Studies on the Priority Project of common interest: The Seine-Scheldt inland waterway network - cross-border section between Compiègne and Ghent

- Part of Priority Project 30

Programme:

- TEN-T Projects

This project, part of the larger Global Project and TEN-T Priority Project 30 (Seine-Scheldt inland waterway), concerned a link of the Seine-Scheldt waterway which is currently inaccessible to large gauge vessels along its entire length and is a major bottleneck for inland waterway transport.

It consisted of several studies focusing on the cross-border section of the canal between Compiègne (France) and Ghent (Belgium). Its aim was to increase the canal's capacity and improve the level of services provided by the waterways.

The different activities were designed as measures of support for the Global Project and include studies focusing on:

- Upgrading the Quesnoy lock to a large gauge network
- Modernising the Nord-Pas-de-Calais network in order to improve its infrastructure for the period 2010-2040
- Upgrading the Deûle and a new trajectory of the Deûle-Lys axis for class Va vessels - Doubling the Fontinettes lock
- Upgrading the Oise river to Vb gauge
- Raising the Mours bridge and temporary lowering the Isle Adam canal pound
The action is closed.

**EU contribution:** €1,577,926

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**Member States involved:**

France

**Implementation schedule:**

Start date: January 2013  
End date: December 2015

**Beneficiary:**

- [French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy](#)

**Implementing body:**

- [Voies Navigables de France](#)

**Additional information:**

- [Coordinator’s Report of the Priority Project](#)
- [European Commission, DG MOVE](#)