

## THE PORT OF VENICE AND GRIMALDI GROUP AT TRANSPORT LOGISTIC 2017 (MUNICH)

*The most important event in the global transport sector has been chosen  
for the presentation of intermodal services operated by Grimaldi Group.*

Munich, 9/12 May 2017 - The port of Venice plays a leading role at the Transport Logistic Munich "Transport Logistic", the world's leading trade fair for logistics, mobility, IT, and supply chain management.

The participation of port operators alongside the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority is massive for this 2017 edition of the fair as venetian operators consider Munich as an inevitable appointment that brings together all the industry players, with an average presence of over 2,000 exhibitors and 55,500 visitors.

At the fair, the Port of Venice and Grimaldi Group, an integrated logistics multinational leading group specialized in the maritime transport of rolling units (car, van, trailer, etc.) have presented the maritime/rail intermodal services offered from/to Venice with origin and destination in East Med, Central Europe and Baltic areas.

The Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax services to and from Venice have dramatically increased in 2016, and they are in addition to the recent return of the container line to Far East and to the consolidation of Intra-Med services that make Venice the first port Italian in the Adriatic for container handling (610,000 TEUs in 2016). But Venice is also recognized as the perfect gateway for break-bulk operators (in particular for the import/export of iron and steel products serving the Pianura Padana industries) and for project cargoes that today, departing from Venice, are exported to more than 50 countries around the world.

*"Today as yesterday, the Port of Venice is a crossroads of international relevance for various types of goods thanks to the 39 shipping companies that every day call our port, and to the intermodal services with the most dynamic markets in Europe supported by the 6 railway companies that operate in our port. A set of operators and infrastructures that make Porto Marghera the pulsating heart of Veneto and North East import/export from/to all over the world. The activation of the new services has to be added to the entirely intermodal ones, which already connect Greece (by sea) with the markets of Northern Europe (by rail), so we can continue to increase our leadership in the Motorways of the Sea sector that in 2016 marked a 30% increase and that is forecasting a double digit growth for 2017" said **Pino Musolino**, President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority.*

*"Only two years ago on this occasion we announced the entry of the Port of Venice into the Grimaldi Group's Motorways of the Sea network with the launch of the service to Patras. The results of these 2 years of partnership are very satisfactory, in fact the Group has increased its presence by extending and enriching the services offered. I am pleased to announce on this occasion that is on study a shuttle service to connect the Verona rail freight terminal to the Venice Ro-Port Terminal, allowing the operators in the sector to use the various connections with Germany and Eastern Europe thus creating a real bridge with Greece and the Balkans. All the activities developed by Grimaldi in Venice have a clear objective: the integration of maritime transport with railways in order to extend the intermodal routes for our customers" said **Guido Grimaldi**, Corporate Short Sea Shipping Commercial Director of Grimaldi Group.*



The thousand-years old ability of Venice to create bridges and connections between markets, cultures and continents is also reflected in the commercial claim "*Port of Venice. Bridging the World. Since forever*" chosen to accompany operators and to present new services at the fair.

A choice linked to the history of Venice and to its maritime power based on the excellence of the port once located in St. Mark and on a commercial hub like Rialto linked to the Fondaci (original Venetian warehouses), the national mint, and the market – the true realm of the famous merchants of Venice. The icon comes from here, and the Rialto Bridge in the background represents the symbol of the commercial heart of Venice and, at the same time, its extraordinary ability to connect the world.

### VENICE PORT, FULLY INTERMODAL THROUGH GRIMALDI SERVICES

5 weekly departures to Greece and a weekly departure to the Near East.

