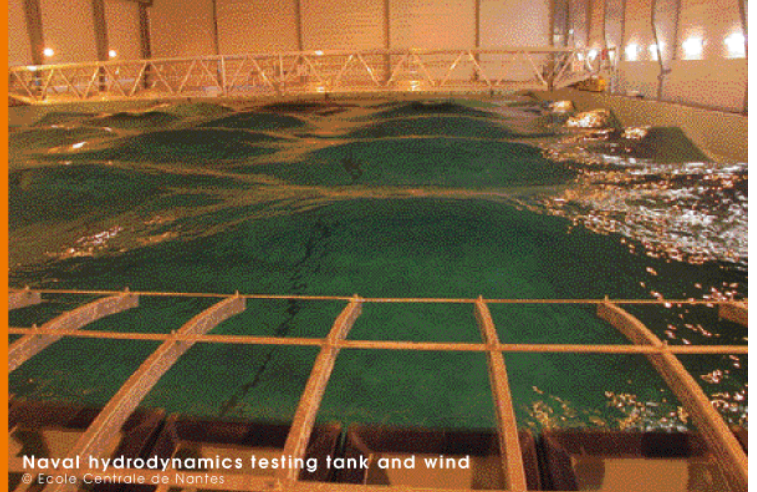


LE PETIT PORT

Mechanical, civil and maritime engineering

② DOWNTOWN NANTES



People, ideas and savoir-faire

Companies : Principia Marine (project engineering in the naval sector), Sirehna (maritime engineering and innovation), Sitia (automated equipment and simulators), Adexys (decision support systems).

Research centers : IRCCYN (Nantes Institute for Communications and Cybernetics Research), IFREMER (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea), IMN (Nantes Institute of Materials), Lina (Nantes Atlantique Informatics Laboratory).

Technical Centers : CETIM (Mechanical Engineering Industry Technical Center), CSTB (Building Science and Technology Center), BRGM (Geological and Mining Research Office).

Higher education : the "Ecole Centrale de Nantes" and CNAM engineering colleges, the Audencia Business School, Nantes University's Faculties of Law, Humanities and Science.

General location

Only five minutes from downtown in a high-quality, landscaped setting on the banks of the River Erdre, the Petit Port site covers three districts:

The Tertre district, which includes the University Faculties of Law and Humanities, the elite engineering colleges and a business zone.

The Lombarderie district, with the University Faculty of Science, the Rectorate (National Education Office) and the Institute of Materials.

The Nord district, comprising student housing and sports facilities, the CNAM, the CSTB and the BRGM.

The public spaces in this university quarter have just been completely redeveloped to provide the site with the facilities expected of an urban center (landscaping, parking, zoned areas).

Site development

More than 20,000 students frequent this district on the banks of the Rive Erdre. A tramway guarantees rapid access from downtown Nantes.

Business accommodation

Two buildings (1,000 and 2,500 m² respectively) have been created in the grounds of the Ecole Centrale, and have been designed to host companies specializing in maritime and ocean engineering, mechatronics and materials.

The public spaces in this university quarter have just been completely redeveloped to provide the site with the facilities expected of a harmoniously structured urban center (landscaping, parking, etc.).

A third business center will be built on this same site in 2004.

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