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The MariFuture Team wish all partners a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This is last News in 2015 and we look forward to successful conclusion of our EU funded SeaTALK project and a strong start to our new EU funded MariEMS and MariLANG projects. The SeaTALK project, like all MariFuture projects, will continue and arrangements are in place to retain the project websites for the next two years. All aspects of IPR for the project, as was the case for its predecessor MarTEL and MarTEL Plus Projects, has been concluded.

MariLANG

The first partner meeting of the project took place in Bulgaria in the week beginning 16th November 2015. The first part of the meeting was held in the Bulgarian Maritime Administration and the second part in the Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, both located in Varna.

The MariLANG project intends to develop a Maritime English training programme based on the EU funded SeaTALK learning materials and the EU funded MarTEL assessments, both of which are compliant with the IMO Maritime English Model (3.17). It is worth mentioning that partners from both SeaTALK and MarTEL were involved in the 2015 revision of the IMO Maritime English Model Course through the International Maritime Lecturers Association (IMLA). The funding of MariLANG is very good news as it will complete the process started with MarTEL establishing a Maritime English assessment system, followed by SeaTALK seeking material for it, in conclusion MariLANG will develop an actual training programme for Maritime English which will include the three new categories defined in the revised model course:

- Electro-Technical Officers,
- GMDSS radio operators, and
- Personnel providing direct service to passengers in passenger spaces on passenger ships

The MariLANG project started in September 2015 and the funded period is expected to be concluded in August 2018.

The representatives of the project partners can be seen in the following photos - Jade University, DE - Project Lead; Centre for Factories of the Future, UK; Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, BG; Antwerp Maritime Academy, BE; Spinnaker, SI; Southampton Solent University, UK and 1st Evening Vocational Senior High School of Egaleo, GR.



1st Photo – Group Picture 1; 2nd Photo – Group Picture 2; 3rd Photo – Group discussing key deliverables of the project

ACTs Project

This month the funding period of the project ACTs will come to an end. The final report is expected to be submitted to the Croatian National Agency latest by the end of February 2016. The partners have almost concluded the translation work. The translation of the ACTs learning materials means that the e-colregs course will be available in several European languages. The final identified improvements are being implemented, and so far based on the achieved deliverables it is clear that the partners have completed the all the work packages to a high quality, as such project is expected to score a very high grade.

A proposal is being prepared to take the ACTs project to the next level. While ACTs produced e-learning scenarios describing each of the collision rules one-by-one to help cadet and seafarers to better understand and interpret the COLREGs, ACTs Plus intends to go one step further to try and use the Pareto analysis results of the ACTs project (Lahiry and Ziarati, 2014) to develop more complex and serious scenarios where several of the collision regulations have to be considered at



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once. More information about The Pareto Analysis is given in http://www.marifuture.org/Publications/Articles/Reduction_of_collisions_risks_at_sea.pdf

MariEMS

The first partner meeting of the project MariEMS was held on 12th and 13th November 2015 in Kenilworth UK.



Photos 5 and 6 shows the first MariEMS partner meeting in the UK. In the Photo 6, the partners from left to right are Captain Heikki Koivisto (Port of Rauma, FI), Mrs Leila Tasku (Satakunta University, FI), Mrs Raffaella Rovida (TEAM IT), Dr Basak Akdemir (Bahcesehir University, TR), Dr Enrico Rovida (TEAM, IT), Professor Reza Ziarati (C4FF, UK), Mrs Faye Mundy (C4FF, UL), Chief Engineer Ersin Turkerker (Makroshipping, TR), Professor German De Melo (Politecnica de Barcelona, ES), Tomaz Gregoric (SPIN, SI), Captain Zakirul Bhuiyan and William Beckerleg (Southampton Solent University, UK).

This project is expected to help reduce energy use on board ships and in ports contributing to a significant reduction of marine pollutions and engine emissions. This project proposes the development of an energy management job and training specification, as well as an e-learning delivery system for the new role of the Energy Manager which has been created specifically for the shipping industry. The intention of MariEMS is also to encourage shipping companies to seek ISO 50001 certification.

MariePRO Project

In a series of Skype meetings the partners have decided to hold their final meeting and conference in Turku at the same time as the European Maritime Day (EMD). The plans are in place to hold the partner in meeting on 17th May 2016 followed by participation in EMD in the morning and to continue the partner meeting in the afternoon of the 18th May. On the 19th May the partners intend to hold s workshop and meet to finalise the arrangements for ending the project and plan the post-funding period of the project. All partners can now start planning their travel to Turku in May and, when the EMD programmes are ready, to commence promoting the project's final conference and EMD workshop.

SeaTALK Project

As reported in earlier News the SeaTALK project was concluded in September 2015, to this end the partners are now working on the final report.



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The extension of the project provided the partners with an opportunity to bring the SeaTALK framework and materials in line with IMO's new Maritime English Model Course which was published late in September 2015. The time to make the project compliant the IMO Model Course was short but the partners were generous to allocate resources to ensure the final report and documents include the outcome of the work. In parallel, efforts are being put into seeking accreditation from Malta and from IMarEST. Both bodies have been contacted and the work for accreditation by the Maltese accreditation authority is continuing.

SeaTALK material collection and development is an ongoing process and will continue in the post funding period. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution can still do so by going to the website (www.seatalk.pro) and submitting his/her material as advised in the video's. All contributions are welcome. The Partners are currently planning for future activities for sustainability and maintaining the collection and development of SeaTALK materials.

A summary of all projects can be found in www.marifuture.org. For further information about MariFuture please refer to the MariFuture website.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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