

The strategic session of the Ukrainian Maritime Cluster took place at MDEM office

On February 3, the strategic session of the Ukrainian Maritime Cluster (UMC) "Priority projects for the development of the maritime industry 2021-23" took place at MDEM office. The event was organized with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development within the project of strengthening the institutional capacity of the Ukrainian Maritime Cluster (UMC).

The event was attended by representatives of key maritime enterprises, international and Ukrainian organizations, executive authorities of the region, educational institutions, including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Association of Shipbuilders of Ukraine "Ukrsudprom", Association of Industrial Automation of Ukraine (APPAU), Mykolaiv Regional Business Support Center, Shipyard "Ocean", "Mykolaiv shipyard", department of architecture and town-planning, and also department of economic development of the Mykolaiv city council, etc.

The Director of the UM Roman Khanzhyn outlined stages of the cluster development, its main goals, and the way of their achievement. The UMC creation's primary goal is to consolidate efforts to a stronger presentation of Ukraine's shipbuilding and maritime industries' potential on the international market.

Participants had the opportunity to express their views on further development of the maritime industry of Ukraine, its priorities and provide information about their activities in the framework of the event. Additional work of the UMC during the session took place in working groups. Their task was to form proposals for ambitious cluster projects. The next step for the month is to identify 3-7 pilot project for implementation. We offer to get acquainted with speeches of participants and the proposals of working groups [here](#).

MDEM is part of Damen Shipyards Group, and also one of the initiators of the UMC, takes an active social position in the development of the industry's expert environment. This was a prerequisite for the fact that today the Ukrainian multiservice company has the opportunity to develop innovative projects and is a pacesetter of modern trends in shipbuilding: the creation of new types of vessels, the use of electric and hybrid engines, the transition to new fuels (methanol, ammonia, biodiesel, etc.), the use of composite materials in shipbuilding, large data processing systems, etc. During his speech, Stanislav Seleznev, Head of MDEM Engineering Services, told about Damen's innovative developments and solutions in the shipbuilding.

Currently, MDEM is also a participant of the international NAVAIS program, aiming to return European leadership in world shipbuilding. Therefore, the creation of the Ukrainian Maritime Cluster and its involvement in European programs is of strategic importance for the whole country.

Soon we are waiting for the announcement of the next meeting of the UMC participants to find out the list of selected projects for implementation.

