

## GRIMALDI AT THE LOGITRANS EXHIBITION IN ISTANBUL

*From 20 to 22 November, at its stand (Hall 3, Stand 318), the Group will present its vast network of Motorways of the Sea and new cargo line Trieste-Bari-Patras-Ambarli.*

*Naples, 12 November 2024:* The Grimaldi Group will be among the protagonists of Logitrans, the international logistics and transport fair to be held in Istanbul from 20 to 22 November. During the event, **in its exhibition space (Hall 3, Stand 318)**, the Neapolitan company will present to visitors and logistics operators its vast network of maritime lines operated in the Mediterranean basin, in the Baltic and Northern Seas under the brands Grimaldi Lines, Finnlines, Minoan Lines and Trasmed.

Great emphasis will be given to the **new Trieste-Bari-Patras-Ambarli service**, 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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-Bari-Patras-Ambarli service perfectly complements Grimaldi Lines' maritime network. 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 extends 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 serves as another gateway for rolling freight transported between northern Italy and Turkey via the same transshipment mode.

The Grimaldi Group intends to focus decisively on this line, to the point that a third sister ship of *Eco Mediterranea* and *Eco Malta*, recently launched at the Jinling shipyards in China, will soon be deployed there, and the addition of a fourth *Eco-class* vessel is not ruled out.

The Italian shipping group continues to strengthen its leadership in the Motorways of the Sea, which represent an efficient and eco-sustainable alternative to the road-only transport: in fact, sea transport allows to avoid road congestion, delays in deliveries, high fuel costs, and guarantees timely and regular deliveries, thanks to widespread, frequent maritime connections.



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**The Grimaldi Group**, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of 140 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; Tramed 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.

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