



Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati (TUDEV) and **Ugurcan Acar** (C4FF) report the progress made by MariFuture partners in May 2012...

UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education) – www.unimet.pro

UniMET interim report submitted to EACEA (The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency) has received high score from the external evaluators.

UniMET 4th Partner meeting took place in Szczecin with the attendance of UniMET partnership. A through discussion was made regarding the progress made after the 3rd partner meeting in UK and further tasks allocation has been made up-to last partner meetings.

Partners work hard to disseminate and exploit the UniMET programmes to wider audience at local, national, European and at International level. A joint paper was submitted to IMLA20 Conference and presentation will be made in July in West-Treschelling, Netherlands. More information, please follow: www.imla20.com.

UniMET 6-monthly newsletter is available to subscribers by June. If you would like to receive 6-monthly newsletter, please follow the UniMET homepage.

UniMET Online portal is constantly reviewed considering the recent changes to STCW and available at www.unimet.pro/moodle. A visit was also made to Ireland when the discussions included involving CIT as partner in the UniMET project. See IMPACT Project below for more detail. More information on the outcome of the visit will be published in June Progress Report.

For more information regarding the progress of UniMET project, please e-mail to project manager, Dr. Martin Ziarati from martin.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk.

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

TUDEV and C4FF visited IMarEST (The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology) (www.imarest.org) and Lloyd's Register (<http://www.lr.org>) in 24 May 2012 to disseminate and exploit IMPACT platform's novel and innovative products (www.maritimetraining.pro). The meeting agenda involved seeking accreditation and support from IMarEST and developing a strategy for Human Factors with Lloyd's. Both major parties stated that happy to support the IMPACT consortium and collaborative works are being carried out.

IMPACT consortium disseminated the project in European Maritime Day in 20th, 21st and 22nd of May in Gothenburg, Sweden (http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/conference/programme_en.htm). This involved discussions with senior industrialists at RORO 2012 event. During Professor Ziarati's discussion with the new IMO Secretary-General, it was agreed to arrange a meeting to review EU funded MET projects before the next meeting of IMO MSC in November.



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Professor Ziarati believes senior members of the EMSA should also be invited to this meeting. Professor Ziarati also had discussion with senior representatives of several European countries and arrangements have been made to arrange several meetings to discuss the outcome of IMPACT as well as other project including UniMET.

In parallel, 2nd IMPACT partner meeting was held in Gothenburg with the attendance of all IMPACT partners. The previous tasks were reviewed and further tasks have been allocated for each partner.

A full paper titled “*IMPACT: Integrated Maritime Platform for Innovative Training Products*” was finalised and submitted to IMLA20 conference. All partners work hard to disseminate and exploit the existing IMPACT products.

A comprehensive plan is being prepared for the preparation of IMPACT conference that will be held in September. Further news about the conference will be available at www.maritimetraining.pro website.

If you have an innovative maritime product based on Information, Communication Technology (ICT) and you want to promote it, you can submit it to IMPACT consortium to be evaluated with a possibility to be promoted. Details are available at <http://www.maritimetraining.pro/index.php/good-practice-criteria>.

More progress report will be available in June Progress report.

Sail Ahead (Onshore Career Guidance Tool for Seafarers) – www.sailahead.pro

More interviews are being conducted with teacher/professor, advisors, auditors/inspectors (internal, external) as well as the employees in shipping companies. The interviews are online and available for interested parties to listen and watch: <http://www.sailahead.eu/en/interviews>.

Online career guidance tool is being developed and beta version is now available. Further refinements and adjustments are being made and will be available in June 2012. You can follow up the progress from: <http://www.sailahead.eu/en/the-tool>.

Several dissemination activities are also taking place. A joint full paper titled “*Harmonising maritime education and training at sea and ashore*” has been submitted to IMLA20 conference and project developments will be presented in the conference. For more information, please follow: www.imla20.com.

More progress about Sail Ahead is in June progress report.

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

More comprehensive piloting sessions have been carried out by MarTEL Plus partnership. UCA and SUAS have piloted the enhanced oral test (Deck and Engine) with students on 10 May and 29 May 2012. Both sessions were audio/video recorded. Voice/video recordings were sent to test developers NVNA and partnership to assess the examination procedure and analyze students' answers and feedback. Questionnaires regarding Examiners' feedback and suggestions were



analyzed and the enhanced oral test has been further improved since these trialling sessions.

Representatives from C4FF and TUDEV visited Ireland (CIT) and held number of meetings with staff involved with MET and senior staff to discuss the progress of MarTEL Plus project as well as MarTEL as a constituent part of IMPACT. References were made to UniMET and how Ireland could join the UniMET consortium.

CAPTAINS (Communication and Practical Training Applied in nautical Studies)
– www.captains.pro

Partnership has developed a second unit of the Maritime English learning materials standalone version - Collision 2D, including consolidation and assessment section. Lesson plans have been produced by EPAL. Course designers and content providers have delivered the content to AIT to complete the online version. TUDEV have submitted the final version of post-collision dialogues to partnership.

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

Second partner meeting was held in Rzeszow, Poland in May.

Partners are now working to develop the tool for the TRECVET project. To support the comparison of qualifications, it is important to understand the content of the syllabus in three partner countries. The first step was to develop methods to extract FE (fundamental elements). FEs are the smallest part of a subject content in a syllabus that still form a complete logical teaching block. This is being achieved by studying the practical exam questions and syllabus in the UK, SPAIN and GERMANY.

A workshop was carried out in the second TRECVET partner meeting in Poland to pilot the method of finding the fundamental elements. The outcomes of the workshop were very useful to support the ongoing development of the web tool.

The project's methodologies will be in-line with the project's Total Quality Management Plan. A Standard Analysis Procedure Handbook (SAPH) has been produced by the partners involved to support the development of the web tool.

To support the project's dissemination, interested parties can learn more and be more involved in the project using social media. The project already uses LinkedIn and Facebook to connect to the public. For further information about the TRECVET project, check out www.trecvet.eu.

More progress of TRECVET is in June progress report.



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

First GETAFIX newsletter and initial survey results are available at <http://getafix.eu/results.html>.

GETAFIX survey is still active and if you are working in small commercial craft and would like to take part in GETAFIX survey please follow: <http://www.getafix.eu/survey.html>. More news about GETAFIX project is in June issue.