

PRESS RELEASE

OPENING OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE STUDENT COMPETITIONS HYDROCONTEST DESIGN AND HYDROCONTEST RÉTROFIT CHALLENGE 2026

SEE YOU FROM APRIL 28 TO 30, 2026

An edition focused on innovation and maritime energy transition, bringing together students from around the world around two major competitions: **HYDROCONTEST DESIGN** and **HYDROCONTEST RÉTROFIT CHALLENGE**.

GLOBAL STUDENT CHALLENGES

HYDROCONTEST DESIGN

This international competition invites students to design, build, and pilot an eco-efficient vessel prototype capable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow's maritime transport.

Registrations: from September 15 to December 15, 2025

Technical file submission deadline: March 25, 2026

Finals and trials: from April 28 to 30, 2026 in Marseille

📌 **Free participation** – Student teams of at least 3 members + 1 academic advisor

✉ **Registration:** hydrocontest@supmaritime.fr or on www.hydrocontest.fr

HYDROCONTEST RÉTROFIT CHALLENGE

The **RÉTROFIT CHALLENGE** invites students to design concrete solutions to decarbonize an existing CMA CGM vessel. The goal: transforming what already exists to build a more sustainable maritime future.

Registration period: from September 15 to December 15, 2025

Project submission deadline: March 2, 2026

Final pitches and awards ceremony: April 30, 2026 in Marseille

📌 **Free participation** – Teams of at least 2 members (one student and one academic advisor)

✉ **Registration:** hydrocontest@supmaritime.fr or on www.hydrocontest.fr



AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT DEDICATED TO MARITIME TRANSITION

With more than 150 students expected, along with industry professionals, institutions, and media, **HydroContest by ENSM 2026** aims to be a catalyst for innovation and a laboratory of concrete ideas for decarbonized maritime transport. The event is endorsed by the Pôle Mer Méditerranée.

HYDROCONTEST MEDIA RESOURCES



 Website



 LinkedIn



 Instagram



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 YOUTUBE :
<https://youtu.be/fXFNxSYkRt8>

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A TRUE CATALYST FOR INNOVATION

As **Executive President of the French Maritime Cluster**, I am particularly enthusiastic about the 2026 edition of HydroContest by ENSM in Marseille.

This event is much more than a competition; **it is a true catalyst for innovation within our sector**. By bringing together the best student talents from around the world, HydroContest by ENSM offers us a tangible glimpse into the future of navigation. Each year, the projects presented demonstrate remarkable creativity and ingenuity, reminding us that the solutions to the environmental challenges of maritime transport are well within our reach. Moreover, **HydroContest by ENSM** will, for the first time, unite the initiatives of major groups and SMEs dedicated to decarbonized transport and showcase them to the public — a tremendous step forward. **By supporting this initiative, we reaffirm our commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable sea** and contribute to training the future leaders of an evolving maritime industry.

Let us all join HydroContest by ENSM 2026 to **support these young talents and accelerate the ecological transition of our sector!**

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Présidente exécutive du Cluster Maritime Français

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