

Éole, the Assembly Platform for Tomorrow's Wind Turbines: Launch of the Consultation Process

Making plans for the provision by 2030 of new infrastructures tailored to the development of marine renewable energy and to the needs of industrial players at the industrial and port facility of Saint Nazaire, the Éole project is entering an important phase with the launch of the preliminary consultation, from 23rd September to 23rd November 2024, under the aegis of the French National Public Debate Commission.

As France's 4th largest seaport, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port handles nearly 2 500 port calls and 30 million tonnes of traffic a year. Being committed to ecological and energy transition, with the aim of decarbonizing its activities, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port has notably played its part in the deployment of France's first offshore wind farm, sited off Saint Nazaire. Drawing on this experience, the Port Authority wishes to adapt its infrastructures to support the development of high-capacity offshore wind power generation with the Éole project.



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The Éole facility will be made available to industrial firms operating in the renewable energy sector for the assembly and storage of wind turbines for future wind farms on France's Atlantic Seaboard. The facility will comprise a 780-metre-long quay, storage areas for components onshore and on the water, and a special pontoon for service vessels.

When, at certain times of the year, the Éole facility is not being used for offshore wind turbines, it could be made available to other local industrial companies. The quay could, for example, be used by vessels transporting industrial cargo consignments, or to accommodate electrical substations or cruise liners. It will therefore be possible to rent out the paved platform, the quay and the port cranes, as is already the case today.

A project that aims both to contribute to the process of energy transition through the development of offshore wind power and to support the Regional Community's economic activities by sustaining existing industries, Éole is now entering an important stage in its development: the preliminary consultation phase.

From 23rd September to 23rd November 2024, Regional Community residents, stakeholders and industrial players are invited to take part in this preliminary consultation, which is being held under the aegis of the French National Public Debate Commission (CNDP). The scheduled meetings, discussions and workshops will enable everyone to be informed about the project and to make their own contributions.

As of Monday, 30th September, the members of the public are invited to come and find out more about the project and to give their input at an opening public meeting, as well as on Saturday, 5th October, during a sea cruise (registration required).



Go to:
participez.eole.port.fr

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The Consultation Process

To give everyone who wants to be informed and to have their say about Éole, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port, in agreement with the CNDP's guarantors, is proposing a 9-week-long, wide-ranging consultation process that is open to everyone.

FREE-ACCESS MEETINGS:

Public meeting to open the consultation process

Monday, 30th September, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, in Theatre N° 1 at Cinéville
(5, Boulevard de la Légion d'Honneur, 44600 Saint Nazaire)

Mobile debates, to meet with Regional Community residents

- At the Saint Nazaire Submarine Base, on Wednesday, 25th September, from 9.30 am to 12 pm
- At the Saint-Brevin-les-Pins market, on Thursday, 26th September, from 9.30 am to 12 pm
- At the Halles de Penhoët market, on Saturday, 12th October, from 9.30 am to 12 pm
- At the Halles de Saint-Nazaire market, on Friday, 25th October, from 9.30 am to 12 pm

Meetings and debates for students

"Éole: Jobs with a Future for the Regional Community", in November, in partnership with the Regional Community's schools

Public meeting to close the consultation process

Thursday, 21st November, in Theatre N° 1 at Cinéville
(5, Boulevard de la Légion d'Honneur, 44600 Saint Nazaire)

MEETINGS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION:

via the platform participez.eole.port.fr

"Discover the Éole Project from the Sea" cruise

Saturday, 5th October, from 9 am to 12 pm

Round-table discussion on the theme "Éole: How Can the Sector's Needs Be Met and Synergies Encouraged?"

Mid-October

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3 themed workshops, offering the chance to explore, debate and contribute

• **Workshop N° 1 – Infrastructure and Development:**

"How Can the Structures for the Éole Project Best Be Designed?"

Thursday, 17th October, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, in Room N° 2 of Agora 1901 – Maison des Associations (2 bis, Avenue Albert-de-Mun, 44600 Saint Nazaire)

• **Workshop N° 2 – Operation and Uses:**

"How Will the Éole Facility Evolve Depending on the Project and on the Season?"

Thursday, 24th October, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, in Room N° 2 of Agora 1901 – Maison des Associations (2 bis, Avenue Albert-de-Mun, 44600 Saint Nazaire)

• **Workshop N° 3 – Environment and Landscape:**

"How Can the Proper Integration of the Éole Project Be Ensured?"

Tuesday, 5th November, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, at the Salle des Dunes (17, Avenue Jules Verne, 44250 Saint-Brevin-les-Pins)

BUT ALSO:

It is also possible to find out more on the project's website, and to take part in the 5-minute online questionnaire or to submit your own opinion.



Go to:
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At the same time, registers, the consultation dossier and a paper questionnaire are physically available at the following consultation locations:

- Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port Headquarters: 18, Quai Ernest-Renaud, 44186 Nantes
- Saint Nazaire Urban Area District Authority Building: 4, Avenue Commandant-l'Herminier, 44605 Saint Nazaire
- Saint Nazaire City Hall: Place François-Blancho, 44606 Saint Nazaire
- Saint-Brevin-les-Pins Town Hall: 1, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, 44250 Saint-Brevin-les-Pins

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