

**MariFuture: European Platform for Maritime Education, Research, and Innovation****Foreword**

It is good to note that all projects are progressing well. It is my pleasure to announce that C4FF and its partners managed to prepare several novel proposals for ERASMUS + and HORIZON 2020 and submit them on time. The MariFuture plan see <http://www.marifuture.org/Plans.aspx> is being implemented with meticulous precision. The success of MariFuture has been remarkable particularly considering that it has managed to successfully seeking funding for its proposals specifically from the EU. Projects METROM, MARINE and SOS are progressing well and the SOS second partner meetings is being planned for this June (7-11) in Lithuania. This progress report focuses on three projects, SeaTALK, MarTEL and ACTS.

For more information about the MariFuture proposals submitted to the EU recently see April/May 2014 News (<http://www.marifuture.org/News.aspx>) or the Development Paper for May 2014 (http://www.marifuture.org/Reports/Development-Papers/ADP_04_2014_MARIFUTURE.pdf).

MariFuture also participated in the TMCE 2014 (<http://tmce.io.tudelft.nl/>) by chairing two sessions and presenting a paper on its ongoing FP7 project (ExtremeFactories - <http://www.extremefactories.eu/>). The paper titled 'Development of an On-line Innovation Platform for SMEs' was received well. The platform is expected to be piloted in several shipping companies this summer. A new consortium is being formed with some of the existing ExtremeFactories partners to develop a new proposal for HORIZON 2020 ICT 2015.

Thank you to all who have support the preparation of the new MariFuture proposals.

Best wishes

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Introduction

The following paragraphs report on the progress being made by the MariFuture partners in May 2014 concerning the SeaTALK, ACTs and MarTEL projects.

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

A sample training module and its learning materials for the online platform are being drafted and will be available at www.seatalk.pro. The design of the platform will be made more attractive and the partners agreed that the SeaTALK online platform will have a focus on learning/training materials for the learners.

The revision of IMO Model Course 3.17 was discussed and is due to be completed by the end of October 2014.

More information on the progress of the SeaTALK project will be available in the June 2014 Progress Report.

ACTs (Avoiding Collisions At Sea)

The ACTs project is progressing well and the partners are working hard to get ready for the next partner meeting.

A report on training needs based on the results of the ACTs questionnaire, the feedback from the validation workshops and accident reviews is being produced

The new project website went live: www.ecolregs.pro

More information on the ACTs project will be available in the June 2014 Progress report.

MarTEL (Maritime Tests of English Language) – www.martel.pro

The MarTEL Team is currently in contact with several interested institutions, companies and individuals who are looking to launch MarTEL around the world in 2014.

The MarTEL team is working to update the supporting materials for the MarTEL Centres who will be running the MarTEL Tests and/or Training Courses. They are also working on updating the MarTEL website for their customers' ease of use.



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The MarTEL partnership welcomes contact from all interested parties, including seafarers of all types and ranks, maritime industry experts, professionals and organisations, and those institutions or companies who have an interest in becoming an Approved MarTEL Centre.

For more information, please visit the MarTEL website: www.martel.pro

More updates about MarTEL will be included in the June 2014 progress report.

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