



**January 2015 News**

Happy New Year to all; let us hope the 2015 will be as successful as 2014.

This month the attention of the Maritime English community is on the IMO. The Sub-committee for Human Element, Training and Watch-keeping (HTW) in its 2<sup>nd</sup> session (Agenda item 3) on the 31st October 2014 considered the validation of the IMO's draft revised new Maritime English Model Course. The preliminary draft of this revised model course was forwarded to members of the validation panel for their comments. Due to time constraints, any comments received on the draft course from the validation panel is expected to be provided directly to the Sub-Committee.

MariFuture is welcoming this initiative by the IMO and would wish to express its thanks to the International Maritime Lecturers' Association (IMLA) for its offer to revise and update IMO Model Course 3.17 – Maritime English. It is worth noting that the new course refers to both MarTEL and SeaTALK projects. This is a great achievement for MariFuture.

The details of the draft model course are given in the January 2015 Development Paper. In fact, due to its significance, the Development Paper for January 2015 is primarily based on the Note by the IMO Secretariat on the Model Course – Maritime English. It is hoped that all partners of MariFuture particularly partners in SeaTALK and MarTEL will devote some time to review the IMO's Note and let us have their views. All comments will be considered and will be sent to IMLA.

All projects are progressing well. A new MarEdu office has been established in C4FF's new Centre in the UK. MarEdu will continue supporting MariFuture with its work. With the recent successes of, MarTEL, SeaTALK and IMPACT led by C4FF and TUDEV/PRU as well as Sail Ahead and TRECNET led by IDEC (GR) and SeaTeach (Spain) respectively, being selected as 'One of the Best' in Europe by the EU, efforts are being made to continue with the post funding development of these successful projects. Congratulations once again to all partners who have made us proud by producing high quality projects and implementing them successfully.

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