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SHIPOWNERS, SHIPYARDS AND SUPPLIERS EMBRACE ROMANIAN NETWORKING EVENT

Record number of participants in Europort Romania 2016

From 10 to 12 May 2016 the 11th edition of Europort Romania took place in main port city Constanta. During the leading maritime networking event, a record number of 63 maritime equipment and service suppliers met with over 500 maritime professionals, from Romania as well as from other Black Sea countries. These visitors included the management of shipyards, sea and river ship owners, marine equipment trading companies, port managements, salvage companies, towage and harbour services, cargo handling companies, navigation channel administration companies, navy authorities and marine designers.

“It is a true testament to the Romanian Industry that we have made Constanta our home so many times and with so much pleasure and success,” said Raymond Siliakus, Exhibition manager of Europort. “We were happy to see many familiar faces and welcome so many new companies as well. This shows how Europort Romania is as relevant now as it was when we started this adventure 15 years ago.”

High appreciation

Exhibitors highly appreciated their participation and the quality of their meetings. 88% of the exhibitors qualified the quality of the visitors as good to very good. These visitors mostly represented management, purchasing or technical departments and had high decision making authorities for new investments. 73% of the exhibitors said that they expect to realize new business relations as a direct result of their participation. 42% of the exhibitors also indicated that the Romanian market will become even more important to their company in the years to come.

Full networking program

Europort Romania hosted a wide range of networking opportunities, both during exhibition hours as well as after closing time. On the opening day, a networking reception was held and as is tradition, the Romanian Shipbuilders Organisation ANCONAV organised their members meeting. Furthermore a delegation of 20 companies visited the Constanta shipyard and had a meeting with the purchasing department afterwards.

Many VIPs present in opening ceremony

A large number of officials attended the opening ceremony, with opening speeches of Mr. Ionut Juganaru, acting president Constanta Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Paul Ilicenko, vice president ANCONAV, Mr. Adrian Mihej, president Constanta Chamber of Commerce in charge with navigation, Ms. Stella Ronner Grubacic, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Romania and Mr. Raymond Siliakus, Exhibition manager Europort. Afterwards, Europort Romania was traditionally opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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