



## PRESS RELEASE

### BLUE STAR FERRIES

#### Environmental Conference on

#### 'Climate Change & Today's Challenges'

In the context of the Attica Group Corporate Responsibility programme "Sailing Together" which focuses on sustainable development and raises climate change awareness in local communities, BLUE STAR FERRIES organized a conference on "Climate Change & Today's Challenges" which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 in Amorgos island. The event was implemented in collaboration with the environmental organization AEGEAN REBREATHE and the support of the Municipality of Amorgos and was held in the Cultural Center Agios Georgios, in Katapola.

The conference was addressed to the island community, with an open invitation to those willing to take part. The general framework of emerging environmental challenges and the impact of marine pollution on health, society and the economy, as well as the new lifestyle we have to adopt individually within the context of our responsibility towards the environment were among the topics discussed. Further, the need for a new approach to environmental protection was highlighted, with the introduction of the term Environmental Democracy, in an effort to describe the need for citizens to become actively involved in decision making when it comes to environmental issues. At the end of the conference, an open discussion with the locals took place, focusing on specific environmental issues of Amorgos and solutions to be adopted. **Thirty-eight residents of Amorgos attended the conference, the Mayor of Amorgos, E. Karaiskos included.**

Aegean Rebreath is an internationally recognised environmental organisation, active in the protection of the marine environment, with research and educational activity, implementing coastal and marine clean-up actions, and innovative environmental projects. The organisation has developed the first network of 'Blue Cities' in Greece and in Europe, as well as the first network of marine litter collection stations in Greece.

Attica Group is engaged in passenger shipping through SUPERFAST FERRIES, BLUE STAR FERRIES, HELLENIC SEAWAYS and AFRICA MOROCCO LINK, operating 35 vessels providing modern, high-quality transportation services in Greece and abroad. Attica's vessels serve 60 unique destinations in 4 countries, connecting 74 ports and transporting more than 7 million passengers, 1 million passenger vehicles and 400,000 trucks every year.

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