



During the integration meeting in Istanbul on 12 September, Niels Smedegaard presented the award plate to Operation Superintendent Hasan Göler for his winning suggestion of using Turkish UNESCO world heritage sites as new names for our 12 Turkish-flagged vessels.

Classical, beautiful, a bull's eye. You can almost sense the breath of history in the names suggested by Operation Superintendent Hasan Göler, BU Mediterranean, who won a competition among all our Turkish colleagues for the new names for our 12 Turkish-flagged vessels.

It was impressive that 107 colleagues participated with 1,761 suggested names in a competition launched by Peder Gellert and Selçuk Boztepe. However, beating the suggestion from Hasan Göler that we name the ships after some of the UNESCO world heritage sites, which Turkey has in abundance, was impossible, even though Chief Officer Serkan Akçin and Chief Officer Ömür Aydoğan also had great suggestions.

"To ensure maximum influence and agreement, we asked staff to prioritise the suggestions, and the result was very much the same as the committee's choice," says Peder Gellert, EP

and Head of the Shipping Division.

“Ships are unique and should have unique names. They are also truly international, so what could be more appropriate than to use names that not only Turkey, but the whole Mediterranean and indeed most of the world, are familiar with and consider to be linked to their own historic and mythical heritage? The suggestion also fits perfectly with our ambition of using local and geographical names in connection with Seaways,” says Peder Gellert.

“We were not able to give UN Karadeniz its new name during its recent time in dock as we did not have sufficient time for the approval by the maritime authorities. However, we can inform you that the vessel CEMIL BAYULGEN will be named EPHEBUS SEAWAYS in connection with her lengthening and scrubber installation in December.”

The list of names suggested by Hasan Göler and to be used along with Seaways includes: Troy, Cappadocia, Olympos, Assos, Artemis, Aspendos, Dardanelles, Zeugma, Sumela, Myra and Pergamon.





“Located within what was once the estuary of the River Kaystros, **Ephesus** comprises successive Hellenistic and Roman settlements founded in new locations which followed the coastline as it retreated westward. Excavations have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial period including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. The Ancient City of Ephesus is an outstanding example of a Roman port city, with sea channel and harbour basin.”

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