According to the World Economic Forum’s ‘Global Competitiveness Report’, Rotterdam has the best port infrastructure in the world. In Europe, Rotterdam is the undisputed number one when it comes to fast connections with the hinterland and the handling capacity of dry and liquid bulk goods, containers and break-bulk.

Gateway to Europe
The port of Rotterdam owes this position to the state-of-the-art facilities, years of investment in infrastructure and the advanced logistics network. The city is strategically located close to open sea on a large river delta with inland shipping, rail and road connections to all parts of Europe. With services to more than 1,000 ports around the world it accommodates global container liners as well as key players in the oil, gas and chemical sector. It is market leader in agri commodities and front runner in biofuels for the energy sector. Rotterdam is the gateway to Europe’s main industrial centers and over 500 million consumers.

Supply chain solutions
In the region there are ample providers of supply chain solutions, ranging from large logistics companies offering a diverse range of services to specialised companies in forwarding, storage, handling, distribution for any type of goods including complex break-bulk. Triple A locations and specialised warehouses and equipment are within easy reach and offer cost effective solutions.

Smart and Sustainable
Data and digitization will bring about a huge change in international trade. The Port of Rotterdam authority is taking the lead in the digital transformation of ports and logistics. This will enhance efficiency in the major trade routes, while reducing costs and carbon emissions for the industry. Furthermore the authority is investing in the energy transition to meet the Dutch government’s climate agreement. It actively participates in projects for CO2 storage and blue hydrogen.
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.

WHY DOING BUSINESS IN THE WIDER ROTTERDAM REGION?

1. Best port infrastructure of the world.
2. Gateway to Europe and strategically located in the ARA region.
3. State-of-the-art facilities for transshipments, container handling, processing and storage.
4. Market leader in agri commodities, strong in chemicals for local petrochemical industry and as major chemical transit port, key LNG hub.
5. #2 position in Efficiency of Seaport Services globally (WEF 2018).
6. Best container liner services in Europe and sixth world-wide.

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

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