



### **MariFuture Future Map**

April is the month each year when MariFuture map is reviewed for next period, this year for period 2015 – 2020. The new Centre in Kenilworth, UK will take responsibility for MariFuture. The second workshop of MariePRO took place at the new Centre and was very successful.



The 2014 was devoted to safety at sea and MariFuture supported the development of several projects. Project ACTs ([www.ecolregs.com](http://www.ecolregs.com)) was initiated by C4FF (in response to the EU policy for zero collision) as part of the MariFuture drive to reduce collisions and grounding at sea with a view to examine the COLEREGS, IMO's 'rule of the road', and try to improve the application of these important set of rules. Two other projects, one to reduce stress on board ships (project SOS) and one to improve communication on board vessels (Project SeaTALK) were also initiated. All three projects were funded by the EU and are progressing well. The 2015 is the MariFuture year of energy efficiency.

The development paper this month is devoted to three new MariFuture proposals, namely, MariEMS, MariLANG and i-SCPOE. These projects are being initiated as result of the IMO and EU's drive to reduce fuel consumption and reduce emissions of harmful pollutants into atmosphere.

The three areas being promoted by IMO and EU are as follows:

1. IMO's support for the IMLA's prepared Maritime English Model Course



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2. IMO's attempt in implementing EEDI and and SEEMP
3. EU Blue Growth and Environmental Initiatives

Despite the heavy workload (SeaTALK and ACTS partner project meetings organised for mid- March and the end of March 2015 respectively as well as the MariePRO project Seminar, organised at the new Centre, very close to the dead

line of 31 March 2015 for project submission of proposals to the EU) the following projects were submitted for funding to the EU under the Erasmus + programme. It is worth noting that formation of three major consortia, one, for each of the proposed projects, and development of three credible proposals is a major undertaking and for any organisation and for this reason I would like to thank C4FF team for working hard, late evenings for several weeks, to prepare three outstanding proposals and do their outmost to prepare for SeaTALK and MariePRO as well as preparing for project ACTS meeting. It is worth noting that it is not too late and other MariFuture partners can join these three consortia.



Picture from Seataalk meeting in UK



Picture from ACTS meeting

The summary of new projects can be found in the March 2015 Development Paper - see <http://www.marifuture.org/Reports/Development-Papers.aspx>. For further information about MariFuture please refer to the MariFuture website.

Best wishes

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