development work in the West Port:

- Completion of the work to extend the rail terminal: delivery of 6 ha of public works, 2,500 linear metres of rail tracks and lighting (**€4.6 million**),
- Completion of the extension work on the container terminal quayage: delivery of an additional 6 ha of quayage (**€3.2 million**) at the Flanders terminal,
- Continuation of road and rail access works to the SNF platform (**€1.5 million**),
- West Port Securing Works (**€5.9 million**),
- Purchase of certain SEABULK tools from the West Bulk Commodity Terminal (QPO) (**€1.8 million**),
- Continuation of construction work on the new double-deck gangway (**€23.6 million**),
- Continuation of the development of the Heaby Indsutry Zone (**6.8 M€**),
- Continuation of the development of the DLI South zone (**€4.7 million**),
- Continuation of design studies for the extension of the container port (CAP 2020) and studies relating to road access to the western zone (**€4.9 million**),
- Start of studies and archaeological assessment of the future Heavy Industry Zone 2 (**0.8 M€**),
- Start of studies for the future DLI 2 logistics and industrial and Chemicals zones (**50 k€**),

On the East Port, the main works carried out were as follows:

- End of the partial filling works of the QP2 harbour basin and delivery of a 0.9 ha platform to NORD CEREALES for the construction of silos (**4.9 M€**)
- Continuation of work to replace the travelling bridge at the Watier lock (**€3.7 million**)
- Launch of work to secure the banks of the Canal des Dunes (**€0.6 million**)
- Repair of Quai Freycinet 12 between bollards 21 and 26 (**€0.9 million**),
- Refurbishment of the Relais Port railway facilities (**0.6 M€**),
- Building optimization and refurbishment program (**€0.8 million**),
- Maintenance of assets (**5 M€**).

For this investment programme, Dunkerque Port benefited from the financial support of its public partners to the tune of approximately **€28 million**. Europe supports a Dunkerque project to ensure the efficiency of the flow of goods on the entire Trans-European North Sea - Mediterranean Corridor, for which Dunkerque Port is recognized as a hub. The Hauts-de-France region and the Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority are supporting the development of the port with a view to economic development and jobs for the entire region. For the French State, financial aid supports ecological and economic development, mainly under the France Recovery Plan.

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In 2023, activity will remain sustained. The investment programme approved by the Supervisory Board on 25 November 2022 amounts to €78 million.

2023 will be devoted to the continuation of the development work on the West Port:

- Creation of a piggyback terminal (4 M€),
- Securing the port (€2.8 million),
- Creation of the HSF / Vlantana quayage (€1.3 million),
- Delivery of a new transformer to the power supply source station on the Heavy Industry Zone (ZGI) (€1.8 million),
- Start of work for the new road service in the western zone (€7 million),
- Finalisation of the development of the Heavy Industry Zone (€5.2 million),
- Finalisation of rail access to the SNF platform (0.6 M€),
- Finalisation of the design studies for the extension of the container port (CAP 2020) (5.8 M€),
- Continuation of construction work on the new double-deck gangway (€24.4 million),
- Continuation of the development of the DLI South zone (€3.1 million),
- Continuation of studies and finalisation of the archaeological assessment of the future Heavy Industry Zone (€1.8 million),
- Continuation of studies of future logistics and industrial areas (DLI2, INDUSTRIES d'AVENIR) and their access (0.6 M€)

Concerning the East Port:

- Repair of Quai Freycinet 12 between bollards 21 and 26 (€2 million),
- Completion of work to replace the travelling bridge at the Watier lock (€2.6 million),
- Refurbishment of the De Gaulle lock boarding jetty (€1 million),
- Construction of a new building at Quai Freycinet 6 for the Dunkerque Port operating teams (€4.3 million),
- Start of development studies for the former SRD site (€0.9 million),
- Maintenance of assets (€3.4 million).

To carry out this investment programme, Dunkerque Port will count on the support of its French and European partners, with further subsidies representing approximately €1m (\*).

(\* If the support of the Dunkerque Metropolitan Authority (for the development of the DLI and ZGI zones in particular) has already been agreed, the negotiations with the State and the Regional Council within the framework of the State-Region Plan Contract (CPER) will be completed in early 2023. At the same time, Dunkerque Port submitted an application to Europe for financial support for the CAP 2020 project.



# FACILITIES

## INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTICS

### 2023 OUTLOOKS

The development of the logistics offer will continue by breaking ground for a negative-temperature stacker crane warehouse with a capacity of 68,000 pallets. Initial work can also begin on two to three new warehouses on reserved land in 2022 in the Dunkerque Logistique Internationale zone, thus enabling Dunkerque Port to meet the growing demand for logistics services.

2023 will see the start of operations of Clarebout, a producer of frozen potato products which will create more than 300 direct jobs, and SNF Flocryl, a specialist in water treatment, producer of monomers and polymers, generating 250 direct jobs.

The Vektor construction site should start in the second quarter of 2023. The announcement of the set-up of the Gigafactory has made Dunkerque one of the key destinations for stakeholders in the electric battery value chain. The port will enter a new phase of development with probable announcements of plants upstream and downstream of the production of electric battery cells.

2023 will also be an active year from the point of view of preparing for the transformation of the industrial ecosystem and its decarbonisation. The development of the CO2 Hub, the heat highway, and the production of low-carbon hydrogen, as well as the massive investments by ArcelorMittal for the decarbonisation of its business will continue to consolidate the position of the Dunkerque region as the leading energy Hub in France.



# PORT CHARACTERISTICS

Dunkerque Port is the main trading port of the Hauts-de-France Region (31,813 km<sup>2</sup>, 6 million inhabitants), the largest agricultural and agrifood region in France, the leading region for the rail industry, and for the car industry.

Dunkerque Port is the third largest port in France by overall traffic, and ninth largest port on the Channel and North Sea Range

2021 Traffic: 48.6 million tons

Founding member of Norlink Ports

Largest French port complex: 100m tonnes

Leading French port for importing ore and coal  
Leading French port for importing fruit in containers

Leading French port for transport by rail

Second largest French port for trade with the United Kingdom  
Third largest French port for grain traffic

Largest river port in the Hauts-de-France region  
Leading river port in the Hauts-de-France region



90 minutes from the Dover Strait



17km of seafront



Accessibility 7 days a week, 24 hours a day up to 20.5m (draught)



Constant-level dock up to 14.2m (draught)

• **Two port sites with 17 km of shoreline, on the seafront and without any estuary:**

- The East Port, behind locks, accessible to ships with a cargo of 130,000 T, or 14.20 metres of draught.
- The West Port, a tidal port, accessible to ships of 300,000 deadweight tonnes at full load, or 20,50 meters of draught, open with no constraints in terms of time, locks or tide, enabling very short port calls and located 90 minutes by sea from the Dover Strait shipping lane.

• **An advantageous geographical situation, facing the United Kingdom, in contact with the Benelux as well as industrial and agricultural North-West Europe. First large multi-specialist port near (26 km) the port of Calais.**

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# PORT CHARACTERISTICS

## • Quality and non-congested domestic links:

- By road: direct access from the port to the European motorway network via the A25 and A16 motorways.
- By waterway: wide-gauge canal with the Hauts-de-France (3,000 tonnes), extended to Belgium and the Rhine (1,350 tonnes) and the Paris Basin (650 tonnes), until the Seine-Nord Europe canal has been built (2028). Container barge services to Lille, Dourges and Valenciennes.
- By rail: the 160 km of port railways are linked to the national and European networks. Containerised rail shuttle from/to Dourges, Valenton, Metz as well as all modal points in the south of France.

**Dunkerque is the leading French rail freight hub with traffic of around 12 MT / year.**

For many years, the modal share of alternative transport to road haulage has been higher than 50%.



Direct access to the A1/A16/A25 motorways



River gauges from/to Dunkerque



11% of freight nationwide



The port is part of European access service plans

## • As a multipurpose port, Dunkerque has many specialised docks and terminals:

- For liquid bulk:

**West Port:** LNG terminal

**East Port:** Miscellaneous wharves (petroleum and chemical products, gas, bulk foodstuffs, ships up to 130,000 tonnes).

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# PORT CHARACTERISTICS

- For solid bulk:

**West Port:** West Bulk Commodity Terminal (QPO), ships up to 180,000 deadweight tonnes.

**East Port:** ArcelorMittal facilities serving the local steel industry. Numerous docks for various imported and exported bulk (lime, coke, scrap, ore, etc.). Grain facilities.

- For miscellaneous goods:

**West Port:** Container terminal for ocean and feeder services. Ro-Ro terminal equipped with linkspans for ferry-boats serving the United Kingdom in particular.

**East Port:** Many terminals for break-bulk or semi-containerised lines, tramping, specialised terminals (sugar, sand, steel, grain, cement, etc.).

6355 ships docked at the port in 2022.

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350 ha of mixed-use zones marketed in 2017



A zone dedicated to logistics



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