

GRIMALDI ADDS PATRAS CALL TO ITS TRIESTE-AMBARLI RO-RO LINE

The Group's vast Motorways of the Sea offering is further expanded and enhanced, providing increasing opportunities for the transport of rolling freight between Italy, Greece and Turkey.

Naples, 21 October 2024: Just over a month after its launch, **the Grimaldi Group's Trieste-Ambarli ro-ro route will be enhanced with an intermediate call at the port of Patras**. This strategic development will not only establish a direct connection between Greece and Turkey, but will also make the connections between these countries and Italy even more extensive and efficient.

The new Trieste-Patras-Ambarli service **will become fully operational starting on October 23** and will be operated by the sister vessels *Eco Mediterranea* and *Eco Malta*. These hybrid ro-ro ships, each with a transport capacity of over 500 trailers, are the most eco-friendly in the world, as they can halve CO₂ emissions per cargo unit compared to the previous generation of ro-ro ships, and even cut them to zero during port stays.

With **two weekly departures from each of the three ports**, the Trieste-Patras-Ambarli service perfectly complements Grimaldi Lines' network of routes. Firstly, the new direct connection between Greece and Turkey represents an important innovation within the Motorways of the Sea operated by the Group in the Mediterranean.

Moreover, in combination with the thrice-weekly Venice-Bari-Patras service (also operated by two *Eco-class* vessels) and through transshipment at the Greek port, the route will extend its reach to southern Italy, enabling the easy movement of rolling cargo to and from Turkey via the Apulian port. On the other hand, Venice will serve as another gateway for rolling freight transported between northern Italy and Turkey via the same transshipment mode.

Ultimately, for the Italian Group's clients, the two sides of the Adriatic will become even closer: **four *Eco-class* vessels will operate between northern Italy (Venice, Trieste) and Greece (Patras), providing a total of five weekly departures in both directions** – on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

"The new Trieste-Patras-Ambarli route is yet another demonstration of the great potential of the Motorways of the Sea network offered by our Group. With the addition of one port of call, the scope of a service expands exponentially, leveraging the reach, frequency, and efficiency of our connections as a whole," said the Neapolitan group's Managing Director **Emanuele Grimaldi**. *"We continue our commitment towards increasingly efficient maritime transport, benefiting our customers*

and promoting sustainability. In this regard, a third sister ship of Eco Mediterranea and Eco Malta, recently launched at the Jinling shipyards in China, will soon be deployed on this route between Italy and Turkey, and the addition of a fourth Eco-class vessel is not ruled out," concluded Emanuele Grimaldi.

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The Grimaldi Group, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 130 vessels and employs approximately 20,000 people. Wholly owned by the Grimaldi family, it is a multinational logistics Group specialised in the operation of roll-on/roll-off vessels, car carriers and ferries. It comprises seven shipping companies, namely: Grimaldi Deep Sea, operating in the transport of rolling cargo and container on the Atlantic routes and between the Mediterranean and West Africa; Grimaldi Euromed, specialized in the transport of rolling freight in Europe, in the Motorways of the Sea and in the transport of passengers in the Mediterranean with the Grimaldi Lines brand; Atlantic Container Line, which offers transport services for containers and rolling cargo between North America and North Europe; Malta Motorways of the Sea, whose vessels connect Malta to the main ports in the Mediterranean; Minoan Lines, operating in Greek cabotage for the transport of freight and passengers; Finnlines, operating in freight and passengers transport in the North and Baltic Sea; Trasmed GLE, active in the transport of freight and passengers between mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands.

The maritime connections are the core of an advanced logistics chain, which includes port terminals and road transport companies. The over 20 port and terminals owned/operated by the Grimaldi Group are located in 13 countries around the world: Italy, Spain, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin. Most of these terminals are fitted with Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities, warehouses and workshops.