



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

### **Foreword**

August was a very busy month trying to finalise several visits for the BRIDGE partners to European Commission DGs and various maritime organisations based in Brussels and Demark. The meetings with colleagues at DG MOVE, DG MARE and DG TRADE took place in September were very positive and informative. The summary of visits and meetings are as follows:

- Meeting at EBI (European Boating Industry) with Ms. Mirna CIENIEWICZ, Secretary General
- Meeting at DG MOVE with Mr. Torsten KLIMKE (Head of Unit) and his colleagues EU Commission guided
- Meeting at DG MARE with Mrs. Monique PARIAT (Director) and her colleagues
- Meeting with Dr Bülent Bilgiç, Permanent Representative of TOBB + EUROCHAMBRES in Brussels
- Meeting at DG Trade with Mr. Luc DEVIGNE (Head of Unit)
- Meeting with Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General, ESPO, European Sea Ports Organisation
- Meeting with Julliette Loppe, EUROCHMBERS and meetings in ECSA (European Community Ship-owners Association)

Additionally Professor Reza Ziarati and Dr Martin Ziarati visited BIMCO to meet Mr Torben Skaanild, CEO and Mr Soren Larsen, Deputy Secretary General and COO to discuss specific EU projects and to plan future collaborations - Copenhagen

The outcomes of the visits/meetings to the above organisation were presented at the BRIDGE final conference. Dr Basak Akdemir, Executive member of the Board of Directors at Turkish Chamber of Shipping and Professor Reza Ziarati made keynote speeches highlighting the importance of BRIDGE to Turkey and the achievement of the project to date.

Arrangements had to be made to ensure the International Maritime English Conference (IMEC 25) to be held in Istanbul Turkey in the latter part of September 2013 would be successful. A keynote speech was given by Professor Ziarati, which will appear as the MariFuture Development Paper for November 2013. Several papers were presented at the conference by MariFuture partners; these papers will appear in MariFuture, Papers, in November 2013.

Work on preparing several papers for presentations at the International Maritime Lecturers Association (IMLA) was extensive. The first and the last papers, at the conference, were presented by Professor Reza Ziarati and several key papers on current projects were written by Dr Martin Ziarati et al, Dr Captain Taner Albayrak and Dr Captain Ergun Demirel. They were several papers by MariFuture partners.



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A full list and content of the papers can be obtained from IMEC and IMLA websites.

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## Introduction

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

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

The SeaTALK project is progressing well.

The 4th Partner Meeting will take place around 16th month of the project (April 2014). Given that the 4th Partner Meeting was deemed to be too far in the future, it was suggested that there should be a “mini meeting” involving partners directly involved in module creation for the SeaTALK course in January 2014.

The 3rd SeaTALK partner meeting alongside the IMEC25 conference was held in Istanbul, Turkey. 9 partners across Europe came together to work further on establishing the base for the SeaTALK course. One workshop paper and one project paper were presented at the IMEC25 Conference. The feedback received from the audience was positive.



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

### **UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education)**

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

An expression of interest was received from the Confederation of European Shipmasters' Associations (CESMA), representing 16 shipmasters' associations in 13 EU and future EU member states to learn more about the UniMET programmes.

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

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

MarTEL is being piloted and made ready for launch in a number of EU countries. A number of companies have shown interest in becoming a test centre.

The MarTEL tests will be used in the SeaTALK course for assessment purposes. A number of learning outcomes that are being developed for SeaTALK are being linked to MarTEL for cross-referencing purposes.

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](http://www.plus.martel.pro)).

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

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

The TRECVET project is progressing well.

The EU-funded TRECVET project concluded with a successful end of project conference held in Palma de Mallorca on the 20 September 2013. The aim of the project and conference was to initiate European-wide dialogue about the recognition of professional skipper qualifications between Member States.

Mike John, TRECVET project coordinator, reports "The conference was a great success and we were overwhelmed with the attendance of 75 people including many professional skippers, National Authorities, nautical associations, charter companies, crew agencies, sea and diving schools. This shows that the problem the project addresses has a very wide impact on the industry. The feedback has been very positive and constructive, with the UK and Spanish authorities recognising the need for more cooperation".



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The legacy of this project and the conference is to stimulate cooperation between authorities, generate pressure group activity and create greater worker mobility and opportunities for professional maritime personnel and vocational workers in other sectors across the EU.

The TRECNET project has developed a method and software tool that makes professional skipper qualifications objectively comparable and analyses as a test case three qualifications from the UK, Spain and Germany. The aim is to give detailed and objective information about the qualifications in order to compare them, to identify their commonalities and differences and to start a dialogue about how to improve the current situation regarding the mutual recognition of qualifications. The Comparison Tool can be found at <https://trecnet.eu/comparison-tool.html>.

Based on the success of the conference, the coordinators intend to continue a dialogue with all attendees and maintain the momentum generated by the project. They also invite other authorities and interested parties with similar problems to contact them to formulate solutions based on the experience and tools developed in the TRECNET project. It is also planned to organise a follow-up conference in a years time to assess the advances made in the industry and to evaluate what further actions need to be taken to push this initiative forward.

More update on TRECNET will be available in the October 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 following the link below the following link:

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

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

Partners finalised the comparison of the qualifications of Seafarers in the Small Commercial Vessels (SCV) sector and submitted their final report to their National Agencies. The results of the project can be accessed through European Shared Treasures:

[http://www.europeansharedtreasure.eu/detail.php?id\\_project\\_base=2011-1-ES1-LEO04-36080](http://www.europeansharedtreasure.eu/detail.php?id_project_base=2011-1-ES1-LEO04-36080)

More information on the progress of the project will be available in October 2013 progress report.

### **ACTs (Avoiding Collisions At Sea)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Partner meeting is set to take place in Turkey at Piri Reis University in late November. 6 partners will come together to start the work in the project.

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