



# RESEARCH & TRAINING

Certified as a national competitiveness cluster, the site of Boulogne-sur-Mer has developed the AQUIMER competitiveness cluster. The cluster is designed to improve the competitiveness of companies by helping them sustain their activities through innovation, quality and the development of technology..

## AQUIMER

The cluster helps companies set up research projects and enables access to funding specially designed for competitiveness clusters. It also backs the «New Waves» project which aims both to be a pilot station for sustainable aquaculture and a technology development department to develop aquatic products.

## IFREMER

The French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER) has a test tank well-known for its capacity to test fishing gear in sea-going conditions.

## TRAINING CLUSTER

The cluster provides training courses for various trades in the seafood industry, ensuring the availability of a skilled and specialized workforce:

- **The Boulogne-sur-Mer maritime training college (Lycée Professionnel Maritime)** provides training courses for fishery trades (including the command and control of fishing vessels), [www.lyceemaritime-boulogne.com](http://www.lyceemaritime-boulogne.com)
- **The Food and Fish Produce Training Centre** (CFIT) offers specialized training courses in the processing, technology, health, quality and culinary use of seafood products, [www.cfpmt.fr](http://www.cfpmt.fr)
- **The Opal Coast University** (ULCER) provides initial training, as well University courses at University Institute of Technology (IUT), and Vocational University Institute (IUP) levels, in commercial, production, research or development sectors, [www.univ-littoral.fr](http://www.univ-littoral.fr)
- **Haliomer Technical Institute** [www.haliomer.fr](http://www.haliomer.fr)