

On the 12th of August 2022 the festive day the 87th Edition of ANCONAV Ukrainian Maritime Cluster had a chance to visit General Assembly of ANCONAV and present the Ukrainian companies of Marine Industry to Romanian maritime community.

MDEM Director Olena Zhukova in a delegation with Stanislav Seleznov, Head of Engineering Services department, and Oleksandr Levit, Head of HR department, presented UMC and its participants to the audience, its initiatives and projects.

One more important topic was also touched by Olena – participation in <u>4BIZ</u> grant project - Boosting Black Sea Blue Biz project is coordinated by the Black Sea Universities Network and brings together 9 partners directly involved in the







implementation Consortium and 17 associated partners from Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Turkey, Georgia, Greece and France, including regional development agencies, chambers of commerce, innovative clusters, universities and support organizations.

The 4BIZ Project aims to develop a collaboration framework that will bring together Blue Economy stakeholders in EU and eligible non-EU Black Sea countries to identify and tackle local capacity building needs to boost innovation, digitalization and investment in the Black Sea Blue Economy with the main focus on Fisheries and

Aquaculture, Coastal and Maritime Tourism and Maritime Transport. The project is funded by the European Commission, through the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) program, and has a duration of 24 months.

No wonder that the topic of unprovoked aggression and oppression of Ukrainian people couldn't be left aside, and Olena described the amount of destruction in our native city with the sort of video. The last one made a great impression on the members of Association and after the presentation Olena has been proposed to start cooperation with Romanian companies in order to save Ukrainian maritime community. Her speech raised interest in Romanian companies, who asked for contacts after the Assembly.

Other important detail is the unofficial meeting and short talks with our partners from Romania as well as Damen representatives that also participated in the Assembly.

Via the link you can find more information about the event. ■