

### **Wasaline signed the SAILS Initiative**

Wasaline is the first Nordic shipping company to sign the SAILS (Sustainable Actions for Innovative and Low-Impact Shipping) Initiative for Good Practices in Maritime Transport for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment. The new ferry currently under construction features several environmental-friendly attributes that exceed the regulatory obligations that Wasaline now can undertake and sign for.

Given the climate crisis and biodiversity loss, some stakeholders wish to engage in undertakings in addition to their obligations. Thus, the shipping companies' signatories to this Initiative affirm their willingness to contribute to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment, with sustainable development in mind.

Signatories to this Initiative undertake, voluntarily and in addition to their regulatory obligations, to implement specific actions in all or some of the following areas:

- Protection of cetaceans
- Reduction of the underwater noise impact of ships
- Decrease of atmospheric pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions
- Strengthening of ties with the scientific sector
- Fight against invasive species
- Optimisation of energy performance
- Specific actions by passenger ship companies
- Governance of the initiative

"Sustainability is an important factor for us at Wasaline and as we have the first passenger ferry to be built with the Clean Design notation, this Initiative will be supported nicely by the new ferry," says Peter Ståhlberg, Managing Director of Wasaline.

The Clean Design for new vessels is proof of voluntary compliance with additional pollution prevention measures and upcoming environmental regulations.

Maritime transport is essential to the global economy. It accounts for more than 90% of world trade in terms of volume. It is an efficient mode of transport from an environmental point of view. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the organisation of reference for maritime transport measures.

The SAILS Initiative for Good Practices in Maritime Transport for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment is a French initiative in the field of sustainable maritime transport. [www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/charte-sails-bonnes-pratiques-du-transport-maritime-protection-du-milieu-marin-et-du-littoral](http://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/charte-sails-bonnes-pratiques-du-transport-maritime-protection-du-milieu-marin-et-du-littoral).

Owned by Kvarken Link Oy, Wasaline is the northernmost shipping company that transports passengers and cargo daily between Vaasa, Finland and Umeå, Sweden. Wasaline's new vessel, under construction at Rauma Marine Constructions, Finland, will be delivered in April 2021. For more information: [www.wasaline.com](http://www.wasaline.com). More about the new vessel: [www.kvarkenlink.com](http://www.kvarkenlink.com).

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