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RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee 2026 brings together industry leaders to explore shipping's evolving challenges and opportunities

Athens (Greece), June 2026 – RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee (HAC) once again brought together leading representatives of the Greek shipping community, providing a platform to exchange perspectives and discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of the maritime industry.

Opening the meeting, George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Technomar Shipping and Chairman of RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee, highlighted the importance of the HAC as a forum for dialogue and collaboration between RINA and Greek shipping stakeholders, enabling the exchange of perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the industry. He also underlined the strategic importance of Greece within RINA's marine portfolio, with the Greek-controlled fleet under RINA class today comprising around 820 vessels and 24.8 million GT, representing approximately 30% of RINA's total classed gross tonnage.

The meeting also included opening remarks by Ugo Salerno, Executive Chairman of RINA, and Carlo Luzzatto, CEO and General Manager of RINA, who reaffirmed the Group's commitment to innovation, practical solutions and long-term growth. Following another year of strong performance, RINA recently surpassed €1 billion in revenues, while continuing to execute its 2030 strategic plan and strengthen its marine engineering capabilities through the acquisition of Foreship.

Providing an overview of the latest developments within RINA Marine, Giosuè Vezzuto, Marine Executive Vice President at RINA, highlighted the organisation's continued growth and expanding capabilities across classification, engineering, digital and consulting services. Today, RINA classifies more than 9,100 vessels representing 85.6 million gross tonnage, supporting shipowners through every stage of the vessel lifecycle.

Offering an external perspective on the evolving shipping landscape, Matteo Binetti, Associate Partner at Bain & Company, shared insights into the increasingly complex environment in which shipowners operate, highlighting the impact of market volatility, decarbonisation requirements and digital disruption on strategic decision-making.

Building on these market insights, RINA experts explored practical approaches to supporting shipowners through this transition. Olli Somerkalio, Executive Marine Engineering Delivery & Governance Director at Foreship highlighted how enhanced engineering and consulting capabilities can support shipowners at the most critical decision points, from newbuilding concepts and conversions to decarbonisation strategies and lifecycle upgrades., while Antonis Trakakis, Energy Transition Solutions Technical Director at RINA, presented hybrid propulsion and electrification technologies as practical pathways towards improved efficiency and decarbonisation.



Commenting on the outcomes of the meeting, Spyros Zolotas, Vice President Marine South Europe Region at RINA, said: "The Hellenic Advisory Committee continues to serve as an important forum for dialogue between RINA and the Greek shipping community. In a period of profound transformation for our industry, collaboration, technical expertise and the exchange of perspectives are essential to support decision-making and help shipping navigate the challenges ahead. RINA remains committed to supporting its clients with practical solutions and trusted expertise throughout this transition."

RINA's Hellenic Advisory Committee continues to play an important role in fostering collaboration across the maritime ecosystem, strengthening the relationship between RINA and the Greek shipping community while supporting the industry's long-term resilience and competitiveness.

RINA, a 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 2025 of over 1 billion euros, over 7,000 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.

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