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# le bateau-feu

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## EVENT

### AN LNG TERMINAL IN 2015

On 3 May, during his visit to the Gravelines nuclear power plant to talk about France's energy policy, French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced the building of an LNG terminal in Dunkirk, a project initiated in 2006 by EDF. The terminal is due to open in late 2015 and should create 200 direct and indirect jobs. Between 2012 and 2015, 1,850 people will work on the terminal which will represent an investment of 1.5 billion Euros and an annual regasification capacity of 13 billion cubic metres of gas (corresponding to 20% of France's gas demand). It will accommodate 80 LNG tankers every year, and will have one regasification unit and three LNG storage tanks with a capacity of 190,000 cubic metres each. Dunkerque-Port, EDF and GRTgaz are the project's three partner contracting authorities. With TOTAL President Christophe de Margerie, Nicolas Sarkozy also announced that TOTAL was going to develop its activities in Dunkirk, with the setup of a second-generation biofuels line.


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## NEW

### A NEW WATERWAY SERVICE FROM DUNKIRK

Starting on 18 May 2011, RSC (River Shuttle Containers) will offer a weekly waterway service between Dunkirk and Dourges, on fixed days.

The service will be operated in partnership with CONTARGO. It will line up perfectly with CMA CGM's FAL3 (Asia-Europe) service, which calls at Dunkerque-Port's container terminal every Tuesday. At import, the service will offer loading at Dunkirk on Wednesdays, arriving at Dourges on Thursday mornings.

At export, it offers departures on Fridays, returning to Dunkirk on Tuesdays. The Prouvy terminal near Valenciennes will soon be included in the rotation, with an arrival and a departure from Prouvy every Thursday. This new waterway service, which is open to all marine operators, is in addition to the existing services offered since August 2008 by MARFRET FLUVIO FEEDER, between Dunkirk and Lille and between Dunkirk and Antwerp.

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Dunkerque-Port will participate in the **BREKBUK ANTWERP** show in Belgium from 17 to 19 May 2011

## CALL

### EXCEPTIONAL CALL AT THE CONTAINER TERMINAL

Operating on the weekly FAL3 service (French Asia Line 3), the container carrier CMA CGM COLUMBA, the company's new ship (commissioned in 2011), called at the Flanders Quay where it was handled in the evening. 363m long, and with a nominal capacity of 11,388 TEU, it is the longest ship ever berthed in the Western Port of Dunkirk.

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### BLESSING OF THE CONTAINER CARRIER CMA CGM TITAN

CMA CGM has decided to christen its new container carrier at Dunkirk. The ceremony will take place at the container terminal on 24 May, during the inaugural call of the CMA CGM Titan, in the presence of CMA CGM President, Mr Saadé, and Laurence Parisot, President of MEDEF and godmother of the new ship.


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### VISIT FROM THE PORT OF DOVER

On 9 May Dunkerque-Port welcomed a delegation from the Port of Dover, led by General Director Bob Golfied, for discussions on the strategy and development of the two ports.

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