



The February Development Paper is in two parts; Part 1 concerns the recent discussions between Professor Ziarati and the Commissioner, Maria Damanaki and Part 2 contains the call details for the Waterborne Topics in FP7 Transport Workprogramme 2012. Professor Ziarati is keen for MariFuture project teams to take full advantage of the opportunities within the FP7 and to prepare themselves for EU new initiatives as outlined by the Commissioner, Maria Damanaki.

Part 1 Summary

In a recent letter to Professor Ziarati, the European Commissioner, Maria Damanaki, has presented two new initiatives namely, “Marine Knowledge 2010” and “Towards an Integrated Maritime Policy” which are considered important as far as the future well-being of the maritime industry is concerned. The former initiative is expected to create opportunities for the SMEs particularly in innovative actions as it aims to improve knowledge infrastructure and overcome barriers to discovery, access and use of data; it will therefore unlock and assemble marine data from different sources and facilitate their use for purposes other than those for which they were originally intended. The second initiative although targeting the Mediterranean Sea basins would directly affect almost half of the European member states and through existing development projects with north African countries neighbouring the Mediterranean, indirectly the other half of Europe.

Part 2 Summary

Eight new calls have been drafted and are expected to be announced shortly. Professor Ziarati is keen for consortiums involved with MariFuture to consider forming project teams to take full advantage of the opportunities open to all those who have a contribution to make and are willing to make Europe rise up to the challenges before it. Full details of these calls are given in the February Development Paper and the titles are as follows:

Waterborne Topics in FP7 Transport Workprogramme 2012:

- SST.2012.1.1-2. Assessment and mitigation of noise impacts of the maritime transport on the marine environment (Coordinated call within the framework of the Ocean of Tomorrow)
- SST.2012.2.2-1. Green vessels for efficient logistics chain
- SST.2012.2.2-2. Towards an implementation of the NAIADES Action Areas
- SST.2012.4.1-1. Human element factors in shipping safety
- SST.2012.4.1-2. Safety of ships in extreme conditions
- SST.2012.5.2-3. Innovative structural and outfitting materials for ships including inland ships
- SST.2012.5.2-5. E-guided vessels: the 'autonomous' ship
- SST.2012.5.2-6. E-Maritime