

THE PORTS OF DUNKIRK AND NANTES SAINT-NAZAIRE IN THE ANTILLES: JOINT PROMOTIONAL VISIT

A joint delegation from the Ports of Dunkirk and Nantes Saint-Nazaire, led by their two CEOs, visited Martinique and Guadeloupe from 7 to 13 January 2016.

Two special events were held, in Guadeloupe on 8 January and in Martinique on 12 January, for clients in the region, local port authorities, shippers, forwarding agents and shipping companies, banana producers' associations, and other contacts.

The aim of this first joint initiative by the two ports was to promote the North Sea port for imports and the Atlantic port for exports. Besides these two events, the visit was also an opportunity for both ports to meet their many respective clients and strengthen long-standing links.

This is the first time such an initiative has been taken, and it was welcomed by the many economic stakeholders present. The two French mainland ports have forged extremely strong links with the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. Representatives from the shipping company CMA CGM also accompanied the delegation, emphasising the quality of services between continental France and the two islands.

About Dunkerque-Port:

France's foremost port for containerised imports of fruit and vegetables, and the largest mainland French port in volumes of trade with Martinique and Guadeloupe for banana imports, the Port of Dunkirk is also the ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, and has built its reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in the world (Calais-Dunkirk hub); the largest port district in France (traffic of more than 90 MT via Calais-Dunkirk); France's largest energy hub; the largest LNG terminal; the largest port for containerised imports of fruit and vegetables; the leading French port for ore and coal imports; the country's largest rail port; the largest regional waterway port; the second-largest French port for trade with Great Britain; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Nord-Pas de Calais Picardie Region, the largest food industry and farming region in France, the leading rail industry region, and the leading automobile industry region. 2015 traffic was 46.6 MT.

About Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port:

The point of entry and exit on the Atlantic seaboard and a crossroads for North-South traffic, Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port is the final port of export in trade with the French Antilles. It offers competitive solutions for the different logistics circuits of its clients, both in terms of specialist tailor-made services, and in offering excellent transit times to the French Antilles and the Caribbean area as a whole. Nantes Saint-Nazaire is a leading port for the food industry sector, fruit and vegetables, manufactured goods, consolidated cargoes and goods for recycling.



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