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## **Finnlines to establish a new maritime bridge between Sweden and Poland**

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The Grimaldi Group company Finnlines has recently announced the expansion of its route network: from 10 April, its ro-pax ship Finnfellow will start operating on the maritime link between Malmö (Sweden) and Świnoujście (Poland).

The Swedish-flagged vessel has capacity for 440 passengers and around 3,000 lane metres for cars and other rolling freight. She will provide daily departures in each direction – in the morning from Malmö and in the evening from Świnoujście.

“The launch of this new route will benefit trade between Sweden and Poland and expand Finnlines’ operations outside Finland, while confirming the company’s commitment to Polish security of supply by calling at both the port of Gdynia and the port of Świnoujście,” said Finnlines Line Manager Antonio Raimo. “We’ve already strengthened the shore organization and opened an office in Świnoujście.”

The Finnfellow has over 180 cabins available for passengers, who have access to a Finnish sauna, buffet restaurant, bar, shop and children’s play area. For overnight sailings, a cabin booking is mandatory. However, passengers can also book a bed in a shared cabin. Pets are welcome: all their owners must do is book a pet cabin for the voyage; this also applies to daytime sailings.

“Finnlines has prepared the launch of the new line between Sweden and Poland thoroughly. We offer spacious decks for vehicles and other rolling freight. Passengers and drivers have quick and easy access to their accommodation. The voyage will certainly be comfortable,” explained Finnlines Head of Passenger Services Marco Palmu.

Finnlines’ new route to Poland is another direct connection between Malmö and Continental Europe, in addition to the Öresund Bridge to Denmark and Finnlines’ Malmö – Travemünde route to Germany. It will also be a convenient way to travel to Poland from Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

“This new connection complements existing ones and gives us new routes to Europe. It strengthens Copenhagen Malmö Port’s position as a hub in the Baltic Sea and Malmö’s position in the heart of Northern Europe’s largest labour market region,”

commented Malmö Mayor Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh.

***(Grimaldi)***