

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

« Improve ships' operational waste and liquid and solid cargo residues management in ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer »

1. Context

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, also known as MARPOL convention, lays down general prohibitions on discharges of ship-generated waste and cargo residues into the sea and requires Contracting States to ensure that adequate reception facilities are available in the ports.

The European Directive 2019/883 of 17 April 2019 on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues, amending Directive 2010/65/EU - and repealing Directive 2000/59/EC – and the national legislation transposing the Directive require ships' liquid and solid waste to be deposited in the ports, which must ensure the availability of adequate reception facilities. The Directive and national texts also aim to improve the availability and use of port reception facilities and the deposit of waste in these facilities.

In addition, in order to encourage ships to deliver their waste in ports, the aforementioned Directive 2019/883 introduced a fee for ship-generated waste. Transposed into French law by articles R5321-37 to R5321-39 of the Transport Code, this fee takes the form of a specific port due collected by the Seine Axis Major River & Sea Port (hereinafter referred to as 'HAROPA PORT') from ship owners, according to the ongoing rates set out in the plan for the reception and treatment of ship-generated waste and cargo residues for the ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer.

2. Purpose of this call for expressions of interest

HAROPA PORT would like to improve the completeness and quality of the collection service for liquid and solid operating waste from ships regularly using the ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer.

For this purpose, this call for expressions of interest (CEI) is addressed to collectors, whether approved by HAROPA PORT, of liquid and/or solid ship-generated waste, with a view to awarding a grant to finance part of the investment planned by each beneficiary collector.

The purpose of this CEI is to identify one or more service providers or joint ventures capable of implementing, in the ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer, suitable means of improving the existing offer in the aforementioned ports for the collection of liquid and solid operational waste from ships using these ports.

The proposed resources should meet the following objectives:

- Be adapted and deployable on as many existing quays and wharves as possible in the ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer;
- Encourage massification in order to limit the cost of transporting collection equipment;
- Comply with MARPOL sorting requirements for solid waste;
- Provide guarantees of operational capacity, combined with technical and environmental innovation compared with existing services.

The proposed resources can be deployed at all or part of the port sites of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer.

HAROPA PORT commits to paying to the service provider(s) or joint ventures whose project is eligible, a grant of 50% of its total amount, excluding operating costs, up to a budget ceiling of 7 million euros. The grant paid will consider the number of projects selected if the said ceiling is exceeded (application of an adjustment coefficient to equalise the percentage of aid allocated to each eligible project).

Companies or joint ventures wishing to submit a project under this CEI can obtain the rules defining the administrative, technical, operational and financial conditions required, the criteria and procedures for eligibility for the grant and for determining the amount of the grant for each eligible project from the following websites: www.havre-port.com and www.capitainerie-rouen.com.

3. Capacities required to respond to the call for expressions of interest

Companies or joint ventures that have been approved by HAROPA PORT for the collection of liquid and/or solid waste from ships or that have submitted an application for approval no later than the date for submission of tenders mentioned in 2. above, and that can provide evidence of experience in the collection of liquid and/or solid ship-generated waste over the last 5 years, may submit their application.

The conditions for approval by HAROPA PORT for the collection of liquid and solid waste from ships are available on the websites www.havre-port.com and www.capitainerie-rouen.com and in the plan for the reception and treatment of ship-generated waste and cargo residues in effect, being specified that only applicants holding approval on the date on which the proposed projects are judged (mentioned in 6. below) will be eligible for the subsidy.

4. Presentation of projects - Contents of the file to be submitted to HAROPA PORT

Each candidate company or joint ventures must submit a file, the composition of which is specified in the regulations mentioned in 2. above and which must include in particular :

- A presentation of the applicant company or joint ventures, including a general description of its expertise and references, particularly those relating to the proposed activity (activity reports, turnover, brochures, etc.)
- A summary description of the proposed investment project, in particular the means proposed to improve the liquid and/or solid waste collection process, the ports in which it has been implemented and the resulting feedback, its cost and the planned period for its accounting depreciation. It is specified that this period will determine the period during which the successful applicant must maintain the subsidised project in the port to which it is assigned, in accordance with the conditions set out in the regulations, failing which the amount of the subsidy allocated will be repaid pro rata temporis.

- The technical and operational capacities of the company or joint ventures, indicating references dating back less than 5 years and linked to the planned activity, as well as the financial capacity of the applicant company or group. If any of the information submitted is of a confidential nature, it will be up to the applicant company or consortium to indicate this on each confidential document submitted.

5. Project eligibility criteria

HAROPA PORT, the port authority responsible for implementing the plan for the reception and treatment of ship-generated waste and cargo residues in the ports of Rouen, Le Havre and Le Havre-Antifer, will examine the projects in the light of the information submitted by the applicants and in consideration of the grant eligibility criteria specified in the regulations mentioned in 2. above.

6. Key dates

- The deadline for submission of projects is 23 of April 2025.
- The date for notification of projects eligible for the grant is 2 July 2025.