

Eurolink the first ship to discharge at improved Gdynia port

# New double ro-ro ramp to speed services at Gdynia



Two years ago, Finnlines launched a brace of new Motorways of the Sea centred on the port of Gdynia that opened up new freight and passenger opportunities between Finland, Poland and Germany.

Last December, on a cold day in the Polish port, we had a heart-warming confirmation of the success of these new routes with the inauguration of a new double ro-ro ramp at the port.

Finnlines' chief executive Uwe Bakosch and Janusz Jarosinski, president of the Port of Gdynia Authority, were in attendance for the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, which also saw our Star-class vessel Eurolink become the first ship to discharge at the newly improved facility.

Mr Jarosinski noted that the berth is part of a significant investment in ro-ro infrastructure by the Port of Gdynia Authority under a programme that will also enhance road and rail access to the port. "Despite the exceptionally long winter and other obstacles, we have managed to fulfil our commitment to Finnlines," he said.

Mr Bakosch congratulated the port on a job well done, remarking that the bright new ramp should serve the company's needs for years to come.

He added that the success of Finnlines' partnership with Gdynia bodes well for the future. "Our ro-pax services between Finland, Poland and Germany represent a major advance for the concept of Motorways of the Sea, both in the Baltic Sea and in a wider

European context. Gdynia has an important role to play in the continuing development of this network."

As he also remarked: "Through synergies with the far-flung network of our parent company, the Grimaldi Group, Finnlines is able to offer its customers an extraordinary palette of services. As we launch new road-to-sea projects and modernise our fleet by building new tonnage and optimising existing vessels, we are more convinced than ever that Finnlines is on the right track."

*From left to right: Zbigniew Zienowicz, President of Hydromega; Janusz Jarosinski, President of the Port of Gdynia SA; Uwe Bakosch, President/CEO of Finnlines; Walery Tankiewicz, Vice President of the Port of Gdynia.*

