

# Port of Den Helder

## Gateway to the North Sea

**PORT OF DEN HELDER IS IDEALLY SITUATED TO BECOME THE PRIMARY GATEWAY FOR NORTH SEA OFFSHORE WIND OPERATIONS. A UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM OF SEAPORT, HELIPORT, PROVEN SUPPLY CHAIN AND MARITIME KNOWLEDGE CENTRES PROVIDES A POWERFUL COMBINATION. AN ECOSYSTEM KNOWN AS NORTH SEA ENERGY GATEWAY SINCE 2016.**

Excellent infrastructure with an established supply chain; everything is geared for quick and efficient turnarounds.

Port of Den Helder has a rich maritime history. Due to its strategic position and direct access to the North Sea, the port has been used as a Dutch naval base since early 18th century. More recently, Port of Den Helder has been an important hub for the North Sea offshore oil and gas industry. Now expanding its services to the offshore wind sector, Den Helder is in a prime position – in terms of geography, infrastructure and skills – to serve as an operations and maintenance logistics hub.

Guaranteeing fast and efficient turnarounds, this advantageous geographical location allows the port to provide transport links and logistical support to several offshore wind farms situated in the North Sea (for example, the nearest wind farm is just 17 nm away). The port itself lies in a sheltered

harbour with direct deep-water access, uninhibited by locks. Offshore clients can benefit from 850 metres of ISPS-certificated quay, readily available quayside space and a few hectares of quayside and adjacent land under development.

### Synergetic supply chain

This crucial characteristic of location is supplemented by a well-established supply chain. The skills that have been required to build the port's current strong position in offshore oil and gas sector are transferable to the offshore renewables sector. The offshore wind sector is a prime example of this: looking towards the operations and maintenance phase of wind farms in the southern North Sea, in particular. Port of Den Helder is looking forward to a period of intense activity: in terms of both people and equipment.

Facilitated by the port, the supply chain consists of numerous companies with a very broad knowledge base. This offers operators whatever they need, whether it is fuel, cargo, equipment or people. Den Helder Airport, home to the largest heliport in Western Europe, also plays a critical role. The combination and availability of both port and heliport in such a close proximity of each other is a unique selling point in this supply chain. Moreover, with Amsterdam Schiphol Airport located around the corner, the port is easily accessible from all over the world. And the continued presence of the Dutch naval base also offers additional opportunities for the defence industry and (technical) service providers. Furthermore, several ship repair options are available in the port of Den Helder and in the area.

The Den Helder region also contributes to the respected reputation that the Netherlands has for its innovative approach to scientific research. Many research and development institutes, educational and training organisations are located in the surrounding area and, as such, the region is considered to be an offshore energy knowledge hub.

### The pit-stop port

Port of Den Helder continues to develop its infrastructure. In addition to the planned expansion of its deep-water main harbour, the port also recently opened the Kooyhaven inner harbour. With this development, Port of Den Helder took a further



step forward in expanding the already substantial supply chain. Kooyhaven offers space (an additional 14 hectares) for companies that require port or waterfront connections. With open sea access as well as hinterland connections via the North Sea Canal, Kooyhaven will also provide companies active in the offshore supply chain the opportunity to expand and increase their activities. In the port's continuing role of logistical knowledge and service hub for the offshore industry, it is its inherent flexibility that will come into play in the future.

Combining efficient infrastructure with an established supply chain, Port of Den Helder is in the ideal position to act as the operations and maintenance base for the offshore wind industry. Given its strategic location and decades of experience in the offshore sector, Port of Den Helder knows what its clients

need. Everything is geared to maintaining quick and efficient turnarounds, delivering optimum and efficient services thanks to rapid vessel handling and central logistics, all of which contribute to lowering costs.

### Offshore wind logistics hub

- Strategic position for North Sea offshore wind farms
- Established supply chain
- Direct deep water access
- Unique combination of seaport and heliport
- Ideal pit-stop port for quick turnarounds
- Proven expertise from over 40 years of experience in offshore logistics

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