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METPROM – NEWSFLASH

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WELCOME TO THE METPROM PROJECT

METPROM is the EU funded Leonardo Da Vinci Project under EU Lifelong Learning Programme to enhance Vocational Education and Training in Port Security



The METPROM Project team is proud to present the first METPROM Newsflash.

In this first issue, we will introduce the METPROM Project and the Project Team.

METPROM stands for “Modular Enhanced Training Programme for European Maritime Security Personnel”

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THE METPROM PROJECT

BACKGROUND



The EU, based upon the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), issued a number of regulations/recommendations aimed at considerably improving maritime security. These are documented in the International Treaty for the Safety of Lives at Sea (SOLAS), and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code (Regulation XI-2/3, 2004 and EU Regulation (EC) 725/2004). The ISPS Code contains detailed security-related requirements for governments, port authorities and shipping companies. It is intended to enable better monitoring of freight flows, to combat smuggling and to respond adequately to the threat of terrorist attacks. Today, many port facilities have to be ISPS-compliant, a process that is inextricably linked to the establishment and maintenance of certain standards for the organization of their security. Many security aspects were thus improved, such as electronic/architectural measures, but the most important aspect, the organizational/operational part of security, received little attention. Besides, in many European countries, maritime private security guards are somehow put 'outside' of the scope of national private security legislation, which CoESS believes to be an alarming trend that could result in a dramatic lowering of the training standards of private security staff in ISPS-compliant (and EU Regulation (EC) 725/2004 compliant) areas.

AIMS OF THE METPROM PROJECT

The main aim of the METPROM Project is to transfer the innovation already developed for the maritime security training and simulation based modules, in order to fill the security gaps created as the result of increased complex operational activities in ports, which are vital for the timely conduct of shipping that more than 90 % of the world trade depend on.

The second aim is to bring EU wide standards to the port security procedures through standardized and harmonized training programmes in partner countries. In order to fulfil these aims, following objectives will be achieved: Skilled trainers operating in all EU Member States, Trained port security personnel operating at ISPS-compliant port facilities, - Uniformity in EU port security and Enhanced port security standards.

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METPROM PARTNERSHIP

The partnership is composed of several partners who have the necessary knowledge and experience on either the security issues or those who have developed similar curricula, software and/or hardware.

Role	Name	Country	Type of organisation	Project Coordinator
Applicant coordinator (CO-APP)	Piri Reis University	TR-Turkey	University (tertiary level) (EDU-UNIV)	Dr. Taner ALBAYRAK
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Core partner (PA-CORE)	Stichting STC-Group	NL-Netherlands	Vocational technical secondary school (EDU- SCHVoc)	Jaap GEBRAAD
Core partner (PA-CORE)	Turkish Association of Private Security Services	TR-Turkey	Nonprofit non-governmental organization ("NGOs") (NFP)	Oryal ONVER
Core partner (PA-CORE)	University of Borås	SE-Sweden	University (tertiary level) (EDU-UNIV)	Dr. Daniel EKWALL
Core partner (PA-CORE)	World Maritime University	SE-Sweden	University (tertiary level) (EDU-UNIV)	Michael BALDAUF
Core partner (PA-CORE)	Hochschule Wismar, University of Technology, Business and Design	DE-Germany	University (tertiary level) (EDU-UNIV)	Knud BENEDICT



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METPROM PROJECT TEAM

PIRI REIS UNIVERSITY (PRU)

PRU was founded by the support and sponsorship of the whole maritime sector, namely Turkish Chamber of Shipping (TCS) through Turkish Maritime Education Foundation (TUDEV). TUDEV, forming the core of PRU, has a very successful history of training of seafarers since 1993 to bring the Turkish Shipping Sector to the world class standards and to establish maritime policies and identify targets that will enhance the economic power, welfare and efficiency of the country in this area as well as to train professional personnel and opening and operating special training institutions for the interested persons to have a career or assisting the educational institutions on maritime to be opened and improve their capabilities in terms of facilities and education with a goal to promote the Turkish Shipping Industry. Having highly experienced staff onboard, PRU has an extensive expertise and competence on the maritime security issues regarding the project.

CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SECURITY SERVICES (COESS)

CoESS is the European umbrella organization for 31 national private security companies' associations. It was founded in 1989. CoESS is the only representative European employers' organization defending the interests of the private security industry and is recognized by the European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities) as a European sectoral social partner in accordance with the European Treaties. CoESS represents 21 EU Member States and a total of 28 countries, which translates into some 50,000 private security companies employing a total of approximately 1.7 million private security guards. CoESS has always considered (vocational) training a priority for the further development/professionalization of the sector. Specific manuals/guidelines have already been produced for certain industry segments. A much-needed asset would be a European-wide Training Programme for Maritime Security Personnel, focused on the ISPS Code (EU Regulation (EC) 725/2004).

STICHTING STC-GROUP (STC)

The STC Group in Rotterdam pools the expertise of suppliers worldwide, for the shipping, port, transport and logistics chain, as well as the harbor-bound oil and chemical sector. This pool has strategic value; indeed, the large projects that governments and industries are engaged in are carried out in a virtually integrated manner. Therefore, the STC Group is a good partner. We combine the development of human resources with advice, technical assistance, investigation and implementation. Where it is meaningful, we use advanced simulators.

TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES (GÜSOD)

GUSOD is the Turkish Association of Private Security Services, founded in 1994. GUSOD is an active member federation of CoESS. It represents 25 active members and 9 private security companies in Turkey, employing approximately 80,000 private security guards. GUSOD is the most prominent private security





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employers' federation in Turkey. Given its expertise and experience related to the ISPS Code, GUSOD is actively involved in CoESS' Working Committee Maritime Security and has always considered (vocational) training a priority for the further professionalizing and developing the private security sector.

UNIVERSITY OF BORAS (UOB)

The University of Borås is a modern university with six departments, offering research and education in Library & Information Studies, Business & Informatics, Fashion & Textile Studies, Behavioural & Education Sciences, and Engineering & Health Sciences. The campus is located in the centre of the city having 15 000 students and 650 employees. The University of Boras has the front edge in several exciting research projects, such as 'Smart textiles', a preferential research area in the region, and 'SecureFlow', addressing secure cargo transportation. The University of Borås is a centre for research in risk, security and safety, with two different focus areas, transport security and health safety, respectively. Research in transport security is strongly linked to the profile area of logistics and demand chain management.

WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (WMU)

The World Maritime University was established in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to increase the number of highly trained specialist maritime personnel in countries across the world, thus ensuring that international maritime conventions can be implemented for the benefit of the whole global maritime community. The University primary research is linked to the issues of improving the maritime safety, better protecting the marine environment, making international shipping and ports more efficient and enhancing the sustainability of the maritime sector. WMU offers high-level maritime education, thus helping the maritime community on global scale to achieve the highest practicable standards in maritime transportation and development. The University offers expert balance of academic study and practical experience, and provides a unique insight into the whole range of maritime endeavor. WMU benefits from the input of around 100 visiting professors.

HOCHSCHULE WISMAR, UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES - TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS AND DESIGN (HSW)

HSW presents the tradition and experience of more than 100 years of education of engineers and consists of three faculties for Engineering, Economics and Design. Presently more than 6.000 students are studying in one of the provided Bachelor or Master courses. The Department of Maritime Studies provides courses for navigation and ships engineers for the highest levels of competencies as captains or chief engineers. Parallel to the student courses there are also a wide range of Professional development Courses for experienced mariners customized to the specific requirements of international shipping companies. Research in the maritime field is carried out on behalf of German Ministries but also for private companies as well. Main equipment for training and research projects is the Maritime Simulation Centre Warnemuende comprising full mission simulators including Safety and Security





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Training. The Department has been involved in numerous research projects on national and international level.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The main tangible outcome is a new course in port security with novel simulation-based modules that will focus on the implementation of game-based technology and 3D models and adaptation of an e-learning platform with assessment facilities. The main intangible outcome is that the course would provide an opportunity for many unemployed with no or little knowledge of port security to acquire the necessary expertise and seek employment in port security duties. Impact is expected very high through widespread use of the courses in partner and other EU countries.

METPROM PROJECT NEXT MEETING

Date : 15-17 April 2013

Venue: WMU – World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden

All interested parties are welcome to attend the partner meetings. We would be very happy to receive your comments/recommendations on the project.

