



MDEM awarded Employer of the Year 2025 by the Local Employment Partnership in the Mykolaiv region

On April 9, 2026, the results of the first year of activity of the Mykolaiv Region Local Employment Partnership were officially announced. The Partnership is being developed within the framework of the International Labour Organization (ILO) project “Support to Job Creation in Mykolaiv & Odesa and Social Dialogue Development”, funded by the Government of Denmark.

Marine Design Engineering Mykolaiv LLC was recognised in the category “Partner in Professional Education” for its significant contribution to the development of high tech vocational education, the training of engineering specialists, and the formation of a modern labor market in the fields of shipbuilding and digital technologies.

Throughout the wartime period, MDEM Intl. has maintained business continuity, strengthened cooperation with national partners, and expanded engagement with academic institutions. More than 80% of MDEM employees are graduates of the Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding. The long standing partnership with the university includes professional development, research cooperation, knowledge transfer, and joint projects.

Following the outbreak of the full scale war in Ukraine and the forced partial relocation of the company, Marine Design Engineering Galați SRL was established in Galați, Romania, alongside Damen Shipyards Galați and “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați. This step laid the foundation for the internationalization of cooperation, the conclusion of international agreements, and the development of dual education programs with double degrees as a mechanism for technology transfer and the formation of human capital for the shipbuilding industry.

It is worth noting that Marine Design Engineering Mykolaiv LLC is a company with nearly 20 years

of international experience within the Damen Group, specialising in engineering, shipbuilding, and digital services.

Supporting high tech vocational education, developing engineering competencies, and investing in human capital remain strategic priorities for MDEM Intl. This recognition confirms the chosen strategic direction and serves as an incentive to further strengthen cooperation between business, education, and the region in support of the recovery and sustainable development of Ukraine’s shipbuilding industry. <<

