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Free Wi-Fi expands on the port of Calais

Calais, 7 November 2016 – The Port Boulogne Calais expands today its Wi-Fi service for the 10 million passengers who travel every year through the port of Calais.

Wi-Fi has been provided on the port since 2010 and is now accessible free of charge on the entire cross channel terminal as well as in the waiting areas. The expansion of the zone covered by free Wi-Fi will be particularly useful for passengers, tourists and professionals as few of them have a French mobile contracts allowing mobile internet access.

With a total bandwidth of 200Mb/s, the free Wi-Fi network will allow up to 750 simultaneous connections. A « roaming » system has been set up to allow travellers to move freely within the port without having to reconnect their Wi-Fi.

With 10 million international passengers per year and 1.8 million lorries coming from all over Europe, the port adapted its Wi-Fi offer with a portal accessible in the five most used languages by its clients: French, English, Spanish, German and Polish.

How does it work?

Accessible to all through the domain *calaisport_freewifi*, passengers will simply have to register once and will be automatically recognised in the future. This will be particularly appreciated by lorry drivers who regularly travel between Calais and Dover.

An additional service offered by the port of Calais to its users

The port of Calais was one of the first ports to offer Wi-Fi already back in 2010. This service was at the time only accessible in limited areas. The Atlanteam company was selected to expand the service to the entire cross-channel terminal following a public tender launched in May 2016. The improvement of the Wi-Fi required an initial investment of close to 100,000 euros excluding annual maintenance and subscription fees.

According to Jean-Marc Puissesseau, Chief Executive Officer of the Port Boulogne Calais: « *the expansion of the Wi-Fi is a very good news for the Port Boulogne Calais and demonstrates our dedication to better answer the needs of our users. This improved service will be particularly useful to our professional clients to stay connected during their waiting time as well as to passengers who will be able to freely surf the internet while in the port.* »

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About the Port Boulogne Calais

The Boulogne Calais Port is operated by the Société d'Exploitation des Ports du Déroit (SEPD), which has its head office in Calais. As part of its delegation of public service, this company has been assigned the "Calais Port 2015" project, which entails doubling the capacity of the Port of Calais, with completion expected in 2021. The SEPD entrusted the project's completion to the Société des Ports du Déroit.

Calais Port 2015 is one of the largest French projects of the decade. It is the first maritime project to be undertaken as part of the Juncker EU priority infrastructure plan.