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## NORD PORTS SHUTTLE: WATERWAY CONTAINER SHUTTLE LINKING DUNKERQUE-PORT WITH LILLE AND DOURGES



**Dunkerque-Port is continuing its drive to develop a regional waterway container transport service, directly linked to the maritime services calling at the port.**



Since 26 October 2013 the Nord Ports Shuttle (NPS) waterway container shuttle has run a twice-weekly link between the Flanders Terminal (TdF) of Dunkerque-Port, Lille Conteneurs Terminal (LCT) and Lille Dourges Conteneurs Terminal (LDCT). The aim of this service is to provide an offer that is both economical and environmentally-friendly, directly linked to the containerised shipping lines calling at Dunkirk, between the port's terminals and the two main multimodal inland platforms of the Lille area. It operates without road transport, providing

a direct link with marine traffic. This waterway transport service has been designed to allow the emergence of a competitive multimodal transport offer without the return of empty containers to the port of origin, by the creation of depots for empty containers in the inland terminals of Lille and Dourges. The service operates with the 78-TEU barge «CARINA» and the push boat «P'TIT MURENE». It runs two rotations a week between Dunkirk (Saturday and Wednesday), and<sup>2</sup> Lille and Dourges (Monday and Thursday). NPS offers an annual

transport capacity of some 15,000 TEU. The rotations are scheduled to synchronise with ships' calls at the Flanders Terminal. As regards customs, a Waterway and Maritime Procedure («PFM») designed to simplify procedures has been put in place with the Customs authorities to allow electronic registration of goods' customs status, via the port's AP+ computer system. >>

# NORD PORTS SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

CONNECTIONS	LION / FAL 7, FEEDER MSC, MOROCCO SERVICE	EPIC, PANAMA DIRECT, DUNKRUS, ANTILLES, COA FEEDER BALTIC/ FESCO, MAC ANDREWS, UNIFEEDER, FESCO
<b>IMPORT</b>		
	<b>ROTATION 1</b>	<b>ROTATION 2</b>
DEPART DUNKIRK	Saturday AM	Wednesday AM
Lille	Monday AM	Thursday PM
Dourges	Monday PM	Thursday AM

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<b>EXPORT</b>		
	<b>ROTATION 1</b>	<b>ROTATION 2</b>
DEPART LILLE	Monday AM	Thursday PM
DEPART DOURGES	Monday PM	Thursday AM
Dunkirk	Wednesday AM	Saturday AM



>> During the first three years of its operation, this innovative inter-regional service will receive financial support from Dunkirk Urban Community and the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council. Christine Cabau Woehrel, Chair of Dunkerque-

Port's Executive Committee, commented: «The aim of this new service is to provide a long-term offer of consolidated waterway transport between the port platforms of Dunkirk, Lille and Dourges, and also to promote a multimodal offer

that will allow the region's industries and shippers to consolidate their container traffic through the Port of Dunkirk.»

## « SIMPLE, RELIABLE AND ECONOMICAL »



**FRÉDÉRIC CHABASSE,**  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
MARITIME COMMISSION  
AND CO-DIRECTOR  
OF THE NORD-PAS DE  
CALAIS OVERSEAS  
SHIPPERS' CLUB AT  
AUF

«I am delighted with this initiative that is both simple, reliable and economical, and contributes to the creation of a regional network for containers. By providing an alternative transport mode, this inter-port shuttle will boost the development of the Port of Dunkirk.»

## « MAKING A MODAL SWITCHOVER »



**OLIVIER RICHARD,**  
TRANSPORT  
MANAGER AT  
SOCIÉTÉ DE  
RECHERCHE DE  
SYNERGIES SRS

«We are extremely interested in this service operated by Nord Ports Shuttle, which should very soon enable us to switch from road-only to combined road/waterway transport for our goods.»

## « A LOCAL WATERWAY OPERATOR »



**CHRISTOPHE THEBAUD,**  
PRESIDENT OF  
NORD PORTS  
SHUTTLE

«NORD PORTS SHUTTLE can be considered as a local waterway operator. The aim of this service is to bring Dunkirk's sea port «closer» to the inland ports of Lille and Dourges, giving overall coherence to the regional hub formed by these three entities.»

## « FLEXIBLE CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AND SMOOTH PASSAGE THROUGH THE PORT »



**STÉPHANE MAGE,**  
REGIONAL CUSTOMS  
DIRECTOR

«As part of our action in close partnership with GPMD to promote the competitiveness of the Port of Dunkirk, the Regional Department of Customs and Indirect Taxation at Dunkirk is committed to facilitating waterway transport for maritime containers. For this reason, since 26 October 2013, Nord Ports Shuttle has benefitted from a Waterway and Maritime Procedure that includes customs control in its logistics process. This procedure uses the functionalities of the new AP+ electronic registration tool. By offering this type of procedure to waterway and rail transport companies, the Port of Dunkirk can combine flexible customs formalities with the smooth transit of goods through the port, making its offering even more attractive.»