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## ***DUNKERQUE-PORT : INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST***

### **INVITATION TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR A SMALL-SCALE MARINE AND ONSHORE LNG DISTRIBUTION STATION PROJECT IN THE PORT OF DUNKERQUE**

**Directive 2012/33/EU amends Directive 1999/32/EC on reducing the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels in line with Annex VI to the MARPOL (Marine Pollution) Convention.**

To comply with this new regulation, the most effective and sustainable solution for shipowners is to encourage the use of LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) as alternative to the current marine fuel.

However, the use of LNG as a marine fuel requires the creation of a new supply chain in commercial ports.

With a new full-scale LNG terminal under construction, Dunkerque-Port also prepares itself to meet demand for small-scale LNG locally and potentially in neighboring ports. The LNG terminal will be operational by end-2015, making Dunkerque the first port of entry and last port of exit in the SECA (Sulphur Emission Control Areas) to be able to offer efficient LNG bunkering services for ships.

Dunkerque-Port is therefore issuing an invitation for expressions of interest to create a small-scale marine and onshore LNG distribution station in the Port of Dunkerque.

All potential players interested in this project are initially invited to apply, and successful applicants will be asked to submit a comprehensive project to Dunkerque-Port. To this end, a consortium of chosen applicants can be set up. Finally, the best project will be chosen by Dunkerque-Port in accordance with the selection criteria.

The winning bidder will carry out all the necessary studies and support the investment for construction and operation of the new small-scale LNG distribution station. The terms of cooperation between the winning bidder and Dunkerque-Port are enclosed in the Expression of Interest document. This document can be downloaded at [www.dunkerque-port.fr](http://www.dunkerque-port.fr)

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*France's third-ranking port, Dunkirk is well known as a port handling heavy bulk cargoes for its numerous industrial installations. It has also built its reputation in other sectors such as cross-Channel RORO traffic to Great Britain, containers, fruit, etc. Classified as the seventh port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg, Dunkirk is also the leading French port for ore and coal imports, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, and the country's second-ranking port for trade with Great Britain.*

  
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