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Stena Line awarded contract to continue operation of the Gdynia – Karlskrona route

The Port of Gdynia Authority has concluded the tender procedure for the selection of ferry operators at the Public Ferry Terminal in Gdynia, launched in June this year. Stena Line has been awarded the contract (and, following the signing of the new agreement, will continue its operations at the terminal in the coming years.

Marek Kiersnowski, Trade Director for the Stena Line Gdynia–Karlskrona route, said:

“The outcome of the tender secures the continuity of our strategic Gdynia–Karlskrona service, which is one of the most important ferry connections in the Baltic Sea. It also holds the status of a Motorway of the Sea within the EU transport network. This decision confirms the shared commitment of Stena Line and the Port of Gdynia to long-term development, investment stability, and sustainable shipping in our region.”

Under the new contract, valid for years 2026–2032, Stena Line plans to implement a number of future-proof solutions, including 24/7 freight handling, automated drop & collect systems, and hybrid electrification of shipping. Together with partners in Gdynia and Karlskrona, the company will strengthen the role of this ferry link as a strategic connection between Scandinavia and Central Europe, supporting EU climate goals and the competitiveness of the Baltic corridor.

Niclas Mårtensson, CEO of Stena Line said:

“Our uninterrupted presence at the Public Ferry Terminal in Gdynia means further developing its role as a modern, environmentally friendly, and integrated logistics hub. By continuing our cooperation with the Port of Gdynia, we reaffirm our long-term commitment to innovation, sustainability, and providing reliable services for both passengers and freight customers.”

Stena Line has been operating the Gdynia–Karlskrona route for 30 years. During this time, the company has carried more than 12 million passengers and 2.5 million freight units. Today, the route is operated by three vessels, including two modern 240-metre E-Flexer ferries. In June 2022, Stena Line moved its operations to the Public Ferry Terminal in Gdynia.

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Stena Line is one of Europe's leading ferry companies with approximately 40 vessels and 20 routes in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, operating 25,700 sailings each year. Stena Line is an important part of the European logistics network and develops new intermodal freight solutions by combining transport by rail, road and sea. Stena Line also plays an important role in tourism in Europe with its extensive passenger operations. The company is family-owned, was founded in 1962 and is headquartered in Gothenburg. Stena Line has 6,200 employees and an annual turnover of 19.5 billion SEK. For more information please visit www.stenaline.com