

Press release

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Scandlines receives prestigious Shippax Award

During the annual Shippax “Ferry Shipping Conference”, which was held on board Tallink Silja’s ferry Romantika from 9 to 11 April 2014, Scandlines received a Shippax Award 2014 for the conversion of the diesel-electric propulsion system to hybrid operation of M/V Prinsesse Benedikte.

An independent jury consisting of dedicated shipping experts appoints the winners, and it is considered the most prestigious trade award in the combined ferry, ro-ro and cruise industry.

“It is always very satisfying to get recognised for your work, and it is even more satisfying, when the recognition is given by colleagues in the same industry and because of our work and strategy with more sustainable ferry traffic,” says Søren Poulsgaard Jensen, CEO of Scandlines.

Scandlines is the first ferry operator in the world to make large-scale use of an on-board hybrid system, which stores excess energy in batteries. This enables the ferry to optimise its fuel consumption by adjusting its engine output. Thus, the ferry is expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 15 percent. As the experiences with the hybrid propulsion system on M/V Prinsesse Benedikte are very good, the three remaining passenger ferries on the route Puttgarden-Rødby will be converted to hybrid ferries in the course of 2014.

The hybrid propulsion system marks the start of a series of investments in environmental technologies on Scandlines’ cross-border link. In October 2013, M/V Schleswig-Holstein was fitted with what is known in the trade as a “scrubber”. The scrubber cleans the engine exhaust streams of pollutants such as sulphur, nitrogen and particulate matter and reduces emissions by at least 90 percent. The three remaining passenger ferries on the Puttgarden-Rødby route will be fitted with a scrubber during 2014 and will thus meet the new sulphur requirements which become effective as of 1 January 2015.

As part of the TEN-T programme the innovative project of Scandlines is supported by EU funds in the amount of 6.4 million EUR.

Scandlines was established in 1998 and is one of the biggest ferry operators in Europe. The ferry operator provides efficient and reliable transportation services to both passengers and freight customers on three short-distance routes between Germany, Denmark and Sweden with high frequency and large capacity. The main focus of Scandlines’ activities is creating value for our customers on board our ferries as well as in our BorderShops.

In 2013, we transported 11 million passengers, 2.5 million cars and 0.7 million cargo units on our Puttgarden-Rødby, Rostock-Gedser and Helsingør-Helsingborg routes.

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