

01<sup>th</sup> – 04<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Varna

### THIRD BULGARIAN-DUTCH MARITIME BUSINESS FORUM

The Third Bulgarian-Dutch Maritime Business Forum took place in Varna from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. The event was organized by Varna Municipality and Dordrecht Municipality with the support of the Bulgarian National Association of Shipbuilding and Shiprepair, Netherlands Maritime Technology and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bulgaria.

The Forum was opened by Mr. Ivan Portnih, Mayor of Varna. The participants were greeted by Mr. Jaap Werner - Charge d 'affaires of the Dutch Embassy in Sofia and Mrs. Rinette Reynvaan - Deputy Mayor of Dordrecht.



Over 30 companies from Bulgaria and the Netherlands took part in the maritime forum. 80 B2B business meetings took place during the event where the potential partners from the maritime sector could establish direct contacts, had the opportunity to present their activities in brief and expressed their opinions on the carrying of joint projects. The Dutch delegation visited maritime companies operating in Varna.



The Third Bulgarian-Dutch Maritime Business Forum is a continuation of the Bulgarian-Dutch Maritime Business Forums that took place in Varna in August 2015, and in Dordrecht on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2016, respectively. The Bulgarian-Dutch Maritime Business Forum is part of the initiative of Varna Municipality for the creating of conditions for direct international contacts between the businesses from Bulgaria's major seaside city and international partners.