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PRESS RELEASE

Shore power connection: in the starting blocks!

In 2030, it will be mandatory for certain ships to use the on-shore power supply to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Ports of Normandy wishes to pre-empt this requirement by offering this service to ferry and cruise operators in all three of its ports by 2027.

As part of its policy on combating climate change, the European Commission has put forward a set of legislative proposals aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and reaching its target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030 (compared to 1990). The obligation for certain ships (in particular ferries and cruise ships staying in a port for more than two hours) to use the on-shore power supply (OPS) from 2030 onwards will contribute to meeting these targets (FuelEU Maritime and AFIR Regulations).

In this context, Ports of Normandy decided to act early and in October 2021 signed a partnership with EDF to establish a roadmap to ensure it can meet its obligations in time and even early. An initial study was carried out which:

- Listed the terminals subject to these obligations
- Studied the feasibility of providing an OPS connection on the docks concerned
- Estimated the power capacity required and the related costs

Following this study, on 13 April 2023 the elected representatives at Ports of Normandy decided to give the project the go-ahead. They voted to allocate a budget of €900K for the technical and regulatory studies necessary to provide OPS connections for:

- Berths 2, 4 and 6 at Port of Cherbourg, which are dedicated to ferries (€300K)
- Quai de France at Port of Cherbourg, where the cruise ships are moored (€150K)
- The ferry berth at Port of Caen-Ouistreham (€150K)
- Quai Gaston Lamy at Port of Caen-Ouistreham, where the cruise ships are moored (€150K)
- The ferry berth at Port of Dieppe (€150K)

"As well as getting started on the studies, which are an indispensable step, we have just set a clear timetable: the works must get underway in 2024, port by port, dock by dock, so that by 2027, that is to say three years before the regulations require it, Ports of Normandy is able to offer the ferry and cruise operators this service in all three of its ports. It is by combining ambitious targets and pragmatism that we can make progress in the fight against climate change. And this is a very concrete example of that!" commented Hervé Morin, President of Normandy Regional Council and Ports of Normandy, during the *Comité Syndical* meeting.

ABOUT PORTS OF NORMANDY

Owner and administrator of the ports of Caen-Ouistreham, Cherbourg, and Dieppe, Ports of Normandy represents: 6,000 direct and indirect jobs / €435m invested in Normandy since its creation in 2007 / 100 ha dedicated to Marines Renewable Energies, a maintenance base in Caen-Ouistreham and another to come in Dieppe / 2 million cross-Channel passengers per year / 6.5 million tonnes of cargo per year / Close to 60 cruise ship visits per year and more than 150,000 cruise passengers / 3,200 marina berths, a dry stack marina, 33,000 overnight stays and 7,500 visitors per year / over 12,000T of fish landed, i.e. 1/3 of all fisheries landings in Normandy / over 300 dry dockings per year.

Ports of Normandy, an alliance between Normandy Council, the Departments of Calvados, Manche and Seine-Maritime and the agglomeration communities of Caen-la-Mer, Le Cotentin and Dieppe-Maritime, serving economic development in the region. Learn more about Ports of Normandy at portsdenormandie.fr

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