

January 10, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Re: Letter of Support for Project GREEN DRIFT

On behalf of County Wexford Chamber, we hereby wish to express our support for the proposed project GREEN DRIFT - *Growth and Recovery through Emission-reducing Enhanced Network - Dunkirk and Rosslare Infrastructure and Ferry Transformation*, aimed at facilitating the transport of goods and passengers on the vital ferry link between the ports of Rosslare in Ireland and Dunkirk in France.

County Wexford Chamber is a leading business organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting economic growth, innovation, and collaboration across the county. With a strong membership base spanning various sectors, we serve as a voice for the business community, promoting connections, providing advocacy, and delivering resources to empower businesses to thrive. Our strategic objectives focus on driving sustainable development, enhancing regional infrastructure, and positioning County Wexford as a dynamic hub for commerce and tourism.

The direct ferry line between Rosslare and Dunkirk, established in 2022, has rapidly become a vital economic and social conduit. The 20-hour ferry ride seamlessly integrates into existing supply chains, offering an efficient and innovative method of shipping unaccompanied freight. Additionally, the Rosslare to Dunkirk service represents a crucial link for freight movement between Ireland and the EU, particularly in a post-Brexit context. With the introduction of passenger services in 2024, this route also holds significant potential to boost tourism and foster closer ties between the two regions.

We at County Wexford Chamber greatly value the Rosslare to Dunkirk service for both freight and passenger ferry operations, which align with our strategic objectives of advancing economic development and promoting tourism in County Wexford. The proposed upgrades to terminal infrastructure at both Dunkirk Port and Rosslare Port, aimed at enhancing fluidity, security, and comfort, are seen as critical developments that will benefit businesses and passengers alike.

We are particularly encouraged by the inclusion of offshore power supply outlets as part of the project. These align closely with our commitment to decarbonisation and sustainability. The efforts of Dunkirk Port and Irish Rail to improve infrastructure, reduce CO2 emissions, and facilitate the green transition in port environments are greatly appreciated and strongly supported by our organisation.

We are confident that the proposed infrastructure improvements at both ports will deliver significant economic and social benefits in the short term and beyond. As such, we are pleased to formally express our support for the GREEN DRIFT application for co-funding under the CEF-T programme.



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We sincerely hope this application for co-funding receives your approval and wish you every success with this transformative initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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