

Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement announces the second Wind for Goods summit

It will be held on 1 and 2 June 2023, in Saint-Nazaire

A national event dedicated to wind-powered maritime transport, Wind for Goods focuses on innovations in the sector and the importance of wind propulsion in the energy transition.

Nantes, 18 October 2022 - **On 1 and 2 June 2023, the Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement Agency, with its partners*, is hosting the second international Wind for Goods summit dedicated to wind-powered maritime transport. The challenges of the ecological transition require powerful responses, and industry is a major driver of innovation, with its ability to design and develop large-scale solutions. Carbon-free maritime transport and marine energy are some of the sectors of excellence in Nantes and Saint-Nazaire. This year's event will be an opportunity to discuss the key national and international issues for the sector, and also to meet the actors of this booming ecosystem. On the agenda: boat tours and demonstrations, exhibits of prototypes and sails, panel discussions, conferences and business meetings.**



The international summit for wind-powered maritime transport

In September 2021, the first Wind for Goods event attracted more than 500 visitors, 17 businesses and 20 innovations in wind-powered transport in Saint-Nazaire. The focus was on the actors delivering concrete, large-scale solutions to help decarbonize international maritime transport and protect the environment.

The 2023 summit will be held over two days, in order to welcome twice as many exhibitors and visitors. The sector's leading companies will be present at the event, organized by the Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement Agency. While the 2021 event featured prototypes and demonstrators, this year's summit will showcase the achievements with the first wind-propelled boats and innovative technologies at sea, including the Canopée, the first sailing cargo ship that will transport the Ariane 6 rocket. Other businesses present will include Chantiers de l'Atlantique (Solidsail), Airseas, Neoline, Wisamo, Farwind, Zéphyr & Borée, and TOWT.

Conferences will be held to discuss the key issues involved in wind-powered shipping. The international actors present will also be able to describe the large-scale responses they are designing to meet the challenges of the ecological transition. Boat tours and tours of the key sites in Nantes & Saint-Nazaire as well as B2B meetings via a dedicated platform will also be available.

> [Link to the website Wind for Goods](#)

* Nantes Métropole, Saint-Nazaire Agglomération and the Nantes St-Nazaire CCI

About Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement

The Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement Agency's mission is to promote sustainable economic development in the Nantes and Saint-Nazaire area. We work to attract French and international businesses in the region's sectors of excellence, which create added value in terms of economic, ecological and social transitions. We offer a comprehensive package of services to help businesses, their employees and their families get settled in. We help them find real estate, connect them with business networks, provide assistance with recruitment, and publish articles about newly relocated businesses in the area.

Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement has supported more than 600 businesses over the past 7 years, particularly in the region's strategic sectors such as digital tech, sustainable industry (renewable energy, wind-powered shipping and boating), creative industries and healthcare. Over the years, the agency has helped create over 7,500 jobs in the region. Financed by Nantes Métropole, the Communauté d'Agglomération de la Région Nazairienne (CARENE) and the Nantes St-Nazaire CCI, it is headed by Nicolas Debon and currently has 30 employees.

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