



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

Foreword

June has been a busy month for most academics. This is the month when examinations are taking place and academic staff members commence marking examination papers, concluding their work for the current academic year and firm up on arrangements for the next year. We have had so many responses from so many people on our work in June and due to shortage of time could not develop a paper to reply or comment on the responses. Academic developments are continuing this month (July) for many of us but nevertheless opportunities should be created to devote some time to comment on the recent feedback received on our work. The plan is to write a development paper for August to report on the comments and discussions of people who took time to write to us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and say that MariFuture will report on discussions including those that took place in social media such as LinkedIn when presenting papers on Maritime Education and Training in forthcoming conferences. For instance, the following are a summary of the papers accepted by IMEC 25 (<http://imec25.pirireis.edu.tr/>) and IMLA 21 (<http://www.imala2013.com/>) organising/paper committee for presentation in the conferences planned in Turkey and in Canada in September and October respectively:

1. Developing a Maritime English Programme for MarTEL and MarTEL Plus – Project SeaTALK by M Ziarati, R Ziarati, A Sihmantepe, S Sernikli and U Acar
2. Joint Workshop: Validating Maritime English Learning Outcomes and Competences by Aydin Sihmantepe, Serhan Sernikli, Sonya Toncheva, Daniela Zlateva
3. Removing Barriers to Mobility of Seafarers by Dr. Martin Ziarati, Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati, Officer Ugurcan Acar
4. What Is Wrong? A Review of National, European and International Efforts in Improving the Standard and Quality of Maritime Education and Training by Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati
5. Looking into the Future – LeanShip (LeanShip: Development of an Integrated Ship Management System Ensuring Efficient Propulsion and Minimum Emissions of Pollutants) by Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati Professor, Dr. Martin Ziarati, Mr. Lakhvir Singh
6. Establishment of a Common Platform for the Maritime Education and Training by Ass. Prof. Ergun Demirel, Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati

These papers included comments and previous findings on developments that took place as part of the MariFuture Future Map. The comments in June and July will be made use of when amending the MariFuture Future Map.

Thank you to all those who took pen to paper and wrote to us, please continue doing so and those of you who have written to become involved with MariFuture will be given the opportunity to join the platform. Remember, any maritime organisation or individual who



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has been involved in at least one EU funded transfer or development of innovation including any FP7 or FoF can join with no restriction. All others with a contribution to make will become associate members and will be given a chance to become involved in innovation projects in the future.

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Introduction

The following chapters will report the progress made by the MariFuture projects and its partners in June 2013.

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

Arrangements are being made for the IMCE25 Conference which is set to take place on 23-26 September 2013 at Piri Reis University Premises in Istanbul, Turkey. Two papers abstracts have been accepted by IMEC paper committee. The first paper entitled “Developing a Maritime English Programme for MarTEL and MarTEL Plus – The first paper entitled “Developing a Maritime English Programme for MarTEL and MarTEL Plus – Project ‘SeaTALK’ Project” reports on the SeaTALK works in progress. The second paper entitled “JOINT WORKSHOP: VALIDATING MARITIME ENGLISH LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCES” will report on the Maritime English Learning outcomes and competences developed and seek for validation from the audience. New members are joining the SeaTALK steering committee. The Steering Committee is composed of partner associates in the maritime industry from chambers of shipping, employers associations, and awarding and licensing bodies. Each partner has selected one Steering Committee member. The role of the committee is to provide a point of contact with the policymaking target groups and to provide



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guidance and advice if required. The Steering Committee members support the project, and allow its results to be widely disseminated.

A number of teleconferences took place to discuss the project progress, particularly Competence Grid and Survey.

SeaTALK Quality manual is being drafted by Maltese partner. The manual contains all the information that is required for the efficient and high quality operation of the project. It also defines and describes the system that will be in place throughout the project to ensure high quality results.

A survey¹ investigating the detailed Maritime English Training Courses offered by Maritime Universities/Institutions/Training Centres is still active and the report on the analysis of the survey will be published in SeaTALK website by September 2013. If you are a maritime education and training institutions and run Maritime English course, you may still wish to take part in the survey.

Work on Competence Grid is still in progress by the lead partner, Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy². A draft version for Officer of Watch level is agreed and final touches are being made. Competence Grid at Officer of Watch level will be ready by the end of July 2013. Once it is finalised, competence grid for other ranks such as senior officers/captains/engineers/senior engineers/ratings will be developed.

Several dissemination activities are taking place by the close cooperation of the partners at several major events across Europe.

A Brand new SeaTALK website is designed and developed. It will be launched by the end July 2013.

A newsletter is designed and produced reporting the progress made in the first 6 month of the project. A copy of it is available upon request.

More information on the progress will be available in July progress report.

Bridge - BRIDGES OF KNOWLEDGE FOR EU-TR CHAMBERS

Bridge Project is progressing well.

Project BRIDGE brings businesses together in Istanbul in order to build sustainable bridges of knowledge between Chambers. Turkish Chamber of Shipping will host a Conference and Networking Event on 24th September 2013 at Turkish Chamber of Shipping, Istanbul.

More information on the project can be found following the link below the following link:

<http://www.denizticaretodasi.org.tr/Sayfalar/ProjectBridge.aspx#FA>

UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education)

UniMET Project is progressing well at post-funding stage.

Further refinements are being made to UniMET Online Platform with new developments taking place in terms of programme design and development.

¹ SeaTALK Survey - See <http://www.c4ff.co.uk/limesurvey/index.php?sid=62717&lang=en>

² NICOLA VAPTSAROV NAVAL ACADEMY – See <http://www.naval-acad.bg/>



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A number of Turkish Students who have been through TRAIN 4Cs mobility programmes (UniMET) were interviewed. The interviews are due to be published in July issue of Turkish Shipping Magazine published by Turkish Chamber of Shipping. The magazine has over 10.000 subscribers at local, national and international level.

Preparations are being made for the papers that were submitted to IMLA21 Conference paper committee. The conference is set to take place on 9-12th October 2013 in Newfoundland, Canada³. Copy of full papers will be available in MariFuture papers section after they are published in Conference proceedings.

UniMET consortium invites new associate partners to join UniMET. A number of new associate partners were joined to UniMET. Any maritime education and training institutions, industrial stakeholders, and decision makers from across Europe may join UniMET Partnership as an Associate partner. To become an associate member of UniMET, please contact the project manager www.unimet.pro/Contact-Us.aspx

UniMET has an active LinkedIn page where a number of discussions etc. are taking place. If anyone is interested to join, here is the link:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=4630231&trk=anet_ug_hm

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

Outcome of MarTEL Plus project is being maintained and valorised at post funding staged.

On Thursday 13 June 2013, C4FF team was invited and joined a conference in Telford, United Kingdom to present and celebrate the success of MarTEL Projects.

A stand at the conference was allocated to C4FF team: Dr Martin Ziarati - Chairman of the Centre for Factories of the Future (C4FF), Captain Himadri Lahiry - a project officer and Dawid Bednarczyk- an Erasmus intern to the company. Everybody was engaged and eager to know more about MarTEL.

The stand in the exhibition centre comprised a table with leaflets and materials presenting the project, including the Teachers' Guidelines written to prepare the candidates for the tests as well as the Students' Guidelines which is developed to understand the idea and procedures connected with the tests. Moreover, the stand comprised a screen with a presentation of the Mobile Application which has been developed in the course of the project works in order to facilitate preparation for the tests and make it more available to the people involved or interested in it. The impact of the conference was highly satisfactory since a lot of students, professors and other important persons got interested in the project and expressed their great support for this kind of projects which definitely and actively contribute to the people at sea and who were not really taken into consideration so attentively before. Among the people who visited our stand and expressed their huge support and interest in MarTEL were: Chris Walker, LLP Director, Ecorys; Ruth Sinclair-Jones, Head of EU Programmes, British Council and many others whom we would like to thank very much for their contribution, opinion and feedback which definitely will result in improvements being introduced to our well-received project.

A number of piloting is taking place across Europe to make further improvements to MarTEL tests.

³ IMLA21 (International Maritime Lecturers Association) Conference – see <http://www.imla2013.com/>



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A number of candidates and institutions have shown interest in either taking the test or becoming a centre.

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. For more information, please visit project website.

TRECVET (Transnational Recognition of European Certification in Vocational Education and Training) – www.trecvet.eu

TRECVET project is progressing well.

Partners are working hard to carry out their tasks while getting closer to project funded period.

A brand new high quality professionally designed Project brochure was designed and developed. It is intended for distribution to the front line operations of the target groups, marina agency and authority offices, sea schools and training organisations. It is available in 3 languages: English, German and Spanish.

Preparations are being made to present the paper submitted to IMLA21 Conference. The paper entitled “Removing Barriers to Mobility of Seafarers” reports the problem in Small Commercial Vessels (SCV) sector as well as introducing the response of TRECVET project with its innovative software tool. Copy of the same paper will be available in MariFuture papers section after it is published in conference proceedings.

An article was published in Turkish Shipping Magazine. The article titled “Creating Employment and Encouraging Mobility: Great Employment Opportunity across Europe for commercial skippers in the SCV Sector!” reporting the progress of the project to wider audience. A copy of it is available in MariFuture articles section:

http://www.marifuture.org/Publications/Articles/Great_Employment_Opportunity.pdf

TRECVET tool makes good progress. You can access the prototype TRECVET tool following the link: <http://www.trecvet.eu/demo-fextool.html>. Full version will be available by the end of July and demonstrated in TRECVET Final Conference.

GETAFIX (Gaining Educational Training Analysis For Identifying Cross Border Systems) – www.getafix.eu

GETAFIX project is progressing well.

On 10th June 2013, a meeting was arranged with EU Project Officer in Tuzla, TR, Mrs Serap Kirdar Kuzoren, and the liaison officer between the Governor’s Office and Piri Reis maritime school in Tuzla, Mr Yalcin Kuzoren.

Later the C4FF Chairman, Professor Dr Reza Ziarati, met the Governor, Mr Mumin Heybet. The discussions concerned the outcome of GETAFIX to date and identification of the problem of mutual recognition of Small Commercial Vessels certificate in Europe and in the wider world. Capt. Boray



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Konuksever, the Director of the Continuing Education Centre and ex-head of Seafarers' examination agency was also present at the meeting.

Partners are working hard to finalise the comparison of qualifications of Seafarers in small commercial vessels. The countries that are finalised can be viewed through the link here: <http://www.getafix.eu/compare.html>

More information on the progress of the project will be available in July progress report.

IMPACT (Integrated Maritime Promotion ACTION) - www.maritimetraining.pro

IMPACT Project resulted in the development of the Maritime Training Platform.

If you are a project consortium, a MET or an individual and have worked or are 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.

Several new proposals are being prepared. More information on the outcome of the proposal will be available on MariFuture platform.

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