

The largest ro-ro vessel "Maria Grazia Onorato" delivered to the Onorato group

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The largest and greenest ro-ro vessel due to operate in the Med has been officially delivered to the Onorato armatori group yesterday in the Flensburg shipyard. The new vessel, named "Maria Grazia Onorato" will enter into service next May, then regularly linking the ports of Genoa, Leghorn, Catania and La Valletta (Malta): with the highest load capacity in the Mediterranean, it will be managed by the Tirrenia Compagnia Italiana di Navigazione. The ro-ro built in the Baltic Sea shipyard, will be a concentrate of advanced technology. In fact, it

combines the adoption of state-of-the-art scrubbers (which allow to reduce the CO2 content in the fumes emitted by the ship from 3.5% to 0.1%, making it one of the greenest ship in the world) with an exceptional energy efficiency guaranteed by the implementation of the rules issued by the International Conventions, modulating in the most optimized way possible the use of the power of the two Man engines according to the actual needs of the ship and the amount of load it carries. The combination of the scrubbers produced by the market leader Langhtech, of the control systems in function of the EED (energy efficiency indexes set by the IMO) and of a push automation, make the "Maria Grazia Honored" one of the greenest ship among all the ships in exercise in the world. The large load capacity which achieves 4,076 linear meters, equals to 283 trailers, has made indispensable the design of an ad hoc garage with an innovative ramp system that allows to optimize and make the landing and boarding operations as fast as possible.

The "Maria Grazia Honored" certified, will enter into the market of motorways of the sea with the base port of Catania with a precise marketing objective focused on the fruit and vegetable market and on industrial traffic to and from the island. The delivery of the Maria Grazia Onorato – stated the company CEO, Achille Onorato – confirms the strong commitment of the group in the motorways of the seas market and the several times stressed intention of strongly cooperating with haulage companies, especially in the Sicilian market, when considering large scale success of the Onorato shipping services and the increasing market share that the Group was able to achieve in 2018. Onorato intends to support the strengthening of road haulage companies, which move about 80% of the country's goods.