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### *Cherbourg Port: 1st French port for Ireland!*

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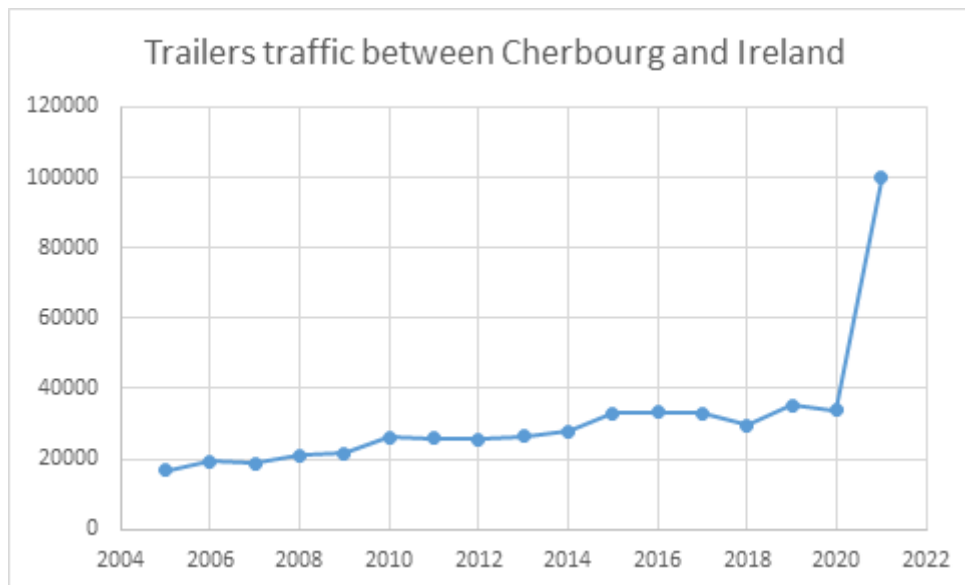
**Today Cherbourg Port handled its 100,000th trailer travelling between Ireland and France, having multiplied its roll-on/roll-off traffic by 3 in a year and confirmed its position as market leader. Some very good results, to be seen in the light of Brexit, which has made this route more competitive compared to the "landbridge"\*, results that demonstrate the tremendous capacity for adaptation of this port and the companies that serve it!**

#### **Cherbourg Port, leader in France-Ireland roll-on/roll-off traffic**

The link between Cherbourg Port and Ireland means:

- 3 ferry operators: Stena Line, Irish Ferries and Brittany Ferries, which together offer a stable, regular, competitive and flexible service
- 2 destinations: Rosslare and Dublin
- One of the shortest routes between Ireland and the Continent with an average crossing time of 17 h
- Up to 3 departures a day, 6 days a week with large-capacity ferries (up to 160 trailers)
- Reliable Cherbourg Port teams, providing a high-quality service against the background of Brexit and the Covid crisis. In 2021, Cherbourg Port recruited 7 dockers on permanent contracts and 12 on fixed-term contracts. The quality of their work combined with the growth in traffic will allow us to extend their contracts in 2022.
- A port that is adapting its equipment and infrastructure: investments made include 4 extra terminal tractors (€170K each) and extension of the ferry companies' ticket booths, and that is on top of the €8m worth of works done to prepare for Brexit.

The result is that since 1 January 2021, Cherbourg Port has multiplied its roll-on/roll-off traffic between France and Ireland by three, going from 33,888 trailers at the end of December 2020 to 100,000 by the end of December 2021. And that includes a doubling of the number of unaccompanied trailers (20 to 45,000 approximately).



### **Cherbourg Port, constantly adapting to keep pace with the needs of the market**

Following these excellent results, Cherbourg Port and Ports of Normandy are working hard on several projects that will enable them to expand their services:

- Creation of a multimodal transport terminal for the BAYONNE/CHERBOURG rail motorway service. This project is backed by Brittany Ferries and the Ministry of Transport.
- Continued reorganisation of the terminals to create more trailer storage space.
- Upgrading the linkspans for the latest generation of ferries.
- Digitalisation of data.
- Supporting logistics with, among other things, the creation of a 10 ha business park near the port.

To mark the occasion of passage of the 100,000th trailer, David Margueritte, President of Cherbourg Port, and Cillian Rossi, representing the Irish Embassy, presented the lorry driver with a typically Norman gift, a large basket of delicious local Cotentin products.

*"Supporting the cross-channel traffic, increasing links with Ireland, developing business activities on our port, all of this is crucial to consolidating the Cotentin's position as a maritime region," explained David MARGUERITTE, President of the Cherbourg Port company and the Agglomération du Cotentin local authority. "With its 200 km of coastline, Cotentin has Normandy's longest seaboard, and we aim to strengthen our strategic position, thanks to the excellent work of all the Ports of Normandy and Cherbourg Ports' teams, the commitment of the 3 ferry companies operating out of Cherbourg and the haulage companies and shippers who count on them."*

\*Landbridge: the Ireland-France route that goes through England.

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6,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs (INSEE Study 2016) / €410M invested in Normandy (2007-2020) / 100 ha dedicated to Marine Renewable Energies and 2 forthcoming maintenance sites / 2 million cross-Channel passengers per year / 7 million tonnes of goods 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 and 33,600 overnight stays / 1/3 of all fish (tonnage) landed in Normandy / comprehensive ship repair provision.*

*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, at the service of economic development in the region. Learn more about "Ports de Normandie" at [portsdenormandie.fr](http://portsdenormandie.fr)*

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