

HH Ferries Group obtains ISO certification for environmental management

HH Ferries Group has reached another milestone on the journey towards greener ferry operations on Öresund, securing environmental management certification in accordance with the ISO 14001:2015 standard. The certification follows targeted work and confirms HH Ferries Group's systematic approach to environmental management.

"We operate a sustainable ferry route and work diligently with both process optimisation and utilisation of modern technology with a view to reducing our environmental impact in the Öresund area. It is an integral part of our strategy to safeguard the environment, and we are therefore proud to have obtained the certification, which is also an acknowledgement of the efforts made by our employees operating a proper business with respect for the region's environment," said Henrik Rørbæk, CEO at HH Ferries Group.

The company is among the first ferry operators on a high-intensive route such as Helsingborg-Helsingör to obtain environmental management certification under the ISO 14001:2015 standard. With the certification, HH Ferries Group commits to continuously improving the environmental management system and the company's efforts to reduce its environmental effects. The operator's processes have, among other things, to contribute to reducing the use of resources, ensure environmental concerns are taken in account in procurement and employee education as well as minimise the use of chemicals in daily operations. HH Ferries Group registers the company's environmental impact and ensures systematic follow-up to improve efforts and results.

"While it is most certainly not new for us to work on reducing our environmental impact, the certification does provide us with specific tools, and it defines the framework for an even more structured approach to the work. We are operating a high-intensity ferry route in a densely populated area, and we thus want to be pioneers within green ferry operations," said Henrik Rørbæk.

From 2007, the ferries on the route have adhered to SECA emission rules, which became mandatory in 2015. Furthermore, HH Ferries Group has initiated the introduction of battery operation on the two ferries Tycho Brahe and Aurora to further reduce the ferries' environmental impact.

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Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör

- on time departures at all times

HH Ferries Group operates Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör, transporting up to 50,000 passengers and 9,000 cars across Öresund on a daily basis with departures every fifteen minutes. The five modern vessels on the route offer travelers a short travel time of 20 minutes and a pleasant break with the option of shopping at low prices and enjoying a wide selection of food and beverages onboard.

An efficient and environmentally friendly traffic machine

Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör is the region's floating bridge with the five vessels Aurora, Tycho Brahe, Hamlet, Mercandia IV and Mercandia VIII. The ferries are environmentally friendly and fitted with catalytic converters. In 2016-2017, Aurora and Tycho Brahe are converted to battery operation at a total investment of around SEK 300 million. INEA, the EU's executive agency for innovation and network, supports the project with around SEK 120 million.

In 2015, Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör transported 7.4 million passengers and 1.4 million cars, 390,000 trucks and 20,000 buses, corresponding to around 20% of the vehicles crossing Öresund¹. The route promotes integration and growth in the Öresund region, and is operated by 750 employees. It operates on a daily basis to ensure an efficient connection between Denmark and Sweden with a view of making travellers' crossing as pleasant and efficient as possible. The route furthermore contributes to generating up to 2,000 jobs in the region.

The ferry route is marketed under the trademark Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör and is owned by the company HH Ferries AB, headquartered in Helsingborg. Henrik Rørbæk is CEO of HH Ferries AB, which is owned by investment company First State Investments.

¹ The total number of transported vehicles on the connections Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör and the Öresund Bridge.

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