



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

Foreword

The MariFuture platform is an important initiative, primarily because it underpins Maritime Education and Training through innovation. In our view, research is a valid way forward; looking at what is already being done well and should therefore be further developed or supported; and what is not being done well enough, or badly, and therefore needs to be changed, stopped, or replaced by something new. It is also to create new things. Innovation to us means, business not at usual. It is therefore with great pleasure that we have heard that that our proposal developed to reduce collisions at sea, project ACTS (Avoiding Collisions aT Sea) has been successful. This project has six partners from across Europe and will be led by Croatia. Some information about this very interesting project is included in this Progress Report. We are equally pleased to note that our proposal to look into the causes of stress on board vessels has been earmarked for funding by the EU. The details of this project together with our involvement in EBDIG – Wind Farm Support Vessel project, a new Leonardo Project funded through the UK National Agency, is welcoming news.

The work on developing new projects is continuing tirelessly as our aim is to make the sea safe, secure and clean.

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Introduction

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

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

The SeaTALK project is progressing well.

Preparation for 3rd SeaTALK partner meeting alongside IMEC25 conference is on-going. 9 partners across Europe will come together to work further on establishing the base for the SeaTALK course which is expected to aid in reducing the accidents where the main cause is communication problems.

A comprehensive dissemination plan was drafted by the UK partner. It is anticipated that this plan will be the guidance for all partners to carry out their dissemination activities smoothly. Any activity planned and carried out will be reflected on the project website.

A survey investigating the detailed Maritime English Training Courses offered by Maritime Universities/Institutions/Training Centres is ongoing and the draft report on the analysis of the survey is available. A report on the current collected data is available upon request from project coordinator, Dr Martin Ziarati, martin.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk. If you are a maritime education and training institution and run Maritime English courses, you may still wish to take part in the survey here: <http://www.c4ff.co.uk/limesurvey/index.php?sid=62717&lang=en>

More information on the progress of the SeaTALK will be available in the September 2013 progress report.

Bridge - BRIDGES OF KNOWLEDGE FOR EU-TR CHAMBERS

The Bridge Project is progressing well.

A brand new project website is being developed and will be up and running by the end of 2013.

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

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

UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education)

The UniMET Project is progressing well in its post-funding stage.

A discussion relating to UniMET was created in LinkedIn by Professor Reza Ziarati and the outcome of the discussion will be reported in the September 2013 development paper. You can access this report by following the link: http://www.marifuture.org/Reports/Development-Papers/ADP_09_2013_MARIFUTURE.pdf

The 2nd issue of interviews with UniMET students have been published in the Turkish Shipping magazine. You can download the relevant part by clicking the link:

<http://www.marifuture.org/Publications/Articles>



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The UniMET consortium is inviting new associate partners to join UniMET. Any maritime education and training institution, industrial stakeholder, and decision maker may join the 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 are taking place:

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

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

MarTEL is being piloted and made ready for launch in a number of EU countries.

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 (www.plus.martel.pro).

More updates about MarTEL will be included in the September 2013 progress report.

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

The TRECVET project is progressing well.

Partners are carrying out a number of dissemination and exploitation activities across Europe to spread the word about TRECVET and convince target users to make use of the tool. A number of maritime publishers have been contacted and had included TRECVET press release in their media.

More update on TRECVET will be available in the September 2013 progress report

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

The GETAFIX project is progressing in its post funding stage.

Partners are working to finalise the comparison of qualifications of Seafarers in small commercial vessels. The countries that are finalised can be viewed through this link:

<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

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

If you are a part of project consortium who are developing, or who have already developed an innovative E-learning Maritime Education tool and you want to promote it on this platform, you can



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submit it to IMPACT consortium for evaluation. Visit www.maritimetraining.pro for more information.

ACTs (Avoiding Collisions At Sea)

A new proposal has been awarded funded by the European Union through the Croatian National Agency. 6 partners across Europe will work towards creating an e-learning platform addressing the need to learn from mistakes and create better a understanding of collision avoidance procedures and the colregs.

Mayday Platform – www.mayday.pro

A brand new learning platform is being developed to enable deck officers/captains to learn from past accidents. The platform benefits from some hundred accident/incidents reports that caused environmental/financial damages, the reports are being made into e-learning scenarios for deck officers/captains to use and learn from.

EBDIG -Wind Farm Support Vessels

A new Leonardo Transfer of Innovation funded project is due to start on october 2013 and will run through September 2015 relating to the design of wind farm support vessels.

Additional

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

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