

# CAMIS

## A Strategy for the Channel area

*Approved in June 2009, within the framework of the INTERREG IV A France (Channel) – England programme, the CAMIS Project aims at developing and implementing an integrated maritime strategy for the Channel area whilst fostering concrete co-operation between stakeholders. Covering a period of 4 years (2009-2013), the project brings together 19 French and British partners.*

### FROM EMDI TO CAMIS...

Funded within the INTERREG IIIB North West Europe programme, the EMDI (Espace Manche Development Initiative) Project strongly contributed to the development of the Channel Arc Manche Co-operation between 2004 and 2008 :

- Working-out a strategic vision for the Channel area ;
- Testing new co-operation avenues in various fields ;
- Developing greater knowledge of the Channel area and issues at stake, in particular through the development of a common electronic platform and the creation of a cross-channel atlas, entitled « Channel Spaces, a world within Europe ».



This first project brought some convincing arguments for the recognition of the Channel Arc Manche as a **coherent co-operation area in Europe**. It also highlighted the opportunity for the Channel area to positioning itself as a **demonstration maritime basin of the integrated maritime policy championed by the European Commission**.

Launched in October 2009, the new CAMIS (Channel Arc Manche Integrated Strategy) Project seeks to confirm this position whilst taking into account the recent developments in the European and national policies.

### CAMIS PROJECT STRATEGY

The CAMIS Project strategy centres on **4 main strands** :

- Setting up the conditions for a concerted and sustainable development of the Channel area
- Testing tools and organisations for a maritime governance
- Federating initiatives at the scale of this maritime basin
- Falling within the scope of European and national policies

To meet these objectives, the project will consider **some other projects** developing scientific knowledge (such as the CHARM project) or sector-based strategies for the Channel area (ports and transport, maritime strategy...). The project will consider the whole Channel area as well as its interaction with the Atlantic and the North Sea area whenever it is relevant.

## CAMIS WORK STRANDS

### ➤ Maritime Governance

To develop a framework for the governance of the Channel area :

- Drafting of a « Integrated Maritime Strategy » analyzing current and future issues and defining short, medium and long-term actions to be undertaken ;
- Setting up of a « Cross-Channel Forum » gathering all the stakeholders who are interested in the development and the management of the English Channel basin.

### ➤ Channel area Resource Centre

To improve the knowledge of the Channel area and mutualise information :

- Setting up of a website which could serve as an information platform for stakeholders and the general public but as well as a tool for decision-makers ;
- Development of an electronic Cross-Channel atlas ;
- Setting up of a « Scientific Committee for the Channel area » ;
- Inventory and analysis of stakeholders, organisations, projects and knowledge tools (atlas, observatories...).

### ➤ Workforce development

To exchange good practice and develop cross-border actions and projects.

### ➤ Innovation and maritime clusters

To exchange good practice in innovation support policies and measures and identify opportunities for cross-border clusters in 4 sectors:

- Renewable marine energies
- Marinas and water activities
- Sustainable marine operations
- Marine environment

### ➤ Maritime transport maritime and intermodality

To improve maritime transport and intermodality in the Channel area :

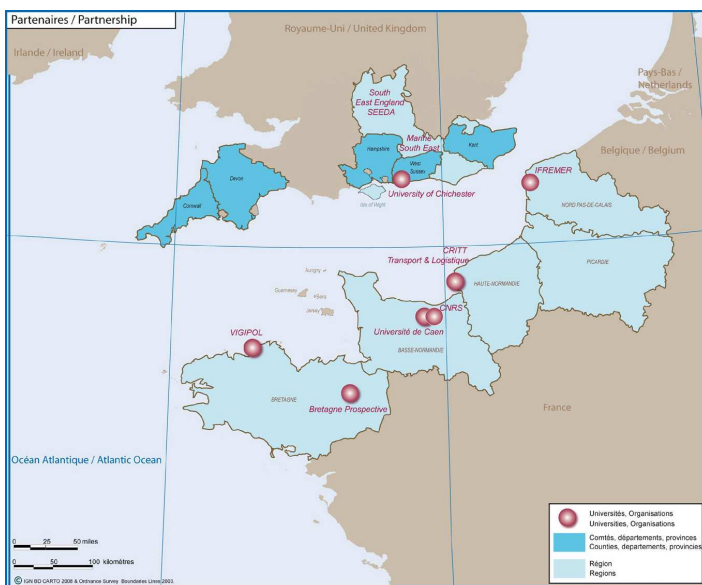
- Analysis of current and future transport infrastructure and traffic flows in the Channel area ;
- Drawing up of a cross-border strategy and recommendations.

### ➤ Maritime safety

To improve the capability of local authorities to manage maritime pollution risk :

- Analysis of maritime pollution risk in the Channel area ;
- Awareness-raising actions targeted at local authorities and setting up of a Franco-British network ;
- Developing common recommendations and lobbying

## 19 partners sharing the same vision and common objectives



- Haute-Normandie Region (lead partner)
- West Sussex County Council
- Bretagne Region
- Cornwall County Council
- Basse-Normandie Region
- Devon County Council
- Picardie Region
- Kent County Council
- CRITT Transport et Logistique
- Nord-Pas de Calais Region
- University of Caen – Basse-Normandie
- Marine South East
- IFREMER Boulogne
- South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
- Bretagne Prospective
- University of Chichester
- VIGIPOL
- Hampshire County Council
- CNRS – Délégation Normandie

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