

Turku Fair and Congress Center
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Marine industry operators gathered in Turku

Over a hundred companies operating in the marine industry have already confirmed their participation in the NaviGate 2009 fair. Contact Forum for Marine Industry NaviGate will be organised on 28–29 April at the Turku Fair and Congress Center in co-operation with the Association of Finnish Marine Industries, Employment and Economic Development Centre for Southwest Finland, Enterprise Europe Network, and OSKE’s Maritime Cluster Programme. Besides the exhibition, the event will include a marine industry seminar on the “Opportunities of the Global Marine Industry” with presentations from e.g. Martin Landtman, head of STX Europe’s Finnish shipyards. The state-owned Russian shipyard company will also be represented in the seminar to be held on the opening day of the fair on 28 April.

Another seminar to be held on the opening day deals with the projects and financing of the Maritime Cluster Programme and the BOAT Programme. Moreover, several exhibitors will give their presentations on the second day of the fair on 29 April.

As the name of the fair indicates, Contact Forum for Marine Industry NaviGate aims at making it easier for companies operating in the field to network and find potential business partners. The Match Making concept provides a tool for this. The one-to-one meetings pre-arranged by Enterprise Europe Network will be held on the first day of the fair. For advance registration, visit <http://navigate.b2bmatchmaking.com>. A total of 45 companies have already registered for the event.

The exhibitors represent an extensive variety of product groups. The business fields of the companies registered for the fair cover e.g. planning, interior design, safety and steel fabrication. The companies participating in this unique event in Finland include e.g. STX Europe, Det Norske Veritas Oy Ab, Elomatic Marine Engineering Oy, Europlan Engineering Ltd. and Shippax Oy Ltd. Besides Finnish companies, the event will introduce operators from Russia, the UK and Poland.

Entrance to the NaviGate 2009 fair is free of charge, and future professionals still pursuing their studies are also welcome. To enter the exhibition area, visitors will need to fill in a client invitation card which can be downloaded from the www.navigate-info website.

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www.navigate-info.fi (with information on the seminars and companies)

Opening hours:

Tuesday 28 April from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday 29 April from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entrance free of charge (with a client invitation card)

Car park charge € 4