

We are a trade association representing some 180 tour operators to France, most of whom act as agents for cross-channel ferry companies. Most cross-channel ferry companies (including Brittany and P&O) are also members of our association.

First and foremost, our members believe that the Portsmouth - Le Havre route is an essential one and, as such, would prefer to see the route operated by Brittany Ferries rather than lose the route altogether. However, this situation would ensure that Brittany Ferries has no competition on the Western routes and this is a concern for our other members, if not for the immediate future, then certainly in years to come. The ideal scenario would be for P&O or an alternative, substantial ferry company to operate the Portsmouth - Le Havre route (or any other 'key' Western Channel route(s)) thus creating proper competition across the Western routes.

Best wishes
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