



Shore-Side Power Connection in Ports: PONANT Leads the Way



Every time *Le Bellot* calls in Hafnarfjörður, in Iceland, the engines are switched off and the ship plugs into the port's electricity network. Since being fitted end of 2022, the PONANT Explorers series has reduced her atmospheric emissions at shoreside.

"We are exploring numerous options to achieve the goal of cutting our CO₂-per-sailing-day emissions by 30% by 2030¹ and becoming carbon neutral by 2040. We are among the first operators to invest in shore-side power connection systems. We can now partner with ports that have this facility to assess the effects and constraints of these technologies in real-life conditions. Our feedback will benefit the whole sector by contributing to ramping up the power of this equipment," explains PONANT General Secretary, Patrick Augier.

100% of PONANT fleet equipped with shore-side power connections by end of 2026

To date, four ships in the PONANT Explorers series already have shore power connections to plug into a port's electricity grid, *Le Bellot*, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, *Le Jacques-Cartier* and *Le Champlain*. Two other vessels, the sisterships *L'Austral* and *Le Boréal*, will be fitted in 2024, and the rest of the fleet by 2026. Deployment of shore power connection represents an investment by the

¹ Reference year 2018

company of one million euros per ship. Connecting ships to the shoreside reduces both our atmospheric emissions and our carbon footprint.

Decarbonization a major challenge for maritime transport

Through the Fit for 55 legislative programme, the European Union has set itself the target to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 55% between 1990 and 2030. The EU is aiming for carbon neutrality in the maritime sector by 2050. From 2025, fossil marine fuels will be subject to more taxes and maritime transport will be included in the European emissions trading system of CO₂ quotas from 2024.

The whole industry and its stakeholders are now mobilising for more responsible tourism.

ABOUT PONANT

Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism, and purposeful voyages of exploration for 35 years. Aboard a fleet of 13 French-flagged small ships, fitted with the latest environmental technologies, the journey of exploration is always elegant, authentic and inspiring. For more information

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