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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Venue: Communauté Urbaine de Dunkerque
Rue du Pertuis de la Marine, 59140 Dunkerque

18:00 - 19:30	AIVP General Assembly
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Cocktail

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Venue: Kursaal
7 bis Pl. du Casino,
59240 Dunkerque

Morning: Plenary Sessions — Room A

09:00 - 09:45	**Opening Ceremony**
09:45 - 10:15	**[Keynote - Isabelle Cussac]** Building Robust Societies in a Changing World
10:15 - 10:35	**[Keynote - Édouard Philippe]** Port Cities: Shaping a Shared Future
10:35 - 11:05	*Coffee Break*
11:05 - 11:35	**[High Level Panel]** Perspectives for a Robust Port-City Relationship
11:35 - 12:45	**[High Level Panel]** Investing Together: Ports and Cities Delivering the Environmental, Energy and Societal Transition
12:45 - 14:00	*Lunch*

Afternoon: Parallel Sessions

Room A

14:00 - 15:00	**[Round Table]** Long-Term Waterfront Visions: Lessons from Port-City Transformation Projects
15:00 - 16:00	**[Round Table]** New Approaches to Port-City Planning: Contemporary Projects and Forward-Looking Strategies
16:00 - 16:30	*Coffee Break*
16:30 - 17:30	**[Round Table]** Building Governance Frameworks for the Port-City Interface: From Norms to Practice

Room B

14:00 - 15:00	**[Round Table]** Port-City Planning Tools: Integrating Territory, Land Use and Waterfront Development
15:00 - 16:00	**[Round Table]** Planning for Resilience: Local Strategies for Climate-Ready Port Cities
16:00 - 16:30	*Coffee Break*
16:30 - 17:30	**[Round Table]** The Port-City Energy Ecosystem: Collective Pathways to Decarbonisation

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Room C

14:00 - 15:00	**[Round Table]** Empowering the Identity of Port City Communities: Crafts, Culture and Heritage
15:00 - 16:00	**[Round Table]** Blue Spaces in Port Cities: Welcoming Re-emerging Leisure Uses While Ensuring Safe Coexistence
16:00 - 16:30	*Coffee Break*
16:30 - 17:30	**[Round Table]** The Role of Ports and Cities in Bridging Biodiversity Protection and Community Engagement

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Morning: Plenary Sessions Room A

Venue: Kursaal

09:00 - 09:45	**[Deep Dive]** Delivering the Energy Transition in Port Cities: From Masterplan to Implementation
09:45 - 10:45	**[High Level Panel]** Port Cities and Public Health: protecting the wellbeing of the local community
10:45 - 11:15	*Coffee Break*
11:15 - 12:15	**[High Level Panel]** Governing Climate Risk: How do Port City Leaders Decide?
12:15 - 13:00	**[Deep Dive]** The Dunkirk Model: Lessons from a Port City in Transition
13:00 - 14:00	*Lunch*

Morning: Workshops (Registration Required)

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Venue: Kursaal

09:00 - 10:45	**[Workshop]** Ports of the Future Workshop: Building Resilience to Extreme Weather. Is your Port Ready for the New Era?
10:45 - 11:15	*Coffee Break*
11:15 - 13:00	**[Workshop]** Workshop: Understanding and Involving Local Stakeholders to Foster Innovation in Port Cities

Afternoon: Technical Visits (By Registration) - Departing From the Kursaal

14:00 - 17:30	**[Visit 1]** A Port in Transition: Discover Dunkirk Port's Development Projects Towards Decarbonization (Bus Tour) **[Visit 2]** Discovering Dunkirk's Port-City Interface: From Landmark Projects to Future Transformations (Walking & Bus Tour) **[Visit 3]** Dunkirk Port from East to West: Industrial Heritage, Modern Port and Industrial Transition (Boat Tour)

Evening: Gala Dinner From 19:30 to 22:30 and AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht Ceremony

Venue: FRAC Grand Large
503 Av. des Bancs de Flandres,
59140 Dunkerque

Friday, November 6, 2026

Venue: Kursaal

Morning: Plenary Sessions Room A

09:00 - 09:30	**[Keynote - Carlos Moreno]** Reimagining the Port City at a Human Scale: Proximity, Quality of Life, and Environmental Transitions
09:30 - 10:45	**[High Level Panel]** Competing Uses for Limited Land: How Can We Improve Port City Planning?
10:45 - 11:15	*Coffee Break*
11:15 - 12:30	**[High Level Panel]** Port City Debate: What Future for Port-City Territories in 2050?
12:30 - 13:00	**Closing Ceremony**
13:00 - 14:30	*Lunch*
14:30 - 16:30	Cultural Visits (Registration Required - Departure From the Kursaal)

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