

ATLANTIC PORT OF BORDEAUX IS SELECTED AMONG ONLY 18 SHIP RECYCLING SITES WORLDWIDE TO BE APPROVED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union has just published a list of international ship recycling sites authorised by the institution. Atlantic Port of Bordeaux is among the 18 sites selected globally, and is the most important site in France.

This distinction recognises the excellence of the achievements, expertise, procedures, facilities and equipment of the recycling site of Atlantic Port of Bordeaux.

It rewards the investments realised by Atlantic Port of Bordeaux in facilities that enable it to be the most important French site in this list in terms of tonnage and dimensions, and in the European top 6:

- dry dock n°3 in Bassens (240m long, 34m wide)
- 3.5 hectares of versatile quayside area with several thousand m² of watertight slabs
- facilities and equipment corresponding to the norms of an ICPE (Facilities Classified for Environmental Protection), of Europe and of the Hong Kong Convention.

At the heart of one of the world's most important maritime routes, this site is the only one of the European list to be open to all ship recycling operators who submit a request and adhere to the procedures.

Sought out by companies, the site is currently occupied by the end of the recycling works of the former Jeanne d'Arc (Véolia on behalf of the French navy). Within a few weeks, the former Colbert will succeed it to conclude a global recycling process that will have lasted more than 36 months.

These vessels will be added to a reference list of military and merchant ships that has been growing in importance since 2012.

In 2017, Atlantic Port of Bordeaux plans to continue investments in its facilities and equipment in order to optimise them and make them even more competitive.



About Atlantic Port of Bordeaux...

Atlantic Port of Bordeaux is an industrial and logistics platform containing seven terminals spread over the 100 km of the Gironde estuary, the largest estuary in Europe.

Ideally situated on the Atlantic seaboard, the port handles between 8 and 9 million metric tonnes of cargo per year (the equivalent of 400,000 truckloads) at its seven specialised terminals that reflect the diversity of the economy of the greater southwest region:

- *Le Verdon: containers, port of call for cruise ships*
- *Pauillac: hydrocarbons, A380 logistics centre*
- *Blaye: grains, chemicals*
- *Ambès: petrochemicals, hydrocarbons*
- *Grattequina (under development): heavy-lift cargo, aggregates*
- *Bassens (multi-bulk terminal): grains, containers, timber, oil, aggregates, coal, recycling traffic, ship repairs and ship recycling...*
- *Bordeaux – “Port de la Lune” (terminal dedicated to passenger traffic): port of call for cruise ships, ship repair*

Every year Atlantic Port of Bordeaux also represents 25 vessels in dry dock for technical maintenance and the re-injecting into the circular economy of almost 4000 tonnes of scrap from end-of-life ships.

The port activity of Atlantic Port of Bordeaux is the source of more than 4900 direct jobs across a total of 200 entities.

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