

## The French Maritime Academy also trains the Seine-users on simulator

**The French Maritime Academy, the Seine Pilotage and HAROPA-Port of Rouen are now in a partnership for designing and developing training courses targeting the Seine-users professionals.**

A tripartite partnership convention between the French Maritime Academy (ENSM), the Seine Pilotage and HAROPA-Port of Rouen was signed on Tuesday 4 December 2018 in the Academy's Le Havre premises, where Patrice Laporte, the Academy's Managing Director, welcomed Pascal Gabet, HAROPA-Port of Rouen's Deputee Managing Director and Catherine Cornu, Seine Pilotage President. The three-year partnership will enable the development of educational activities and targeted training courses in the Academy's Ship-in-School, unique facility in France.

*« The aim is to share the educational tools, to offer, within a geographical area, realistic exercises to professionals working within the maritime sector. With time, Juliette Fischer, Ship-in -School coordinator, suggests that sea-river companies and shipowners join the project»,* said Patrice Laporte.

### SHARING EXPERTISE

This partnership is part of the framework to enhance and secure the port of Rouen's maritime accesses. Sharing each of the partner's expertise will via simulation "test early on" new quays, "experiment" port infrastructure projects before being validated or "endorse" technical options.

*«The Seine Pilotage station has been a partner of the Academy for a few years for the pilots' ongoing training. » It is now time to consolidate this relationship and to prepare for the new post-deepening navigation conditions in the Seine, with the channeling and the manoeuvring for vessels with greater tonnage and deadweight" states the station's President. " Kongsberg's multi-bridges simulator is well-adapted to the simulation of vessels in the Seine where a large variety of maritime, river and port units meet day and night. It enables the design of exercises integrating the infrastructure and hydrographic evolution of the Port of Rouen" adds Catherine Cornu.*

The simulator is one of the Academy's main educational tools. Being scalable, its operational software will be updated at the beginning of 2019 which will allow the access to the latest technological innovations and numerous types of ship. In order to complete the range of exercises on offer, the digitalization of the river will extend from the estuary to the Lacroix Island in Rouen.

HAROPA - Port of Rouen is a stakeholder in this convention which also meets the training needs of the facility's seagoing personnel. This collaboration which encourages the partnership's actions also contributes to the enhancement of the Seine navigation safety.

*« HAROPA - Port of Rouen welcomes the partnership between the French Maritime Academy, the Seine Pilotage station and the Port of Rouen. Using the impressive capacity of the Kongsberg*

*simulator coupled with the digitalization of the Port of Rouen's whole channel in progress of being validated, the Port's seagoing personnel and the Seine-users will be offered training sessions. This will contribute to the safety of navigation on the Seine. Furthermore, it gives the opportunity to launch over the next three years, research and innovation actions to enhance and optimize the nautical access capacity for the Port of Rouen: securing of navigation courses, optimization of the available level of water, better knowledge of the impact of the passage of waves, are the innovation themes considered by the port of Rouen" says Pascal Gabet.*

**About HAROPA - Port of Rouen**

*A major actor in the recovery and protection of the Seine Estuary, HAROPA – Port of Rouen, first west-European port exporter of cereal, welcomes every year 3,000 ships and 6,000 waterway convoys which generate a 27 to 30 million-tonne traffic. At the heart of the whole HAROPA, Rouen bases its singularity on its capacity to handle all types of traffic, mainly industrial, thanks to its operators' know-how and to the diversity of its terminals, which extend from Honfleur to the Metropole Rouen Normandie. [www.haropaports.com](http://www.haropaports.com)*

**About the French Maritime Academy :**

Heir to Colbert's Hydrography Academies and Merchant Navy Academies, The French Maritime Academy (ENSM) trains merchant navy officers and engineer-level seafarers. It recruits high-school pupils in their final year on competitive exams and on records and delivers ongoing training courses. [www.supmaritime.fr](http://www.supmaritime.fr)

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