

# MARITIME BUSINESS SERVICES.

## FULL SCALE OF BUSINESS SERVICES BY MARITIME PROFESSIONALS

Rotterdam boasts an unbeatable position in maritime business services. Legal, tax and business consulting as well as the insurance sector guarantee maritime expertise at the highest international levels. Shipbrokers, financial institutions and investors facilitate deal making. All professional services are present to run your business efficiently.

### Excellent business services to facilitate your goals

Access to financial institutions, accountants, brokers and ICT specialist is easy, and they understand your market. Their specialist knowledge ensures they know exactly what you need, whether you are investor, shipping company, ship builder or equipment supplier. You will always be one step ahead of your competitors as every service is close at hand. The maritime business services community has its own trade organisation (RMSC) to share industry developments, educate and network.

### Active Insurance market and Maritime Chamber

Rotterdam is in the top 10 of global insurance markets. It is the only place, alongside the UK, to have a co-insurance system. The Rotterdam Court has a special Maritime Chamber and shipping & trade arbitration institutions, which can be used to settle disputes in Dutch, English and German. The Chamber's expertise is known for its speed and cost effectiveness. Rotterdam judges, arbitrators, lawyers and technical experts have

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**800+**

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**28,500**

JOBS

a reliable and solid reputation for their hands-on attitude and willingness to provide proactive and practical advice, 24 hours a day. Rotterdam is home to institutions like the Dutch Insurance Exchange Association (VNAB) and the UK P&I Club.

### The business service cluster is there to promote a sustainable maritime environment

The business services sector is pro-active and in the lead to create a responsible future for the maritime industry. An example is that leading maritime financiers such as ABN Amro and ING bank have initiated the Poseidon Principals, a new global framework for integrating climate considerations into lending decisions to promote international shipping's decarbonization.

# WHAT IS ROTTERDAM MARITIME CAPITAL OF EUROPE?

**The Netherlands is the most competitive economy in Europe, and the Rotterdam region harbours the most competitive maritime cluster in the world. This cluster brings together an enormous diversity of activity: Maritime Business Services, Commodity Trading, Port & Logistics, Shipbuilding & Superyachts, Offshore, Energy & Industry. This unique maritime region of Rotterdam and its 75km radius is therefore branded Rotterdam Maritime Capital of Europe.**

Rotterdam owes its unique competitive strengths to its location at the heart of Europe's most affluent and densely populated region and the innovative export-oriented character of the Dutch economy. In its heart, the city of Rotterdam is a great place to live: a relaxed, vibrant and truly international city with superb infrastructure and a diverse, highly skilled workforce.

Rotterdam Maritime Capital of Europe is the most complete and competitive maritime region in the world. A network which is constantly working on innovations and developing



talent, which has resulted in the area being a front runner where energy transitions, digitisation and circular economy are concerned.

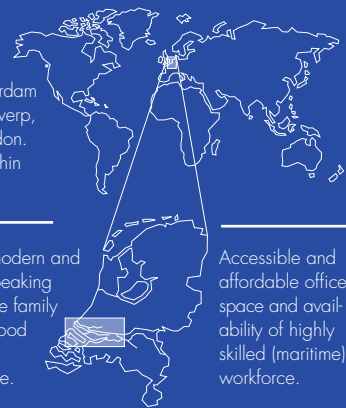
The Port and City of Rotterdam have set some ambitious goals for 2030. Its strategy is focussed on both modernising the traditional industry, with a specific focus on sustainability and the environment, as well as pioneering innovations.

The government, companies, educational institutes and research facilities are all working together to actively realise these ambitions together. Making sure Rotterdam is and will continue to be Europe's maritime capital.

Efficient and easy transport connections: Rotterdam-The Hague airport, Schiphol Amsterdam airport, Eurostar to Antwerp, Brussels, Paris and London. Key European cities within 3 hours reach.

Affordable living in a modern and international, English speaking environment. Favourable family living conditions with good (international) schools. Strong work-life balance.

Accessible and affordable office space and availability of highly skilled (maritime) workforce.



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## WHY DOING BUSINESS IN THE WIDER ROTTERDAM REGION?

1. A complete network of professional maritime service providers.
2. Leading shipping financiers and professional investors provide for maritime financing solutions.
3. High concentration of specialised maritime advisors: legal, tax, ICT and business consultancy.
4. Rotterdam court has a Maritime Chamber with international maritime dispute settlement in English.
5. Specialised insurance cluster ranks in the top 10 globally.

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