



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee 2025 Convenes in Athens**

Athens (Greece), July 28, 2025 – RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee held its much-anticipated annual meeting, bringing together industry leaders, innovators, and policy makers to advance the dialogue on maritime innovation and sustainability. The event showcased the Committee's continued commitment to addressing the challenges and opportunities facing the shipping industry in Greece and globally.

The event was opened with a welcome speech by George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Technomar Shipping and Chairman of the Hellenic Advisory Committee, followed by a welcome and opening speech by Carlo Luzzatto, CEO and General Manager of RINA.

Paolo Moretti, CEO of RINA Services, then presented RINA's growth as a classification society. The company has continued to grow, becoming the third fastest-growing classification society worldwide in terms of year-on-year fleet growth. RINA's Greek fleet has experienced significant growth over the past decade, nearly quadrupling its gross tonnage from around 6.2 million in 2015 to over 24.3 million in April 2025, while the number of vessels increased from 291 to 780.

Spyros Zolotas, Marine Vice President South Europe at RINA, commented "RINA's continued growth and strong presence in the Greek shipping sector reflect the long-standing trust we've built through innovation, technical excellence, and a commitment to decarbonization. With nearly 800 Greek vessels now classed under RINA and a growing team of experts in Piraeus, we are proud to support the industry with cutting-edge digital tools, advanced newbuilding projects, and 360° consulting services. Events like the Hellenic Advisory Committee play a vital role by fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing, ensuring the industry remains aligned with a future that prioritizes sustainability, viability, and safety in shipping." Then he welcomed Mr. Roberto Cazzulo, who has been serving as Chairman of IACS since 2024, commenting "We are proud to see him in this important role, representing both RINA and the wider industry with distinction."

Apostolos Zampelas from McKinsey delivered a presentation titled "Trade evolution and what shipping companies can do to win in the era". Antonis Trakakis, Technical Director at RINA, provided an update on MEPC83 expected impact, which sparked highly constructive debate.

RINA's innovation strategy is built on the belief that collective expertise drives success. As part of this, RINA is establishing Open Innovation Hubs in key global locations actively collaborating with industry, academia, and government to accelerate technology adoption and co-develop impactful solutions.

The Hellenic Advisory Committee meeting concluded with actionable insights and strategic plans aimed at driving transformative change within the industry.

*RINA, leading certification and engineering company, provides a wide range of services across the Energy, Marine, Infrastructure & Mobility, Certification, Industry and Real Estate sectors. In December 2023, alongside the majority shareholder Registro Italiano Navale, Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR entered the shareholding structure guiding a pool of co-investors. With revenues in 2024 of 915 million euros, 6,200 employees and 200 offices in 70 countries worldwide, RINA is a member of key international organizations and an important contributor to the development of new legislative standards. [www.rina.org](http://www.rina.org)*



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