

Marine Cluster Bulgaria (MCBN) is an NGO, established in 2007 in Varna and involves SMEs from different fields of maritime industry, 3 associations (Bulgarian ship owners Association; Bulgarian Association of Ship Brokers and Agents and The Industrial Association-Varna), 2 Universities and R&D Centre mainly acting in the maritime field. The social impact of the work of our organisation covers approximately 3300 employees – over 20% of the total workforce in the maritime industry.

Marine Cluster Bulgaria's head office is located in the Varna District, Northeast Planning Region (NEPR), where the maritime industry is one of the region's core economic sectors, providing about 15% of district economy revenues. Some of the biggest Bulgarian companies, related to the shipbuilding, ship repair and navigation are located in this region. MCB consolidates the efforts of all sectors of the maritime economy in Bulgaria. The Cluster catalyses the creation of favourable conditions for development and enhancement of the competitiveness of the blue economy by introducing new organizational, product, market and technological solutions, training, implementation of best practices, as well as for its promotion at national and international level. The cluster offers to its members business, information and consulting services to increase competitiveness and innovation capacities. As a member of the Association of Business Clusters in Bulgaria, Marine Cluster Bulgaria acts on promotion of the clustering at national level and the development of strategies and policies. In its capacity of member of European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC), MCB participates regularly in the annual meetings of the network and all activities, aiming the enhancement of the Blue Growth.