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Green Marine Europe: 13 ship owners and 323 certified vessels

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Marseille, June 28, 2022 – Green Marine Europe, the environmental certification program for European maritime transport, unveiled on June 27th its 2021 results and the certified ship owners during the conference dedicated to this purpose in Marseille in the notable presence of Jean-Emmanuel Sauvée, CEO of Armateurs de France, Claire Martin Vice-President Sustainability of CMA CGM and Charles Gravatte, General Secretary of Ponant.

This high point in the environmental commitment of European maritime transport and services is being echoed farther with the 2022 UN Ocean Conference taking place in Lisbon from June 27 to July 1.

Certified fleet quadruples

The 13 certified ship owners represent a fleet of **323 vessels**: Brittany Ferries, CMA CGM, Compagnie Maritime Nantaise, Compagnie Maritime Penn Ar Bed, Corsica Linea, Compagnie Polynésienne de Transport Maritime (Aranui Cruises), Ifremer/Genavir, La Méridionale, Maritima, Ponant, Socatra, Sogestran Shipping et Stena Line.

In 2020, the program had 11 certified ship owners for a fleet of 85 vessels.

Two other ship owners evaluated their performance this year based on the detailed Green Marine Europe framework. They are Orange Marine – one of the founding participants – and MSC Cruises Management, which just recently joined the program. New participants always have the option of reporting unverified results for their first year of evaluation. They are certified once the certification process – i.e., the external verification – is completed.

Certified fleet's diversification continues

The certification of Group **CMA CGM**, a world leader in container transport, reinforces the diversification of business elements within Green Marine Europe – transporting passengers, delivering liquid bulk, installing underwater cables, conducting scientific research teams, etc.

All this sends a **strong signal to the international community of maritime transport and services in terms of environmental engagement.**

The addition of **Stena Line**, an international company based in Sweden, reinforces the presence of ferry activity within Green Marine Europe, while augmenting the **European program's dimension.**

Overseas France is also present with the Compagnie polynésienne de transport maritime (**Aranui Cruises**).

Innovate to progress

This new progression in terms of certification is in tandem with the real improvements made on several fronts. It testified to a concerted movement by all the certified participants to go beyond regulatory compliance.

- First to note is the **progress made regarding underwater noise**, especially by the Brittany Ferries and Ponant companies, with the later improving by two levels. This is a positive element as underwater noise is only an emerging issue in terms of public policy regarding marine environments, and still rarely taken into account as a type of pollution.
- **Progress in terms of waste management** was also made with ship owners such as Corsica Linea and Penn Ar Bed. Notice that CMA CGM's commitment, made at the One Ocean Summit in February 2022, to stop transporting plastic waste on all its ships - has been in effect since 1 June and has earned CMA CGM immediate access to level 3 for the indicator on waste management.
- **Notable efforts in other areas** include SOCATRA, for example, improving its management of **aquatic invasive species**, as well as **NOx** emissions, and its approach to **ship recycling**.

Major work already underway for the next certification

Green Marine Europe is already focused on the 2022 and 2023 programs. This includes advancing the criteria for oily discharge, aquatic invasive species, underwater noise, SOx/particulate matter, along with creating a working group for shipyard owners/managers to develop program criteria for this segment of the maritime industry, as well as other key reflections. In the Green Marine North America program, the landside operations of ports, terminals, and shipyards each already have specific criteria.

Follow the initiatives of Green Marine Europe at greenmarineeurope.org, a totally redesigned website to make all the information more readily accessible.

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About Green Marine Europe

Green Marine Europe is a voluntary environmental certification program for the European maritime industry adapted from the Green Marine North America program. The European program is currently focused on ship owners only. Green Marine Europe offers a detailed framework that allows maritime companies to measure their environmental footprint and subsequently reduce it. Ship owners must demonstrate continual and measurable improvement, year upon year, to maintain their certification. The environmental certification program deals with prioritized environmental issues related to air and water quality, the protection of biodiversity, and waste management. The program has eight distinct performance indicators.

About Surfrider Foundation Europe

Surfrider Foundation Europe is an NGO for the project of the ocean, aquatic environments and their users. With 30 years of work and expertise in the field, the organization has become a key reference when it comes to environmental issues related to its preoccupations: marine litter, water quality and user health, coastal development and climate change. Surfrider Foundation Europe works on a daily basis with key stakeholders to defend this common good with the aim of triggering real changes within the heart of our societies. To do so, the organization relies on three complementary levers of action: education and awareness building, scientific and legal expertise, as well as political advocacy to introduce in-depth and lasting changes for the ocean's preservation.

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