

SHIPBUILDING.

HISTORICAL STRENGTHS, INNOVATIVE DRIVE

The Rotterdam region has a thriving shipbuilding industry, founded in proud maritime traditions and driven by innovative spirits. World leader in the design and production of dredgers, superyachts and work vessels as well as in all kinds of specialized utility vessels and in high-tech maritime equipment such as heavy lift cranes and deep water pipelay systems.

Innovation in partnerships

Innovative business concepts such as fully standardized designs, lifetime support, smart maintenance and digital twins forge long-lasting relationships between shipyards and their clients. With numerous yards around the world connected to the Rotterdam shipbuilding cluster, these technologies are exported worldwide.

High-tech supply chain

Building high-tech ships is done by close-knit networks of shipyards and specialised suppliers. A cluster of innovative

EUR
4,6 BLN

NL TURNOVER
IN SHIPBUILDING
AND REPAIR

EUR
3,5 BLN

EQUIPMENT SUPPLY

17,300

EMPLOYMENT

DUTCH SHIPBUILDING & REPAIR

IS CONCENTRATED MAINLY
IN THE ROTTERDAM REGION

local manufacturers provides specialist equipment and components to this high-tech shipbuilding industry and takes an active role in co-developing innovative designs. Ship repair, conversion and maintenance complete the picture. Together they create a thriving market for equipment supply, engineering services and system integration.

Enabling and supporting shipbuilding technology

Innovation in autonomous and low-emission ships will drive this industry further. Rotterdam and its wider region continue to develop and attract the talent and capital needed for this cluster to stay in the lead. Policies are in place to support innovation with accelerators, field labs, test locations and funding support.

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.

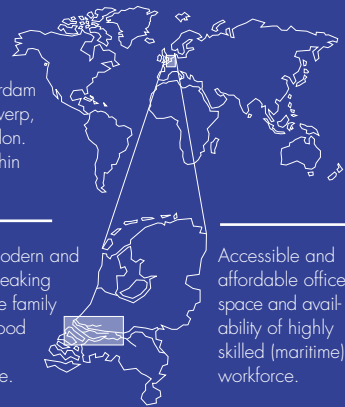
The government, companies, educational institutes and research facilities are all working together to actively realise these ambitions together. Making sure Rotterdam is and will continue to be Europe's maritime capital.



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.



WHY DOING BUSINESS IN THE WIDER ROTTERDAM REGION?

1. Europe's most advanced and most competitive shipbuilding cluster.
2. Providing the most advanced ship technology to clients around the world.
3. Home market for short sea shipping, superyachts, offshore engineering and workboats.
4. Highly educated professionals in marine technology.
5. Support from technology institutions like MARIN, TNO and Delft University of Technology.
6. Presence of leader firms such as Damen Shipyards and Royal IHC.



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