SEINE-NORTH EUROPE CANAL
PROJECT OF SEINE-SCHELDT NETWORK

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**SEINE-NORTH EUROPE CANAL:** From european project to local action

**OBJECTIVES**

- **DEVELOPMENT**
  - Support the economic development and attractiveness of the territories traversed by the canal and the whole Seine-Scheldt network

- **COMPETITIVENESS**
  - Make the sea ports on the Seine and Northern France axis more competitive by increasing their hinterland

- **ECOLOGY**
  - Promote energy transition by making more use of waterway transport: safe and energy-efficient

- **CONNECTING EUROPE**
  - Connect the french waterways network to european waterways network

**A PROJECT FOR THE FUTURE**

- Sustainable growth of waterway transport in France and Europe
- Improved industrial and logistical competitiveness for a wide range of economic sectors (circular economy, agriculture, building/public works, etc.)
- 10,000 directs and indirects jobs

**PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

The cost of the Seine-North Europe canal is estimated at 4.9 billion euros. The European Union contributes to its funding to the tune of 40% of the overall cost. For France, a funding agreement was signed on March, 13th 2017 by the Government, the Hauts-de-France and Ile-de-France regional councils and the Nord, Pas-de-Calais, Somme and Oise departmental councils. The agreement specifies that the Government and the partner territorial authorities will fund the project in equal proportions.

**THE LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROACH**

A “large-scale construction project” policy has been introduced to ensure that the region gains maximum benefit. Supervised by the Government in close collaboration with the Hauts-de-France Regional Council, the departments along the route and local partners, the policy implements practical actions such as training in the skills required for the project, the inclusion of social integration clauses in the contracts and accompaniment for local firms.

**AN ECO-RESPONSIBLE PROJECT**

- Eco-design
- No water taken from the groundwater table
- Closed-cycle locks
- Reforestation and creation of wetland banks

**THE LARGEST EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAYS NETWORK**

A 1100 KM LOGISTIC NETWORK

**SOCIÉTÉ DU CANAL SEINE-NORD EUROPE, A MEMBER OF THE EEIG* SEINE SCHELDT, SUPPORTS THE SEINE-NORTH EUROPE CANAL, A PROJET OF SEINE-SCHELDT NETWORK.**

[1] European economic interest grouping

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| THE SOCIÉTÉ DU CANAL SEINE-NORD EUROPE |

Created in May 2016 through legislation, the Société du Canal Seine-Nord Europe was set up in 2017. It is a public institution, under the supervision of the Minister of Transport, whose role is to lead the construction of the Seine-North Europe Canal. The fluvial infrastructure will link the Seine and Oise basins to the wide-gauge European network between Compiègne and Aubencheul-au-Bac.

A PARTNERSHIP INSTITUTION, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO INVOLVE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OPERATION.

Three territorial committees (Noyonnais / Compiègeois, Santerre / Haute-Somme and Artois / Cambresis) run by the State were set up. Their role is to implement a participative approach and to regularly review the progress of the project with local stakeholders. A territorial development contract, signed at the level of each territorial committee, sets objectives in terms of spatial planning, construction site organization and economic development. It allows communities to make suggestions to improve canal-side developments. A supervisory board that brings together representatives of local authorities and of the state governs the Société du Canal Seine-Nord Europe.

The SCSNE is administrated by a supervisory board that meets 4 times a year. It is presided by Xavier Bertrand, president of the Hauts-de-France region. Its vice president is Jean-Claude Leroy, president of Pas-de-Calais county council.

For further information:
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