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The Maritime Congress, the largest international event of the year in the maritime industry, will be held in Moscow on 3-4 October, 2022.

The Maritime Congress is a continuation of the NEVA industry exhibition and conference, the largest in Eastern Europe, and starting from 2022 it will be held in even-numbered years. This decision was made in response to the need of civil shipbuilding and shipping market participants to gather annually at an authoritative platform to discuss the most pressing issues of the industry, coordinate and synchronize development plans, and search for the most effective ways of interaction. This demand is especially relevant due to new macroeconomic and geopolitical trends.

Moscow was chosen as the venue of the Congress as far as it is a decision-making centre and the first step towards organizing regular business events under the NEVA brand in the regions of Russia.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation provides its comprehensive support to the event. This ensures that all the issues raised will be heard and followed by real solutions at the state level.

The title partners of the First Russian National Maritime Congress are the Rosatom State Corporation, the Marine Instrument Engineering Corporation and the Ak Bars Shipbuilding Corporation. An International Shipbuilding Marathon will be held with the support of the largest Russian USC state shipbuilding holding, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year.

Traditionally for projects under the NEVA brand, the Maritime Congress will be attended by members of the Federation Council, deputies of the State Duma, members of the Government of the Russian Federation, representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic, Federal Agency for Maritime and River Transport of Russia, Russian Federal Fisheries Agency, Rosmorport, Marine Rescue Service, the Maritime Board under the Government of the Russian Federation, the Maritime Council under the Government of St. Petersburg, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Russian Chamber of Shipping, the Association of Sea Trade Ports, the Russian Classification Society ("RKO"), the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, the Association of Ports and Shipowners of River Transport, the Union of Machine Builders of Russia, Sovcomflot PJSC, the State Transport Leasing Company ("GTLK"), FESCO (DVMP PJSC), FSUE Atomflot, Volga Shipping Company JSC, MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC, Vodohod Companies, FSUE Hydrographic Enterprise, Gazprom Fleet LLC, FSBI Administration of Seaports of the Baltic Sea, Center for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Technology JSC, Rosnefteflot JSC, FSUE Morsvyazsputnik, FSUE Krylovsky State Scientific Center, Oboronlogistics LLC, FSUE Space Communications, Far Eastern Center for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair JSC and "Zvezda" Shipbuilding Complex.

Within a few months, the NEVA team held more than 250 business meetings at public events or privately with stakeholders and opinion leaders, top management of leading companies and industry associations, visited shipbuilding and ship repair enterprises in different regions of Russia from Kaliningrad to Vladivostok and received confirmation of their interest in participating in the Maritime Congress.

This year, more than 1,500 participants from 50 regions of Russia and 20 countries of the world are expected at the venue, including top officials of leading companies in the maritime industry. The core of the audience is embodied in permanent participants of the NEVA exhibition and conference: the largest shipping, shipbuilding and ship repair enterprises, equipment manufacturers and service providers, state corporations, ports, leasing and consulting firms, industry associations and development institutions, investment funds and banks, top managers and decision–makers.

Within the framework of the large–scale <u>business program</u>, which is formed based on communication with government and business representatives, as well as taking into account current trends, more than 20 sessions on the most relevant topics will be held with the participation of more than 200 Russian and international experts and <u>speakers -</u> industry leaders. We expect foreign participants from China, Turkey, Iran, India, Vietnam, Philippines, Myanmar, UAE, Egypt, Latin American countries (Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Paraguay, Honduras), Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan.

At the plenary session "Maritime Policy of Russia: new opportunities in the era of big changes" representatives of the government and maritime business will discuss

modern realities and global changes in supply chains, the effectiveness of the import substitution process, the effectiveness of measures taken to support domestic sea and river transport, as well as the need for their adjustment.

In order to develop effective solutions for the further development of the marine industry in the new macroeconomic conditions, a series of strategic and working sessions will be held.

In the spotlight will be measures of state support for the maritime industry, the implementation of import substitution in shipbuilding and ship repair, the continuation of international cooperation in new realities, fleet renewal, the creation of new routes and logistics chains, the formation of the fleet of the future and autonomous navigation, the transition to new fuels, the development of port activities, the fishing industry and the Northern Sea Route, the introduction of innovative technologies, digitalization and implementation of offshore projects.

Special attention will be paid to the events dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the Northern Sea Route (hereinafter - the NSR), which will be held under the auspices of the Rosatom State Corporation. In the light of the current political situation, the Northern Sea Route is of particular importance. The relevance of the topic stems from both the increasing attention to the resources and opportunities of the Arctic, and the need to further strengthen Russia's position as a leading power in the Arctic region. On the agenda are issues related to the centralization of powers to manage navigation on the NSR, the creation of the Federal State Budgetary Institution "Main Directorate of the Northern Sea Route", the formation and functioning of the Interdepartmental Commission for the Organization of Navigation on the NSR and the Council of Shipping Participants for the Development of the NSR. In the framework of the Congress the first results of the work and plans for the future will be presented. Also, under the sign of the 90th anniversary of the Northern Sea Route, the strategic session "The Northern Sea Route: Keeping Moving Through the Ice" is included in the Congress program. Experts will discuss the prospects for regular year-round navigation along the Northern Sea Route, the possibilities of Arctic shipbuilding for creating new routes and logistics chains, plans for the development of the infrastructure of the ports of the NSR and investment projects for the period up to 2035, as well as the importance of regular coastal flights along the NSR from the European part of Russia to the Far East.

The business program of the Congress includes international business dialogues, in particular, "Russia - China", "Russia – Turkey", "Russia–India" and "Russia - Latin American countries", which will be held in a hybrid format with the organization of teleconferences with Russian and foreign experts.

In order to form an up-to-date agenda, the program committee of the Maritime Congress has been formed, which considers proposals from participants to include interesting issues in the business program. You can use the option on the Congress website by clicking the "Make a proposal" button.

The event will be supported by an exhibition covering 1,500 square metres where leading enterprises from Russia and a number of foreign countries will present projects for the production of civilian ships of various purposes, the creation of marine technical equipment for the development of the ocean and its shelf, the development of navigation on inland waterways, the modernisation of the fishing and specialised fleet and the renewal of port facilities.

In addition, special events will be held at the Congress site: a seminar of the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, a business breakfast of the Marine Instrumentation Corporation, a workshop on marketing in shipbuilding and a meeting of the organizing committee of the NEVA 2023 international exhibition and conference. Additionally, industry presentations of partners and exhibitors are planned.

The Moscow Government Building, a venue of the Congress, is a multifunctional business arena. The participants will enjoy an intimate atmosphere combined with high-quality service. In addition to the official business program, the organizers offer a unique platform for the development of business contacts. Opportunities for B2B networking, negotiations and signing of business agreements, communication of VIP participants in the "Arctic" and "Maritime" business lounges are provided. The participants will attend an evening reception dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the Northern Sea Route and an evening cocktail at the end of the Maritime Congress.

For the comfortable work of media representatives a press center was set up. The Congress will be covered by more than 50 information partners from federal and industry media.

NEVA-International invites you to take an active part in the Congress!

Venue of the First All-Russian Maritime Congress: 36 Novy Arbat Str., Moscow (Moscow Government Building)

Website: <u>nevacongress.com</u>

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