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Upgrading and sustaining the competitive core Baltic MoS link Helsinki-Lubeck

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Horizontal Priority

Multi-Annual Call Funding Objective 3

Member State(s) involved:

Germany, Finland

(Coordinating) Applicant:

Finnlines plc

Implementation schedule:

Start date: January 2014

End date: December 2016

Requested funding:

Total eligible costs: €33 239 800

Requested funding: €9 991 940

Requested EU support: 30.06%

Recommended funding:

Recommended total eligible costs: €25 939 350

Recommended funding: €7 781 805

Recommended EU support: 30.00%



The frequent MoS service between the core ports of Helsinki (Vuosaari) and Lübeck (Travemünde) is a transport supply backbone for the Finnish and German economies. As part of a Global Project focused to ensure long-term environmental upgrade and compliance of this MoS link, the proposed Action aims at upgrading it by: Installation of scrubbers and energy efficiency measures (new propellers and rudders) on 4 RoPax vessels; Construction of embarkation facility in Helsinki-Vuosaari to improve the ferry handling operations; Terminal operation improvements in Lübeck-Travemünde (replacement of magnetic cards, gate operations modernisation, automation of train gate functionality, etc.); An ex-post environmental impact assessment of the proposed Action. The Action will result in enhanced efficiency and competitiveness of this MoS link, CO2 emissions reduction and more efficient use of the existing port's infrastructure.

Evaluation Remarks

The Action is highly relevant to the objectives of the MoS Call for proposals as it addresses the upgrade and environmental compliance of a frequent, maritime link between two core ports. The Action is very mature and its implementation is ongoing. It would have a good impact in terms of broadening the knowledge and experience of installing and operating scrubbers, including information on the subsequent environmental effects. The proposal is of a good quality in terms of its logic, completeness and clarity.