THE CRUISE SEGMENT AT THE PORT OF RIGA
- TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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WE ARE REDUCING DISTANCES!
Freeport of Riga in 2017

- **The largest port in Latvia** and the **second biggest port** in the Baltic States by cargo turnover (33.7 mln.t)
- **Multipurpose port** with total cargo handling capacity **63 mln.t/year**
- Serviced **3 422 ships** with a tonnage of **46.1 mln.GT**, including **442 passenger ships**
- **830.4 thous.** passengers, including **87.4 thous.** cruise passengers
- More than **200 enterprises**, including **34** sea cargo terminals
- Port accounts for **~5 000 direct work places** and up to **~15 000 indirect jobs in related industries**
In 2017, passenger traffic reached **830,4 thous. pax** including **87,4 thous. cruise passengers.**

**Ferry services**

*TALLINK* provides regular daily ro-pax service since 2006

356 calls in 2017 (0.74 mln. passengers, 427.2 thous.t ro-ro cargo)
Cruise Traffic

Cruise ships make ~2% of the total number of vessels per year

Cruise traffic at the Freeport of Riga 2008-2017

2017 - the largest number of cruise tourists in the last decade
Cruise Passengers

Cruise tourists from ~120 different countries

Cruise passengers by nationality in 2017

- United States of America: 28%
- Germany: 23%
- Great Britain: 10%
- Finland: 4%
- Spain: 3%
- Canada: 3%
- Australia: 3%
- France: 2%
- Italy: 2%
- Russia: 2%
- Israel: 2%
- Switzerland: 2%
- Japan: 1%
- Mexico: 1%
- Others: 13%
Cruise Lines/Operators calling at Riga 2017/2018

>25 cruise lines/operators
Cruise Infrastructure

1. **Riga Passenger terminal**
   - Next to the city centre;
   - Max LOA: 295m
   - Max draft: 8.5m
   - Type of berth: passenger

2. **KS Terminal**
   - Left bank Daugava river
   - Max LOA: 300m
   - Max draft: 13.2m
   - Type of berth: cargo
The average size of cruise ships arriving in Riga has almost doubled in ten years.
Cruise vessels

The largest cruise ship

**CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE**

(length 315m, draft 8.6 m, GT 122 210)
Tendencies (2)

The number of cruise ships staying in the port overnight is increasing.
Port Dues and Rebates

**Port Dues** (payable to the Freeport of Riga Authority)

- Canal due: 0.10 EUR/GT
- Sanitary due: 0.02 EUR/GT
- Berthing due: 0.085 EUR/GT
- Passenger fee: 1EUR/passenger upon arrival and departure

**Navigation fee** (payable to the Latvian Maritime Administration)

- 0.045 EUR/GT for the first ten visits per calendar year

**Rebates**

Cruise ships receive rebates on all Port Dues depending on the number of calls to the port within a calendar year, starting with the first cruise ship’s call:

- 20% - upon 5th to 10th call at the Port per calendar year (1st category rebate);
- 40% - more than 10 calls at the Port per calendar year (2nd category rebate).
In 2017, 32 cruise ships or 40% of all cruise ships arriving at the port received discounts on port fees.
Port Dues

Example: Port Dues Payable to the Port Authority - the share of individual port dues

- **Canal due**: 13.2 thous. EUR; 59%
- **Berth due**: 5.6 thous. EUR; 25%
- **Sanitary fee**: 1.3 thous. EUR; 6%
- **Passenger fee**: 2.4 thous. EUR; 10%

**MARINA**
66084 GT; 1190 Passengers

- 3 calls per calendar year
- No discounts on port dues
- Port dues per call **22536 EUR**
Port Dues and Rebates

Examples: Port Dues Payable to the Port Authority

**CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE**
122210 GT; 2160 Passengers

- 5 calls per calendar year
- The ship receives 20% discount on port dues from the 1\textsuperscript{st} call
- Port dues per call **33275 EUR**

**MARINA**
66084 GT; 1190 Passengers

- 3 calls per calendar year
- No discounts on port dues
- Port dues per call **22536 EUR**

**CLIO**
3504 GT; 85 Passengers

- 12 calls per calendar year
- The ship receives 40% discount on port dues from the 1\textsuperscript{st} call
- Port dues per call **743 EUR**
Thank you for your attention!