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Finnlines strengthens Germany–Finland connection – New vessels and added capacity from 2028

Finnlines continues to strengthen maritime connections between Germany and Finland, supporting European industry, supply chain resilience and security of supply through its extensive route network and significant fleet investments.



The Breeze-class vessels can carry any type of cargo. Photo: Finnlines Plc.

Operating from the German ports of Travemünde and Rostock, Finnlines offers regular connections between Germany and Finland, Sweden and Denmark, as well as via transshipment to the UK, Belgium, Spain, Poland and Ireland. The company operates daily services between Travemünde and Helsinki and four weekly departures between Rostock and Hanko, providing reliable sea transport connections for European industry.

Travemünde serves as Finnlines' main hub for Finland-bound cargo, handling a wide range of freight and ensuring efficient connections between continental Europe and the Nordic countries. Meanwhile, cargo volumes on the Rostock–Hanko route have increased, particularly in paper transport. Demand for trailer, steel and automotive shipments has also remained strong. In addition, military and humanitarian aid transports have increased, while project cargo has become an important addition to the regular cargo mix.

“Rostock serves as a gateway to continental Europe, with excellent rail and road connections that support efficient intermodal transport. We have also expanded our network with new connections from North Sea ports and from Malmö to Poland. These routes further strengthen our connections to Germany by providing our customers with greater flexibility and more routing options for their business operations,” says **Torkel Saarnio**, Head of Truck and Trailer Segment, Finnlines.

Strong growth potential in intermodal transport

The Baltic Sea region has developed into an important hub for intermodal transportation, with Finnlines' German ports playing a key role in connecting maritime, rail and road networks across Europe.

Finnlines sees significant growth opportunities in intermodal transport.

“We see strong growth potential in intermodal transport as customers seek increasingly sustainable and cost-efficient logistics solutions. By continuing to invest in infrastructure and developing our network, we can provide efficient sea transport services that meet the evolving needs of European industry,” says Saarnio.

New vessels for the Germany–Finland route

At the same time, Finnlines is investing in the future of the Germany–Finland route through its new Hansa Superstar vessels. The first of the three new ro-pax vessels is scheduled to enter service in 2028, increasing cargo capacity on the route by approximately 25 per cent compared with the vessels currently in operation.

The additional capacity will strengthen supply chains between Finland and continental Europe and ensure the transport of essential goods ranging from forest industry products and machinery to food and medicines.

The vessels will be approximately 240 metres long and offer 5,100 lane metres of cargo capacity. Passenger capacity will be 1,000 passengers. The methanol-powered ro-pax vessels will further strengthen Finnlines' ability to provide low-emission freight and passenger services in the years ahead.

Finnlines specialises in freight transport, and its extensive route network provides regular and reliable sea connections between Finland and continental Europe. Through continuous investments and a comprehensive network, the company supports European trade, industrial competitiveness and the safe and efficient movement of essential goods.

For more information or assistance, please contact your Finnlines Customer Service or Sales representative.

Travemünde – Helsinki

	Travemünde ETS	Helsinki ETA
Sun-Fri	2:00	10:00*
Sat	2:30	10:00*

	Helsinki ETS	Travemünde ETA
Mon-Sun	15:00	21:00*

* arrival next day Finnstar/ Finnmaid/ Finn lady 777

Germany – Finland traffic

Travemünde	ETS	Helsinki	ETA	Helsinki	ETS	Travemünde	ETA
Wednesday	17:00	Friday	06:45	Tuesday	21:00	Thursday	16:00
Saturday	16:00	Monday	06:45	Friday	21:00	Sunday	10:00

Rostock	ETS	Hanko	ETA	Hanko	ETS	Rostock	ETA
Wednesday	01:00	Thursday	06:00	Monday	13:00	Tuesday	17:00
Thursday	01:00	Friday	07:00	Tuesday	13:00	Wednesday	17:00
Saturday	22:00	Monday	06:00	Thursday	14:00	Friday	18:00
Sunday	24:00	Tuesday	06:00	Saturday	11:00	Sunday	16:00

Denmark – Finland traffic

Aarhus	ETS	Helsinki	ETA	Helsinki	ETS	Aarhus	ETA
Tuesday	18:00	Friday	06:45	Tuesday	21:00	Friday	07:00
Friday	19:00	Monday	06:45	Friday	21:00	Monday	07:00

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