



First METPROM Progress Meeting Held in Malmö



During the week of 17 April, the first progress review meeting for the EU funded LEONARDO project METPROM - Modular Enhanced Training Programme for European Maritime Security Personnel - was held in Malmö and hosted by WMU. METPROM deals with the transfer of innovation into a modular and enhanced training programme for European maritime security personnel in ports. WMU is one of the core partners of the consortium led by Piri Reis University Istanbul.

The partners from The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Turkey and Sweden reported about their activities as well as the outcome and preliminary results of their work during the first project period. The three-day meeting included a visit to the port of Malmö to view security related objects and discuss existing challenges as well as potential ways to improve the security level.

In this work package WMU, among others, performed field studies and interviews to analyse security training in sea and airports to compare these approaches with training in other transport modes. The studies are intended to identify potential gaps and needs for harmonizing training programs for personnel assigned to security duties. Furthermore, the work of WMU aims at identifying training subjects that have potential for the integration and implementation of innovative training methods utilizing supporting tools such as e-learning or simulation-based exercises.

More detailed information about the METPROM project can be found at www.metprom.eu



WMU Major Partner in European Funded Leonardo da Vinci Project - METPROM



The European Commission's Leonardo da Vinci (LDV) Programme is established to fund practical projects in the field of vocational education and training. The Initiative of DG Education and Culture includes activities from providing individuals with work-related training abroad to large-scale co-operation efforts. METPROM - Modular Enhanced Training Programme for European Maritime Security Personnel (METPROM) – is one of the latest projects (started on 1st October) running under the LDV – program. The 24-month-project is intended to develop and transfer innovations for maritime security training and simulation based modules to fill security gaps in increasingly complex operational activities in ports which are vital for the timely conduct of shipping and support more than 90 % of world trade.

METPROM is also intended to bring EU wide standards to the port security procedures e.g. through standardized and harmonized training programs in partner countries. New courses are planned under the project including a new course in port security incorporating novel, simulation-based modules utilizing game-based technology, 3D models, and adaptation of an e-learning platform with assessment facilities.

The project's coordinator is Piri Reis University Istanbul, Turkey. Seven core-partners for the project are key training and education institutions and organizations from Turkey, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany and Sweden. The total project budget is almost € 400.00 (392.491,00) with a total community grant of € 300.000 (294.368,00) of which WMU will receive € 50.000,00 (€ 49472).

WMU is involved in all work packages (WP) and responsible leader of the work package on "Development of innovative training environment concept". In this WP WMU will perform analysis of the existing training materials and the consolidation of findings to design and develop training module contents. The Principal investigator at WMU is Associate Professor Michael Baldauf.