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### **SeaTALK (Creation of a Qualification Framework for Effective Communication at Sea)**

SeaTALK Project is underway! Arrangements were made and 1<sup>st</sup> partner meeting will take place in Antwerp Maritime Academy by the end of February.

Funded European Union, SeaTALK project with its 9 partners across Europe commenced by January 2013 with aim to establish a harmonised comprehensive framework for Maritime English Education and Training, where a standard approach to teaching, learning, assessment and transparency of qualifications throughout Europe is established for each type and rank of seafarers. It will establish a Maritime English ECVET model for mutual recognition and transparency of learning outcomes and competences. The framework will take the IMO and EU requirements into consideration as well as incorporating the achieved outcomes of recent EU funded Maritime English projects including the developed e-learning platform.

A survey is being conducted in all partner countries and other possible countries. It investigates the detailed Maritime English Training Courses offered by Maritime Universities/Institutions/Training Centres. Since the learning outcomes and the number of credits assigned to Maritime English across Europe differ from country to country, and even among MET institutions of the same country, consortium try to gather information on some basic common ingredients in the Maritime English learning outcomes that play a significant role in assigning credits to the course, for instance: attendance and continuous assessment and activities during the classes. If you are a maritime education and training institutions and run Maritime English course and would like to take part in our survey, please contact to project promoter, Dr. Martin Ziarati, via [martin.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk](mailto:martin.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk).

Maritime English Language Competence Grid (linked to CEFR) is being developed with the lead of Turkish Partner, Piri Reis University. It will show a detailed presentation of the single English Language competence for each type and rank of seafarers. This will be linked to the descriptors of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) in terms of the competences required in the linguistic aspects. This will form the basis of the development of the Maritime English Training Modules and contribute to the proposed ECVET model.

Project website is being designed and developed and will be available by the end of March. For the time being, you can find more information about project from the following links: <http://www.marifuture.org/Projects/Projects.aspx> and <http://www.c4ff.co.uk/Martel.aspx>.

More progress report will be available in February progress report.



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### Bridge - BRIDGES OF KNOWLEDGE FOR EU-TR CHAMBERS

Bridge Project commenced by mid December 2012 and will carry on 12 months with support from EU-TURKEY to build knowledge and Cooperation Bridge between Europe and Turkey.

Promoted by IMEAK DTO (Chamber of Shipping), Project BRIDGE aims to improve the cooperation and knowledge exchange between Europe and Turkey with partners from Turkey, Belgium, Italy, Croatian and Finland. Chambers in Turkey, as running towards being member of EU, also aims to gather knowledge, experience and strategy from the other chambers thereby allowing Turkish Chambers to improve their practices.

Project held its first partnership meeting in 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with attendance of all its partners across Europe. There was also press seminar at the second day of the partner meeting where the press was informed about the project aims and objectives highlighting the current situations within the chambers. This had also created a platform to identify the best practices within the chambers.

The project developed a survey to gather the opinion of chamber members to improve the quality standards offered by the chamber in Turkey and across Europe. If you are a member of chamber of shipping, please follow the link provided below to provide your view on the current practices: [http://www.jetanket.com/s/dto\\_ab01](http://www.jetanket.com/s/dto_ab01)

More information can be found about the project from the following link: <http://www.denizticaretodasi.org.tr/Sayfalar/ProjectBridge.aspx#FA>

### UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education) – [www.unimet.pro](http://www.unimet.pro)

UniMET Project is progressing well.

UniMET Final Conference was held at Giuseppe Bottiglieri Shipping S.p.A. in Napoli, Italy on 24/25 January 2013. A number of representatives were present e.g. MET Institutions, Policy Makers, Stakeholders etc. The aim of the Conference was to disseminate the outcomes of the project, exchange opinions and to discuss the UniMET results and outcomes, as well as important topics and subjects in the domain of Maritime Education and Training. Full results and reports on the outcomes of the conference will be available in the project website.

The announced changes to IMO Model courses are delayed pending additional revision. It has been stated that Master and Chief Mate (IMO Model course 7.01), Chief Engineer Officer and Second Engineer Officer (IMO Model course 7.02) as well as Officer in charge of Engineering Watch (IMO Model course 7.04) were referred back to the co-ordinators for further revision of the courses to reflect closely the requirements of the IMO STCW 2010 Manila Amendments.

Professor Ziarati representing PRU/C4FF has an invitation to visit the IMO World Maritime University (WMU) and also intends to visit EMSA in the near future. The meetings will play a significant role to ensure the UNIMET project can be exploited effectively. Meetings were conducted with senior board members of BIMCO and Professor Ziarati and there are plans for future discussions with BIMCO after the intended meetings with IMO and WMU.



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UniMET also invites new associate partners into the UNIMET project to support its exploitation. A number of new partners have shown much interest in joining the UNIMET project, with some acceptance already. Any maritime education and training institutions, industrial stakeholders, and decision makers from across Europe may join UniMET Partnership as an Associate partner.

In return, UniMET offers Associate Partners a range of benefits:

- 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
- Support in organising UniMET events and activities
- Involvement with European platforms

To become a member of UniMET, please contact the project manager <http://www.unimet.pro/Contact-Us.aspx>

### **IMPACT (Integrated Maritime Promotion ACTION) - [www.maritimetraining.pro](http://www.maritimetraining.pro)**

IMPACT Project successfully completed and will carry on its activities at post funding stage.

It is expected that further ICT based maritime training products will be added to the platform at post funding stage. There are currently 10 products which scored sufficiently to become part of MaritimeTraining platform.

- **MarTEL** - Maritime Tests of English Language)
- **MarENG** – Online Maritime English Learning Tools
- **NetOSKAR** – Online Maritime Training Assessment Tool
- **MEP** – Maritime Education Platform
- **EGMDSS** – Online EGMDSS Training
- **M'aider** – Maritime Aids Development for Emergency Responses
- **SURPASS** – Training on Ship Automation
- **CAPTAINS** - Communication and Practical Training in Applied Nautical Studies
- **Rank-Up** – Creating career opportunities for Able Seafarers
- **SafeBridge** – Web Based Navigation Equipment Training

It is expected that IMPACT 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference will take place by late 2013 with support from all existing IMPACT partners. More information will follow in project website.

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](http://www.maritimetraining.pro) for more information.



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### **Sail Ahead (Onshore Career Guidance Tool for Seafarers) – [www.sailahead.pro](http://www.sailahead.pro)**

Sail Ahead project was concluded and further work will be carried at post-funding stage.

The website provides guidance to Captains/Deck Officers/Deck Cadets who have/are going to secure qualification to primarily work at sea but would wish to know more or find opportunity to work ashore on maritime related jobs.

The Sail Ahead platform provides:

- Information on the alternative career paths and required skills to do the job
- Recorded videos with professionals who managed to find a job ashore as after being at sea for some years
- Online guidance tool available to know which career suits them best looking at their past experience, qualifications as well as their personal interests

### **MarTEL Plus (Maritime Tests of English Language) – [www.plus.martel.pro](http://www.plus.martel.pro)**

MarTEL Plus officially came to the end of its project funded period at the end of November 2012.

All key project deliverables were met and completed thanks to the collaborative efforts of the project consortium. A new website was also designed for the launch of the MarTEL Plus functionalities and this is now live on the following link: <http://www.martel.pro>.

The MarTEL partnership welcomes contact from all interested parties, including seafarers of all ranks, maritime industry experts, professionals and organisations, and those institutions or companies expressing an interest in becoming a test centre.

### **CAPTAINS (Communication and Practical Training Applied In Nautical Studies) – [www.captains.pro](http://www.captains.pro)**

At the end of December 2012, the Captains project officially finished and entered the post-funding period, in which all partners will continue to support the sustainability and exploitation of the Captains product. All partners have been involved in the submission of key documentation to the project contractor in support of dissemination activities, project finances and their respective work packages, in order to complete the Final Report for the Captains project.

A new website has been designed for Captains to replace the project website and launch the product into this new and exciting time for the Captains consortium. All partners would welcome the involvement and contact of seafarers and maritime industry professionals across Europe. Get in touch with us via the contact section on the Captains website, located at <http://www.captains.pro>.

### **TRECVET (Transnational Recognition of European Certification in Vocational Education and Training) – [www.trecvet.eu](http://www.trecvet.eu)**

TRECVET project is progressing well.

Partners are working hard to disseminate and exploit the project results to wider audience.



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5<sup>th</sup> Partner meeting will take place in London, UK and the arrangements for the partners are being made by the UK partner. Furthermore, an UK ECVET expert is being invited to this partner meeting to explain more about the ECVET principles to partnership consortium.

The consortium will run an “End of Project Conference” in September 2013 in Palma de Mallorca, where the full results of the project will be showcased, with a number of presentations from the partnership, as well as policy-makers and the stakeholders across Europe. Representatives from maritime authorities, maritime institutions, crew agencies, accrediting bodies, shipping companies, professionals and journalists will be present at the conference.

**GETAFIX (Gaining Educational Training Analysis For Identifying Cross Border Systems) – [www.getafix.eu](http://www.getafix.eu)**

GETAFIX project is progressing well.

Partners are working hard to finalise the comparison of qualifications of Seafarers in small commercial vessels. They are being made available as when they are available. They can be viewed through the link here: <http://www.getafix.eu/compare.html>

4th Partner meeting will take place in Poland on April 2013. Arrangements are being made by the Polish partner, Danmar Computers.

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