



Piri Reis University (PRU) will commence work on the two EU funded projects in late December 2012. More information about the projects is as follows:

**Modular Enhanced Training Programme for European Maritime Security Personnel**

**(METPROM):** New course in port security with novel simulation-based modules that will focus on the implementation of game-based technology and 3D models, and adaptation of an e-learning platform with assessment facilities. The course will introduce European wise standards on port security procedures through standardised and harmonised training programmes in partner countries. The intention is to train port security personnel operating at ISPS-compliant port facilities, thus enabling Uniformity in EU port security and enhanced port security standards.

**Maritime network of education for the development of the maritime culture in the Black Sea basin**

**(MARINE):** This project will develop maritime culture in the Black Sea basin through emphasizing the common maritime traditions of the partner countries and enhancing the preparedness of the professionals involved in the maritime industry (maritime/river transportation, shipbuilding, fisheries, offshore oil/gas extracting industry, ports, environmental research and humanities).

Furthermore, MarEdu and the Turkish Chamber of Shipping have also commenced an EU funded project called “BRIDGE – Bridges of Knowledge for EU-TR Chambers” this month. The aim of the project is to promote the integration of European and Turkish maritime commerce communities. The activities have been arranged to maximise benefits for the chambers in Turkey and the EU, as well as members of the partner chambers active in the maritime commerce sector. While chambers will cooperate with each other, learning from experiences and creating networks for sustainable relations, the know-how will be passed on to the members as they are the final beneficiaries of the project.

More information on all three projects will be provided in News and other sections (Partners and projects) of the website in future months.