

## OCEAN FREIGHT PRICES TO GRI OR NOT GRI?

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# WE ARE TRANSFORMING GLOBAL LOGISTICS

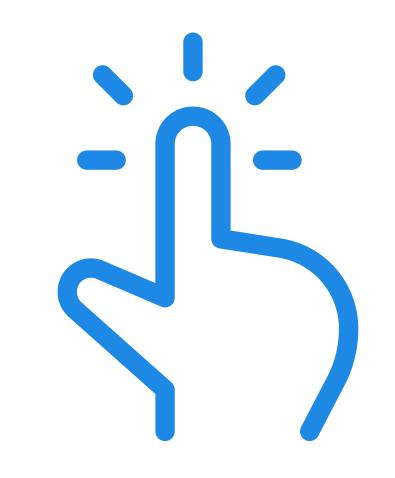
At Xeneta we believe there is an untapped potential for everyone in the industry, to systematically learn from our individual and collective efforts. We hold true that "if you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it". That's why we think actionable metrics is the key to continuously evolve for every business, and ultimately the entire industry. Rethinking global logistics is the vision of Xeneta.

With international experience from the logistics industry, we have first-hand knowledge of the challenges related to high volatility and lack of transparency in the ocean freight market. By combining logistics background and information technology expertise, we found the solution to these challenges.

# ARE YOU PAYING THE RIGHT CONTAINER FREIGHT RATES?

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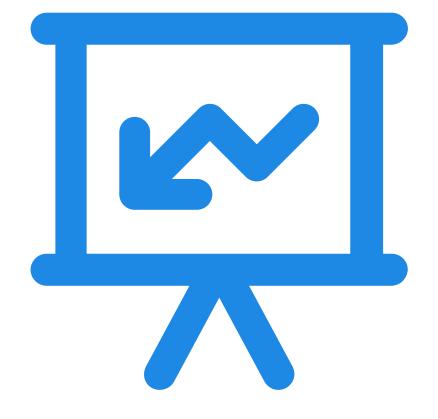
A FEW WEEKS AGO THE EC **CLOSED ITS PRICING INVESTIGATION AGAINST 14 SHIPPING LINES MOVING CARGO BETWEEN ASIA AND** THE EU. THIS CASE WAS, NATURALLY, INTERESTING FOR US AT XENETA SINCE WE THRIVE ON BRINGING OCEAN FREIGHT PRICING VISIBILITY TO THE INDUSTRY.

#### GRIS DIDN'T COME TO THE RESCUE



THIS WAS A FIVE YEAR EC INVESTIGATION IN WHICH THE CARRIERS WERE ACCUSED OF SURREPTITIOUSLY SIGNALING PRICE INCREASES TO EACH OTHER VIA THEIR VERY PUBLIC GRI (GENERAL RATE INCREASES) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

IN VIEW OF THE STAGGERING LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE VERY SAME CARRIERS DURING THE FINAL THREE YEARS BEING INVESTIGATED, THESE WOULD HAVE BEEN PERHAPS ONE OF **WORST-COORDINATE** D AND INEFFECTIVE PRICE HIKES IN MODERN HISTORY



#### IN THE REAL WORLD

THE CARRIERS HAVE ONLY EARNED A PROFIT DURING ONE YEAR OF THE EC'S INVESTIGATION.

LOSSES ARE SO EXTREME THAT THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK RECENTLY BEGAN TO REVIEW SHIPPING LOANS

THEY WANT BANKS TO INCREASE THEIR PROVISIONS FOR BAD DEBT FOR BOTH BULK AND CONTAINER CARRIERS.

REUTERS REPORTED THAT DEUTSCHE BANK AG IS SEEKING TO SELL AT LEAST \$1 BILLION OF SHIPPING LOANS AMID INCREASED SCRUTINY OVER THEIR EXPOSURE TO THE TROUBLED SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

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NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE EC WAS UNABLE TO PROVE THAT GRI'S BOOSTED CARRIER PROFITS, AS ZIM, COSCO, HMM, UASC, HANJIN, CSCL, AND OTHERS WERE LIKELY ANXIOUS TO TESTIFY.

THE INVESTIGATION ENDED 'NOT WITH A BANG, BUT WITH A WHIMPER,' AS THE CARRIERS SOLEMNLY PROMISED TO "STOP PUBLISHING AND COMMUNICATING GRI ANNOUNCEMENTS".

YEARS OF STAGGERING LOSSES PROVETHERE WAS NO COLLUSION. BOXES ARE PRICED BASED ON THE ACTUAL RATES REPORTED ON PLATFORMS LIKE XENETA'S, INSTEAD OF A HOPED-FOR GRI.

CONTAINER RATES CONTINUE TO BE BASED ON SUPPLY-DEMAND OF CONTAINER VS. CARGO DYNAMICS.

LEARN HOW XENETA CAN HELP YOU GET INSIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE INTO YOUR GLOBAL OCEAN FREIGHT PRICES AND CHANGE YOUR LOGISTICS BUSINESS:

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