Summary

The MaritimeTraining Platform promotes and provides access to a number of innovative ICT-based maritime education and training (MET) products. The selected products directly address particular problems or deficiencies in MET, and represent innovative use of ICT. The website provides a range of new and novel products which are available online, many of which are free of charge to use.

With 80% of accidents taking place at sea due to human factors, including poor communication, widespread implementation of these product materials, courses and tests will save lives, and reduce material and financial losses for businesses, whilst also raising the standards and quality of education to both individuals and training providers.

These products were developed according to international standards such as the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Standards of Certification, Training, and Watchkeeping (STCW). As the IMO is the United Nations' specialised agency, responsible for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships, it is essential to follow the standards that they set. All of the products promote competencies designed to meet these standards, and some lead to internationally recognised qualifications.

Project Progress

The Project has officially ended by February 2013 and final report has been submitted to EC (EACEA) for evaluation and grading.

The Project has led to MaritimeTraining platform (**www.maritimetraining.pro**) where a number of products are included related to maritime. The platform has its own unique assessment system for evaluating ICT based project funded by the EU. When any project funded by EU is

submitted for evaluation, they is evaluated with a set criteria to be selected as "Good Practice" product where they will eventually be promoted in the MaritimeTraining Platform.

For more information please visit: http://www.maritimetraining.pro/index.php/good-practice-criteria

The platform was recently presented at European Maritime Day 2013 in a workshop. It received a decent interest from the audience. A number of leaflets were distributed and individual contacts made during the event are being enlighten with more information on platform.
The platform is being maintained at post funding stage with news and updates. New products are being added to the platform once they are available.

The existing products of the platform are open to public and introduced below:

- **MarTEL** (Maritime Test of English)
- **EGMDSS** (Short and Long Range GMDSS Certification)
- **NetOSKAR** (Maritime Competence Assessment Tool)
- **MarEng and MarEng Plus** (Maritime English Learning Tools)
- **MEP** (Maritime Training Courses)
- **M'aider** (Maritime Aid' Development for Emergency Responses)
- **Surpass** (Training in Ship Automation)
- **CAPTAINS** (Communication and Practical Training Applied in Nautical Studies)
- **Rank-UP** (Creating Career Opportunities for Able Seafarers)

More information about each selected product of MaritimeTraining, please follow the link:
http://www.maritimetraining.pro/index.php/products

If you are a project consortium, a MET or an individual and have worked or working on an innovative maritime product based on Information, Communication Technology (ICT) and you want to promote it, you can submit it to IMPACT consortium for evaluation.

Visit www.maritimetraining.pro for more information.