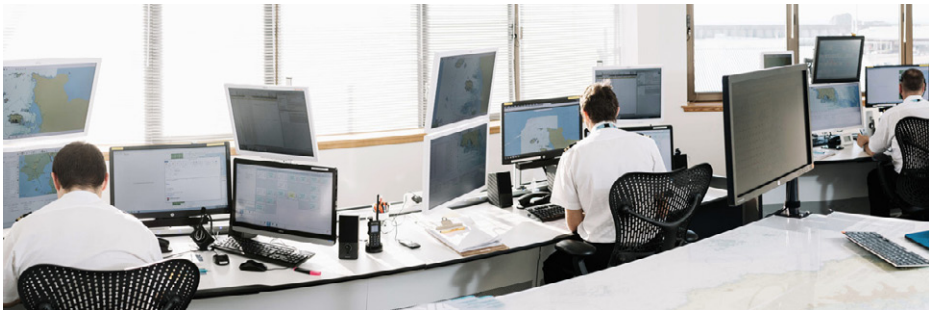

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Frequentis joins the BPO

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The Baltic Ports Organization (BPO) is thrilled to announce that Frequentis has become a new member of its family. Providing communication and information solutions for the maritime sector (and many more beyond that), this new addition to our Member pool further expands BPO's potential in a field of ever-increasing importance.

Digitalisation is a process affecting nearly every industry, with the maritime sector being no exception. BPO has kept close tabs on this process by organising various digitalisation-focused events and founding our Digitalisation Working Group. Frequentis' addition to our Member pool comes on the heels of Awake.AI's decision to join the Organization. We are convinced that both companies will greatly benefit our Members and contribute to their continued competitiveness.

In a nutshell

Headquartered in Vienna, the Austrian company is a global supplier of communication and information for control centres with safety-critical tasks. Their solutions are meant for various business sectors, such as air traffic management (civil and military air traffic control, air defence) and public safety & transport (police, fire brigades, ambulance services, shipping, railways). Solutions provided by Frequentis increase mobility and digitalisation and raise the safety and security requirements, factors essential for driving long-term growth.

The company has a long-standing tradition of working with Nordic and Baltic countries, spanning over 20 years. Their solutions have been implemented in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, and many more.

Enhancing efficiency, safety and security

Frequentis Maritime solutions leverage almost two decades of experience within the maritime market and six decades in air traffic control. With deep cross-industry expertise in aviation, defence, public transportation and public safety, the Maritime business unit provides functionality that supports the needs of today's surveillance, rescue coordination, coastal radio and traffic management.

Core mission

Providing actionable intelligence that enables faster decision making is the primary goal of Frequentis' Maritime team of experts. The dissolving of physical borders that currently define what is understood as a control centre will be critical as search and rescue, broadband radio communications and traffic management evolve to IP-based technologies.

"Frequentis are world leaders in control room solutions and work across all public safety globally. Even though Maritime is a small part of Frequentis, we cover 75% of the world seas and have a wide and varying customer base, from the Norwegian and Canadian coastguard to Ports of Jersey and Navy, showing we can work and partner with both large and small organisations. We are very keen to be involved with the BPO and, if possible, bring some help and advice around critical communications and vessel tracking. We are also at the cutting edge of autonomous vessels, providing the critical communications and tracking of the vessel. We're eager to work with other BPO Members and look forward to meeting you as soon as possible," said Mike Roberts, Head of Innovation Maritime, Autonomous Vessel Lead at Frequentis.

The company has also recently won funding for a project set to impact the UK maritime industry positively. Frequentis will be delivering on a vital workstream of the Shipping and Port Interfaces in New Era (SPINE) project to support the ambition to open all UK waters to the testing and commercial operation of autonomous shipping. "Our expertise in control room communications was a key factor in being selected for this project, and puts us at the cutting edge of maritime autonomy as the world moves from voice communications to machine communications," said Roberts about the endeavour. ■