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DUNKERQUE-PORT / VNF PROGRESS CONTRACT

OPTIMISING FACILITIES FOR INLAND WATERWAY USERS

The Steering Committee of the 2009-2012 Progress Contract, bringing together Dunkerque-Port, French Inland Waterways (VNF), the Stevedores' Association SPEM and the Maritime and Commercial Union (UMC), met in Dunkirk on 22 April.



The signatories of the Progress Contract reviewed the actions undertaken to promote inland waterway transport to and from the Port of Dunkirk, and noted the growth in traffic carried by inland waterway (an increase of 26% between 2006 and 2009). The marketing studies carried out have highlighted the usefulness of putting in place an offensive joint communication strategy, to make users more aware of the advantages of inland waterway transport at Dunkirk. **These joint actions should confirm the inland waterway hinterland of Dunkirk's port community in the direction of Paris and eastern France, as well as Charleroi, Liège and Duisbourg.** The partners learned of the progress of the preliminary technical and financial study concerning the 7m headroom for the wide-gauge Dunkirk-Escout network.

The study has yielded some significant figures:

- Number of structures concerned: **182**, including **108** road bridges and 28 railway bridges;
- **140** bridges to be rebuilt and **19** bridges to be raised for an estimated total cost of **2.18** billion Euros.

Still with the aim of optimising facilities for inland waterway vessels, the Port of Dunkirk confirmed that five new water and electricity supply points would be installed shortly. **An agreement has been signed between Dunkerque-Port and VNF for the maintenance and operation of these supply points** ■

DUNKERQUE-PORT / GIATEL LORRAINE CHARTER



On 26 May 2010, during the AGM of GIATEL Lorraine (Transport and Logistics Association) in Pont-à-Mousson, the President of GIATEL Lorraine, Franz Ehrlicher, and Daniel Deschodt, Commercial Director of Dunkerque-Port, signed a Charter. In this document the two signatories expressed their policy of developing a joint dynamic to promote modal complementarity between the Lorraine region and Dunkerque-Port, in line with the Grenelle Environment Law. Dunkirk is the first sea port to become a member of GIATEL. A delegation from Dunkirk was also present to meet the members of the association.



On 30 May, following the arrival of the cruise liner «SAGA PEARL II» in Dunkirk, a City Medal award ceremony was held on board. **The liner left Dover on 29 May carrying 400 English tourists on a memory cruise to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation**, whose code name was Operation Dynamo. The «Saga Pearl II» docked in the Eastern Port on 30 May. Its agent is the company Agena Tramp. The liner, with a length of 164.30 and breadth of 22.60 m, can accommodate up to 602 passengers. The ceremony awarding the medal to the master of the «Saga Pearl II» was attended by representatives of Dunkerque-Port, the Tourist Office and the City of Dunkirk. That evening the passengers left for Rotterdam, Ghent, Boulogne, Cherbourg and Saint-Pierre-Port, in the steps of the Second World War ■



As part of the **70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo** at Dunkirk during the weekend of 30 May, Dunkerque-Port's Strategy and Development Director Pierre Joly awarded the Port's Medal to the Master of the vessel «Le Marne» in an official ceremony attended by Michel Delebarre, MP and Mayor of Dunkirk and President of the Urban Community ■



On Friday 21 May 2010, following the **European Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference held in Dunkirk**, a medal-awarding ceremony was held on board the liner «Ocean Countess» which had accommodated some of the conference participants. Michel Delebarre, MP and Mayor of Dunkirk and President of the Urban Community, Armel Leleu and Sabine Lhermet from the Tourist Office and Daniel Deschodt, Commercial Director of Dunkerque-Port, awarded the medals of the City, the Urban Community and the Port to the Master of the «Ocean Countess» ■



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