

UniMET 4th Newsletter

This newsletter reports the progress made from June 2012 to February 2013 in UniMET (Unification of Maritime Education and Training) project. UniMET project with its partnerships has been involved in unifying the core of Maritime Education and Training, first across Europe and at latter stage worldwide. Key aim of the UniMET initiative included improving the employability of EU seafarers and supporting shipping safety by enhancing MET standards beyond IMO's Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW 2010) minimum standards. By aiming for greater mobility of seafarer, it is hoped that the project will ultimately help more young people to join the industry.

UniMET Symposium (Going Beyond the Existing Standards in Maritime Education and Training)

A symposium was held at The Royal Institution of Naval Architects, in London on 22nd November 2012, hosted by Centre for Factories of the Future with support from UniMET consortium to illustrate the benefits of the UniMET Programmes and to promote the transfer of good practices between maritime institutions of European countries. Examples of and discussions about UniMET and how it could be implemented within different institutions and countries were also discussed .

A distinguished panel of international speakers made presentations on various aspects of UniMET and its constituent elements such as MarTEL (www.martel.pro), EGMDSS (www.egmdss.com) making references to best practices in Maritime Education and Training (MET), focusing on the future opportunities to improve the quality and standards of MET. The symposium also discussed ideas to improve the current situation and looked at the issues from the view of different Maritime professionals, academics, policy makers ,national and international organisations.

UniMET Seminar and 5th Partner Meeting

UniMET Seminar and Final Conference were held on 24th and 25th January 2013, at Bottiglieri Shipping Company Conference room, in Naples, Italy. The conference theme was structured to illustrate the benefits of the UniMET programmes and to promote the transfer of good practices between MET institutions throughout Europe. Examples of and discussions about UniMET and how it could be implemented within different institutions and countries were provided. The meeting was attended by key policy makers, stakeholders, awarding and licencing bodies of maritime institutions.

During the partner meeting, a series of discussions took place about dissemination and update of cross-referencing tables based on the recent changes of STCW2010 and IMO model courses. The exploitation activities and plans for post funding stage were also discussed.

Attraction of new associate partners

UniMET, during its post-funding period, intends to take the opportunity of inviting new MET providers to join the consortium. Any maritime education and training institutions, industrial stakeholders, and decision makers in Europe are invited to join the UniMET Partnership as an Associate partner. In return, UniMET offers Associate Partners a range of benefits such as::

Participation in UniMET events (e.g. meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences)

Access to UniMET reports, evaluations, papers

Free access and use of UniMET products

Access to UniMET programmes and constituent elements

Serving as a member of the UniMET steering committee

Supporting in organising UniMET events and activities,

Involving UniMET with European platforms

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