

NEW GOVERNANCE AT PORT BOULOGNE CALAIS

In accordance with the decision of the Board of Directors of the Société d'Exploitation des Ports du Déroit (SEPD), François LAVALLEE has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, while general management of Port Boulogne Calais has been entrusted to Benoît ROCHET.

While on creation of the SEPD, in 2015, it was a Chairman and Chief Executive Officer that was elected as head of the company, the Board of Directors wanted to change its governance by separating the functions of Chairman of the Board of Directors on the one hand and Chief Executive Officer on the other.

And so, since 13 August, François LAVALLEE, President of CCI Littoral – Hauts-de-France, has chaired the Board of Directors of SEPD.

Mr LAVALLEE is also 1st Vice-President of CCI Hauts-de-France and Managing Director of the Evariste Group.

General management of the company is now provided by Benoît ROCHET.

A graduate of the École Polytechnique and Chief Engineer at the Corps des Ponts, des Eaux et des Forêts, Benoit ROCHET, 40, was previously Deputy Director General of Port Boulogne Calais. He actively contributed to the adaptation of the Ports du Déroit to Brexit, as well as the construction and commissioning of the new port of Calais.

About Port Boulogne Calais

On 22 July 2015, as part of the Public Service Delegation granted by the Hauts de France Region, the Port of Boulogne-sur-Mer and Port of Calais became owner of these two ports, the single «Port Boulogne Calais».

Operated by the Société d'Exploitation des Ports du Déroit (SEPD), headquartered in Calais, Port Boulogne Calais is a port hub bringing together the ports of Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais. It is the premier French fishing port, leading French passenger port, 2nd European port for Ro-Ro traffic (roll on – roll off), leading European centre for the processing and sale of seafood, and the 4th largest French freight port.

The new port of Calais, an investment of 863 million euros that has doubled its capacity, was commissioned in October 2021.

