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Arkas Line in Focus: Nature and Sea Photography Contest Launched

Arkas Line has launched the **Nature and Sea Photography Contest** to express its sustainability vision through visual storytelling. Organized in collaboration with Arkas Art as part of **Blue for Green**, Arkas Line's environmental sustainability initiative, the contest invites our colleagues to capture the silent story of the sea, the coastlines, and nature through their own lenses.

Built around the main theme **"From the Sea to Life: Protecting Biodiversity and Natural Balance,"** the contest encourages participants to explore the breath of nature across sub-themes such as marine life and habitats, coastal ecosystems, seabirds, marine conservation and cleanliness, and the contribution of the seas to life on land. Submissions will be evaluated based on alignment with the theme, biodiversity and sustainability message, creativity, composition, technical quality, and storytelling.

Through this contest, which brings together sustainability awareness and creativity, we aim to create a shared narrative that raises awareness through every frame and leaves a lasting impact on future generations. The winning entries will be honored at a **photography exhibition to be held on 13 August at Arkas Art Alaçatı**, where our colleagues will receive their awards in an inspiring atmosphere that brings art and sustainability together.

We are happy to share the latest developments in our sustainability projects and our journey toward decarbonization in every issue.

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We Became a Gold Sponsor of the Mediterranean Decarbonisation Meetings



We supported the Mediterranean Decarbonisation Meetings, organized in Marseille by Business France, as a gold sponsor.

The event brought together representatives from the public sector, private sector, and finance world across Mediterranean and North African countries to discuss collaborations, investment opportunities, and innovative solutions for the region’s low-carbon future.

As part of the event, our Arkas Maritime Group Sustainability Director Serra Tükel joined the panel titled “Low-Carbon Transport and Logistics: Solutions to Reduce Emissions” as a speaker. In her remarks, Tükel emphasized the critical importance of scaling up alternative fuels for low-carbon transport in the Mediterranean, developing regulatory infrastructure, and fostering cross-sector collaboration.

Arkas Hellas is the 2026 Champion of the Green Office Cup



We have completed the 2026 evaluation cycle of the Green Office Cup, which has been successfully running for the past two years. Throughout the process, we assessed the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance of our offices through multi-dimensional criteria.

Key evaluation topics included our offices’ greenhouse gas emission reduction performance between 2024 and 2025, the regular and complete management of sustainability data through the Map360 system, and our employees’ participation in “Best Impact” volunteering projects that generate social impact, as well as in sustainability trainings.

This year’s winning office is Arkas Hellas, which stood out with the regular and comprehensive management of sustainability data, the diligence shown in data entry processes, and its overall ESG performance. We congratulate our Arkas Hellas team.

We Completed Our Knowledge Contest Series and *Announced the Grand Prize*

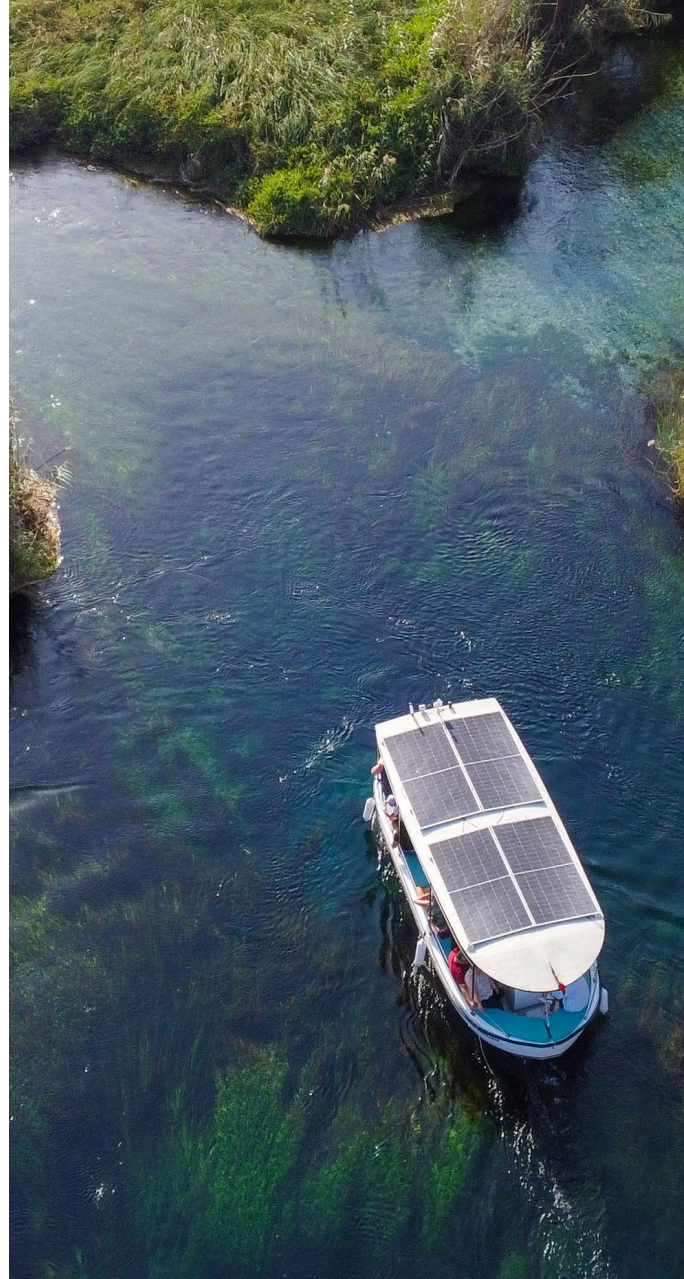
We successfully completed our three-stage Knowledge Contest Series, implemented under the “Blue for Green” initiative, in March, April and May.



Throughout the series, we aimed to enhance our employees’ level of knowledge in sustainability, strengthen awareness of Arkas Line’s practices, and elevate interaction among teams.

Based on the cumulative scoring of the three stages, the three employees with the highest cumulative scores earned the opportunity to participate in a unique field experience in nature and at sea in the Gulf of Gökova, within the framework of our collaboration with the Mediterranean Conservation Society.

Reinforcing sustainability awareness not only through knowledge but also through direct contact with nature, this experience became the most distinctive prize of our contest.



We Launched Our Collaboration with the Mediterranean Conservation Foundation



As Arkas Line, placing environmental and social impact at the core of our operations across the geographies where we are active, we position the protection of marine ecosystems as one of our foremost areas of responsibility.

As a tangible reflection of this approach, we have launched a strategic collaboration with the Mediterranean Conservation Foundation, which conducts environmental protection activities in and around the Mediterranean.

Our collaboration was announced with the participation of Arkas Holding Vice Chairman of the Board Bernard Arkas in the Board of Trustees of the Mediterranean Conservation Foundation.

We continue to carry our responsibility toward our seas into the future through strong partnerships.

IMO MEPC 84: The Net-Zero Process Continues, Technical Regulations Advance



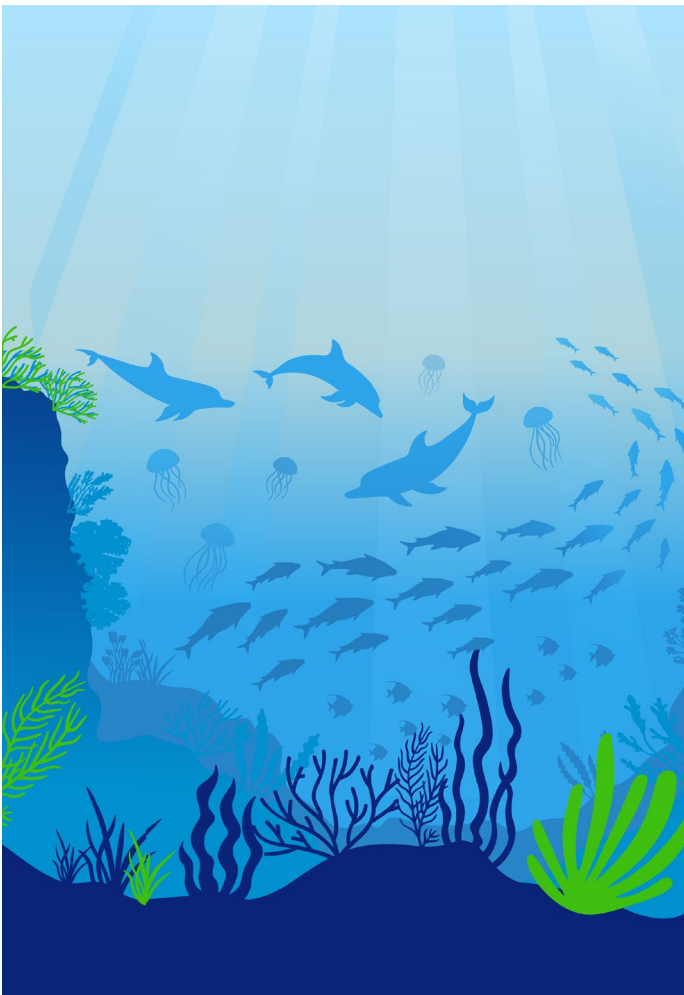
At the IMO’s MEPC 84 meeting held between 27 April and 1 May 2026, although a final consensus on the Net-Zero Framework (NZF) could not be reached, the process was carried forward and a final decision was postponed until the end of 2026. Nevertheless, important technical progress was achieved, including the adoption of the North-East Atlantic Emission Control Area, the further development of life-cycle emission methodologies, and the approval of the marine plastic litter strategy.

These developments demonstrate that the regulatory framework in global shipping is gradually becoming clearer and that the sector’s low-carbon transformation is advancing irreversibly.

World Oceans Day: A Call for the “Implementation” Era in Shipping

On the occasion of World Oceans Day on 8 June 2026, the IMO called on the maritime sector to move “from policy to action.” The Marine Plastic Litter Strategy adopted at MEPC 84 targets zero ship-sourced plastic discharge by 2030, while paving the way for new applications in areas such as waste management and biofouling.

This approach shows that sustainability in shipping will increasingly be shaped by concrete implementation rather than targets alone.



EU Omnibus I: A New Era in Sustainability Reporting

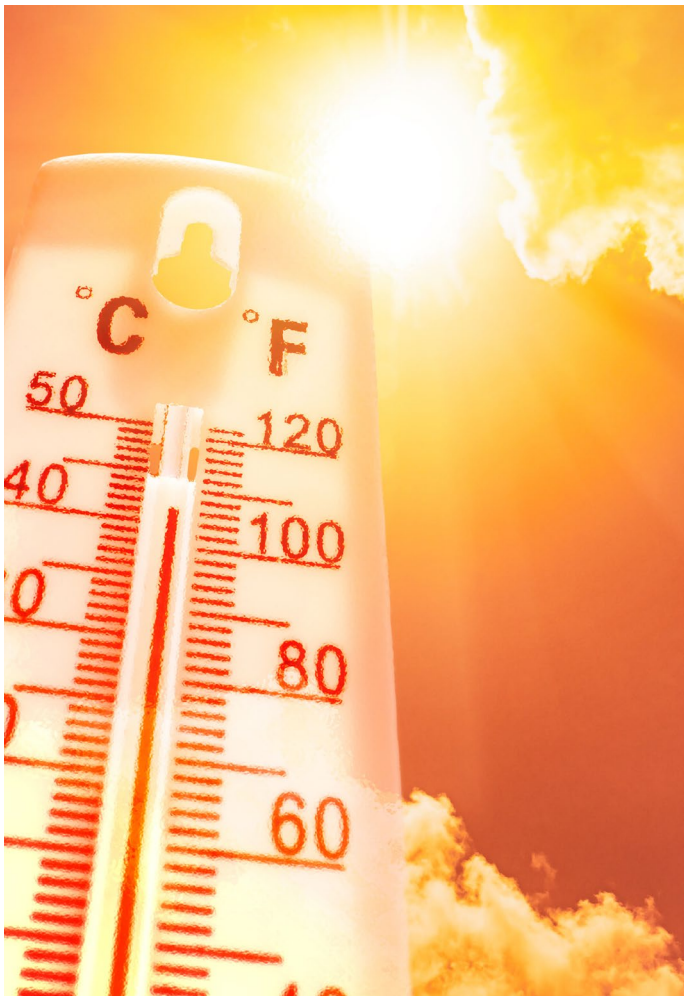
The EU Omnibus I regulation, which entered into force in 2026, narrowed the scope of the CSRD and CSDDD, reshaping sustainability reporting into a more limited but more focused structure.

Despite the new framework’s focus on large-scale companies, indirect reporting and data-sharing obligations continue for companies trading with the EU.

This regulation shows that even as the scope of sustainability reporting evolves, the need for transparency across the supply chain remains.



WMO 2026-2035 Report: The 1.5°C Threshold at Risk



According to the report published by the World Meteorological Organization in May 2026, global temperatures are expected to remain at record levels throughout 2026-2030, with a high probability that the 1.5°C threshold will be exceeded in at least one year. Arctic warming is also expected to continue at a rate significantly higher than the global average.

These findings reveal that the window of opportunity in the fight against climate change is narrowing and that the need for urgent action is growing.

As Maritime Trade Grows, the Need for Decarbonization Comes to the Fore

According to data from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, 48.2 million tons of cargo and 1.18 million TEU containers were handled at Türkiye’s ports in April 2026, setting an all-time record for the month of April. Container transport recorded 7.6% growth compared to the same month of the previous year.

The rising trade volume reinforces the strategic importance of Türkiye’s ports in the global supply chain, while further highlighting the need for emission reductions and energy transition in port operations.

This picture demonstrates that growth in maritime trade must progress in parallel with sustainability investments.



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