Investments 2019 and 2020

- **INVESTMENTS 2019**

Port Boulogne Calais invested more than 18 million euros in 2019 at its two sites.

The adaptation of the Calais infrastructure and major improvements that have been made necessary to meet the new customs obligations and controls caused by the coming into force, which has since been postponed, of Brexit, creating a new land border within the port, required an investment of 6 million euros. The port of Calais had to guarantee the best possible service to its customers and maintain fluid traffic flows.

In Boulogne, nearly 9 million euros(*) have been invested in accordance with the five-year investment programme of more than 27 million euros.

In 2019, the port of Boulogne-sur-Mer benefited from the biggest projects:

- complete renovation of Slipway No. 2 for 3.5 million euros;
- modernisation and compliance of the tidal station and collective tidal building for nearly one million euros;
- refurbishment of the main traffic routes serving the Capécure area (roads, public lighting, green space development etc) for 1.2 million euros;
- office refurbishment works to accommodate businesses in the tidal station buildings, the old hoverport and port hub for nearly 300 000 euros;
- new customer reception signage for almost 300 000 euros.

- **INVESTMENTS 2020**

In 2020, the Boulogne and Calais sites will benefit from an envelope of 24 million euros, including investments and maintenance work at the two sites.

In Boulogne, nearly 6 million euros are planned for the repair of roads in the Capécure area (final part), deployment of new, more structured signage and construction of a new fish packaging washing centre.

In summer 2020, this new modern, innovative equipment will replace the existing plant, which is no longer suitable to meet the needs of professionals and no longer meets the new standards required by Port Boulogne Calais as part of the sustainable management of its activities. The work began a few weeks ago at Quai de l'Amiral Huguet in Capécure.

A new modern, capable facility

Located in the immediate vicinity of the CME, the new structure will have an area of 4000 m^2. The core of its operating system will consist of two fully automated packaging washing lines, which are essential to professionals for transporting fish products.

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The complete process, incorporating careful inventory management, will be managed by computer software to ensure better performance.

The area and complete automation of the process will allow for more storage capacity and time savings over the washing process. The lines will be able to process up to 1500 units per hour for crates and boxes, and 45 units per hour for bins with a capacity of up to 500 litres.

In addition, the automation of sorting and loading onto the lines of different types of crates will improve the working conditions of employees. It should be remembered that the volumes processed by the crate stock are currently 1.6 million units per year and that loading onto the lines was until now done manually.

This new equipment will be complemented by a 2600 m^2 repair yard for professional fishermen to repair their nets under the best possible conditions.

The will to build "eco-responsibly"

Beyond these advantages, Port Boulogne Calais' desire to take into account the environmental impacts of its activities has guided its choice of processes.

So, while meeting very strict sanitary standards, the new structure will reduce water consumption by more than 80%, from 30 m^3 per day to less than 5 m^3, and no longer require phyto-chemical wastewater pre-treatment thanks to the use of an evaporation-condensation system.

The building will be fully equipped with an LED lighting system allowing a significant reduction in electricity consumption.

The total cost of this new structuring equipment amounts to €6.8 million, borne by Port Boulogne Calais to the tune of €3.6 million, the Hauts de France Region (€1.05 million), the Boulogne Conurbation Community (€1.05 million) and Europe under the FEAMP programme (€0.3 million to co-finance the net repair yard).

In Calais, the transfer of operations to the new port will require an investment of nearly €7 million, in addition to nearly €10 million of maintenance and miscellaneous work, or €17 million over the year.

(*) These investments are part of an extensive five-year investment programme worth €27 million led by Port Boulogne Calais, for which it is providing €16 million, the Hauts de France Region €4.65 million, the Boulogne Conurbation Community €5.6 million and the European Union €985 000.