



### **EBDIG Project**

EBDIG Project was concluded and the final report will be submitted to the UK NA shortly. The project has developed an open-learning platform and a new course for future boat designer – For more information please refer to [www.ebdig.eu](http://www.ebdig.eu).

### **MAIDER Project**

The MAIDER Final Partner Meeting and Conference will take place on 9th December 2011 at Maritime Institute William Barentsz, the Netherland – For more information please refer to [www.maider.pro](http://www.maider.pro).

### **SURPASS Project**

SURPASS Final Partner Meeting and Conference will take place on 13th and 14th of December 2011 at Chamber of Shipping (Partner Meeting) and Chamber Industry Conference), Istanbul, Turkey - For more information please refer to [www.surpass.pro](http://www.surpass.pro).

### **UniMET Project**

The UniMET third Partner Meeting and first Conference will take place in Davenport House, Greenwich, London on 15th and 16th of December 2011 - For more information please refer to [www.unimet.pro](http://www.unimet.pro).

### **New Projects**

New Projects GETAFIX and TRECNET have commenced and new project IMPACT will commence in January 2012.

GETAFIX project concerns the ‘Small Commercial Vessel’ (SCV) maritime sector of the EU, where qualifications of one Member State are not recognised by the authorities of other Member States. This restricts mobility and employment opportunities. This is a very common problem in EU countries. A key objective is to establish the extent of the problem across Europe. The project will identify commonalities, country specific requirements and best practice within the various national authorities’ syllabi and regulations within the SCV sector across all 27 EU countries plus Malta and Turkey. A typical example of the problem is when a small commercial vessel/yacht is based in Spain, with a UK qualified skipper with a German registered vessel/boat. The national authorities of EU countries have a problem recognising qualifications of skippers from other national authorities/countries. More information about GETAFIX can be found at [www.getafix.eu](http://www.getafix.eu).

TRECNET (Transnational Recognition of European Certification in Vocational Education and Training) will provide an analytic software tool that makes qualifications transparent and comparable and thereby gives decision makers the necessary information to implement a system of transferable credits (ECVET). This mutual recognition of other states qualifications will encourage and help mobility and cross-border exchange in the small commercial vessels industry. In the EU there are numerous industries and professional bodies who's regulations, training methods and examination requirements vary dependent on the specific requirements of the individual Member States; the result is that qualifications and certificates are not universally accepted or transferable. This situation restricts mobility for suitably qualified personnel, trainers and learners within the EU and has led to



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the creation of the European Credit system in Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) which aims to remedy these problems.

The specific need for this project arises because currently within the 'Small Commercial Vessel' (SCV) maritime sector of the EU, qualifications are not mutually recognised between the authorities of Member States. Therefore nationally qualified professionals are excluded from commanding identical vessels, operating under different national flag.

TRECVET only started in October, but more information can be found at: [http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8271/project\\_8271\\_de.pdf](http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8271/project_8271_de.pdf). A TRECVET website will be available in a few months time.