



## First ACTs Partner Meeting

This month's news reports the outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> ACTs (Avoiding Collisions At Sea) partner meeting which was hosted by Piri Reis University, and held at Green Park Hotel in Pendik, Istanbul on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November 2013. 11 project members, representing 6 partner organisations participated in the meeting, University of Rijeka (UoR), Centre for Factories of the Future (C4FF), Piri Reis University (PRU), SeaTeach, Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NVNA), Spinaker d.o.o. (SPIN).

The project ACTs was initiated in response to the increasing number of collisions attributed to human error, there is a need to develop new skills and also provide means to understand the collision rules fully. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (Colregs) are a set of rules to be followed by navigation officers to avoid collisions at sea. It is one of the most important International Conventions that all seagoing Officers must possess full knowledge of, as well as having the skills needed to apply them correctly.

During the partner meeting, following topics were discussed:

- The aims and objectives of the project.
- The development of future work packages according to the proposal.
- How best practices within the partnership in terms of methodology can be shared.
- The review of the management and administrative requirements of the Leonardo da Vinci (LdV) programme and of the LdV National Agency responsible for the project, and giving appropriate guidelines to the project partners.
- The work activities and tasks until the next partner meeting.

A questionnaire identifying the knowledge gaps and deficiencies in the application of Colregs is being developed and will be placed online in January 2014. It will be distributed to target groups e.g. seafarers, teachers, students, etc. In parallel, comprehensive review of the past collisions is being carried out and the findings will be included in the questionnaire. The selected accidents from the past collisions will be turned into online scenarios for students to understand the rules more effectively and make sure there are no misunderstandings.

A workshop will be held in each partner country to validate the results of the questionnaire which will investigate knowledge deficiencies and differences in the application of the Colregs. The list of the partners that will be involved with the workshops is as below.

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2. **Piri Reis University (PRU)**, Turkey (Contact: Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati- [rziarati@pirireis.edu.tr](mailto:rziarati@pirireis.edu.tr))
3. **Centre for Factories of the Future (C4FF)**, United Kingdom (Contact: Mr. Ugurcan Acar [ugurcan.acar@c4ff.co.uk](mailto:ugurcan.acar@c4ff.co.uk))
4. **Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NVNA)**, Bulgaria, (Nikolai Velikov - [velikovn@yahoo.com](mailto:velikovn@yahoo.com))
5. **Seateach, Spain**, (Contact: Mrs. Silja Teege- [email@sea-teach.com](mailto:email@sea-teach.com))
6. **Spinaker d.o.o. (SPIN)**, Slovenia, (Contact M.sc. Tomaž Gregorič - [tomaz.gregoric@spinaker.si](mailto:tomaz.gregoric@spinaker.si))



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If you are expert in the subject or master mariner or experience in teaching Colregs or you are a seafarer or a student, please contact ACTs consortium partners to join our workshops.

The findings of the questionnaire, accident review and workshop results will be presented in a report identifying the training needs in Colregs within the overall MET programmes in partner countries.

Project website will be launched in January 2014.