

Press release

Full power ahead for Rostock–Gedser: Scandlines pushes ahead with the construction of new ships and port projects



With a total investment of € 230 million in new ships as well as port expansion work in Rostock and Gedser, the Scandlines shipping line is taking account of the growing importance of the eastern corridor for the conveyance of passengers and cargo. At the Port of Gedser, a new terminal and a new check-in area are presently under construction, thanks to an investment by Scandlines amounting to € 43 million. The expansion project in the Port of Rostock will provide Scandlines with two berths from 2012, meaning that the company will be able to operate four ships on the Rostock-Gedser route in the future according to demand.

The new Scandlines vessels are presently being built at the P+S Werften shipyard in Stralsund. The new ferries provide capacity for 460 cars or 90 trucks and up to 1,500 passengers, thereby more than doubling the previous capacity on the Rostock-Gedser line. The French architectural bureau AIA is responsible for the interior design of the new ships. The catering concept for the new ferries includes a Buffet Restaurant, à la carte Restaurant, Cafeteria, Self-Service Restaurant/Café, as well as snack and beverage vending machines. A shopping and gaming area and even conference rooms are also available to customers on board.

The dimensions of the new ships enable them to make optimum use of the Port of Gedser. The hulls of the ferries are precisely adapted to the size of the channel as well as the water depth in the ports and at sea. Fuel consumption and emissions are reduced as far as possible – for the benefit of economic efficiency and the environment. The drive system on the ships makes it possible to use liquid gas as fuel.

Optimum onshore logistics represents an essential factor for the success of the project, with disembarkation/embarkation taking only 15 minutes despite the doubling of capacity.

Facts about the new Gedser-Rostock ferry vessels

Main details:

Length:	169 metres
Beam, max.:	24.80 metres
Draft:	5.5 metres
Capacity:	1,500 passengers 460 cars or 90 trucks (approx. 1,600 lane metres)
Main engines:	15,800 kW
Speed:	20.5 knots

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Scandlines was founded in 1998 and is one of the largest shipping lines in Europe. Scandlines' core business is the conveyance of passengers and goods in the triangle between Germany, Denmark and Sweden, as well as on the routes to the Baltic States and Finland. In 2010, Scandlines carried 12.4 million passengers, as well as 2.8 millions cars and 800,000 trucks and trailers, with the primary objective of guaranteeing efficient, reliable and competitive transport.