

ROSTOCKGEDSER

Dear Colleagues,

I am sending this email to you to urge you to support our colleagues in Pro Bahn Mecklenburg-Vorpommern who are campaigning for better rail/sea/rail links, especially via the port of Rostock.

Marcel Drews, their Chairman, explained the position to us at the EPF Council meeting on June 9th. I therefore wrote an email of support, which is below. For those of you who may not understand German, I state that it is important that international travellers have a seamless journey-chain, especially when the journey is multi-modal. The situation in Rostock is not ideal, when travellers have to make a bus journey from the main station to the overseas harbour. It could be made easier especially if the rail link to the overseas harbour were improved, by investment in the Rostock S-bahn.

I have since looked on the websites of Scandlines and Finnlines to see what information is given to prospective customers.

Scandlines explain in both English and German "how pedestrians get to the port of Rostock." The instructions are S-bahn to Seehafen or tram 2 to Dierkower Kreuz and then by 49 bus to Seehafen. Bus stop directly outside ferry terminal. S-bahn station 20 minutes on foot from terminal. There is no information about what to do when you reach Gedser! However, another part of the website advertises an "Easyway Ticket" "Bus und Faehre nach Daenemark" referring to a service 40 shuttle bus" from Rostock main station and a 740 bus from Gedser to Nykobing, where you are encouraged to spend the day before returning to Germany.

Finnlines website refers to departures from Skandinavienkai at Rostock (Warnemunde??) and invites you to use a googlemaps link. When I tried to do this, it did not respond.

On both websites it does invite you to email them or phone them.

Thos Cook's timetable does not give instructions about how to get to the ferry terminals, though at least it gives addresses and phone numbers for the ferry operators.

At our meeting on July 9th I also agreed to write to the Editor of Cook's Timetable, and I shall do this.

I hope that we can work together to obtain better information and, in due course, easier connections between Germany and the Nordic countries.

Best regards,

Trevor

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Hallo Trevor,

ich habe den Text unten nochmal mit ein wenig für die deutsche Sprache (insbesondere die Umlaute) berichtigt.

Ich hoffe es gefaellt und wird vom Emailprogramm richtig angezeigt.

Gruss
Marcel

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Als unabhängiger Verband für Fahrgäste mit Mitgliedsverbänden in 19 europäischen Ländern unterstützen wir die Pressemitteilung von Pro Bahn Mecklenburg-Vorpommern am 21.06.12.

Es ist wichtig, dass internationale Reisende eine nahtlose Reisekette haben, besonders wenn es um eine multimodale Reise geht.

Die Lage in Rostock ist nicht ideal, wenn Reisende eine Busfahrt vom Hauptbahnhof zum Hafen machen müssen, bevor sie dann mit dem Schiff weiter nach Dänemark, Schweden oder Finnland fahren. Das Thema ist während der Junisitzung unseres Verwaltungsrats besprochen worden.

Es könnte aber leichter gemacht werden, besonders wenn die bestehende Bahnverbindung zum Überseehafen weiterentwickelt würde. Deswegen unterstützen wir Pläne, in diese S-Bahn-Verbindung zu investieren.

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