

# Press Release



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## **Grand Alliance introduces environmentally-friendly service concept for EU1 service**

The Grand Alliance is pleased to announce the implementation of a ninth vessel (6,200 TEU) to join its Japan/North Europe Service (EU1). The addition completes an environmentally-friendly program, aimed at lowering emissions, which has been implemented on the Grand Alliance North Europe-Far East Services. By adding additional vessels, these services can operate at an “ecospeed” which will reduce emissions by 20-30 percent. The four GA partner lines have made substantial investments for the additional ships phased into their Europe-Asia loops.

The port coverage of the EU1 Service remains unchanged. Higher schedule contingencies have been allocated to compensate for delays in congested ports, which occur as a result of the high volume in global container traffic. This allows the GA to improve schedule reliability without harming the environment.

Grand Alliance lines hope that our customers will welcome these measures to significantly reduce emissions and further increase service quality.

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