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ACTs Project

The project has been extended and is expected to be concluded at the end of December 2015. As a result of the meeting in Opatia in Croatia the areas for final improvements have been identified. These improvements have been transformed into specific tasks and are being implemented in the remaining part of this month and in December. The partners are also concluding the translation work. The translation of learning material means that ecolregs course will be available in several European languages.

MariLANG

As reported in September 2015 the MariLANG proposal has been approved and will be funded through the German National Agency. The first partner meeting will take place in Bulgaria in the week beginning 16th November 2015.

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 is expected to start in November 2015 and funding period concluded in October 2017.

The project partners are:

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

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MariEMS

MariFuture was also pleased to hear that the MariEMS project has been approved for funding by the UK National Agency. The first meeting took place on the 12th and 13th November in Kenilworth UK when this news was going to the print.



Photos 1 and 2 showing the partners meeting to kick start the MariEMS Project.

The project is of 2-year duration. There are 9 partners from 6 European countries:

1. SSU (Southampton Solent University), UK - Project Leader
2. C4FF (Centre for Factories of the Future), UK - Technical Coordination
3. UPC (University of Barcelona), ES
4. SAMK (University of Satakunta), FI
5. SPIN (Spinaker), SI
6. TEAM, IT
7. BAU (Bahcesehir University), TR
8. Makroshipping, TR – Pilot ship
9. Port of Rauma, FI – Pilot port

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.

The December 2015 News will report on the outcome of the first partner meeting at C4FF offices in Kenilworth, UK.



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MariePRO Project

The latest partner meeting took place in Budapest, Hungary, 10-11th September 2015 and tasks have been allocated accordingly. The survey and good practice reports are ongoing and partners are beginning to make arrangements to host the project final partner meeting and conference at the same time as the European Maritime Day (EMD 2016) which will take place in Turku, Finland. The preliminary plan is to have the final Partner meeting and the project final conference on 17th May 2016 and to attend the EMD in the morning of 18th and continue with the Partner meeting in the afternoon. On the second day of the EMD the intention is to organise a workshop introducing MariePRO to participants of the EMD. More on the arrangements regarding the MariePRO meeting and Final Conference will be released in the December 2015 News but all MariFuture partners should start planning their travel to Turku in May 2016 to attend EMD 2016 and the MariePRO final conference.

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 which is expected to be finalised by end of this month. 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 by the partners were generous to allocate resources to ensure the final report and documents include the outcome of the work in make SeaTALK in line with the requirements of the IMO. 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 now in hand.

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.

Meeting with IMO and IALA officials

Professor Ziarati has had a series of meetings with senior IMO and IALA officials as well as other prominent maritime organisations early in September 2015 including a dinner reception where the most recent development at MariFuture were discussed. The meetings provided opportunities to



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discuss recent EU funded MariFuture projects such as ACTs, SeaTALK, MarTEL and so forth as well as the new projects such as MariEMS and MariLANG to colleagues at IMO and other organisations such IALA who were invited to event in September. The intention is initiate discussions with colleagues at IALA for promote projects M'aider, SURPASS and MarTEL as well as SeaTALK.

Apart from the MariEMS and MariLANG's successes several new initiatives have now been considered by national and commercial organisations; these initiatives will safeguard the future of MariFuture in the next few years. Due to confidentiality issues the nature of these initiatives will not be made public for the time being.

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

Best wishes

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