



Online Programme for Training on International Management of ISM Code



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OVERVIEW

OPTIMISM continues its mission to improve the effective implementation of the ISM Code in the shipping industry. By developing a competence-based training programme, the project addresses gaps in safety management systems, focusing on practical implementation, risk assessment, and human factors. Despite the ISM Code's alignment with ISO 9000 (Quality) and ISO 14000 (Environmental) standards, procedural systems alone do not guarantee safety. Our innovative online programme integrates these standards with practical tools like the ISM Audit Check List to support companies in achieving compliance and improving safety outcomes.

Next milestone: The team will meet in Greece (June 2025) to finalize the course structure and discuss dissemination strategies.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The OPTIMISM project is advancing firmly, with monthly online meetings and a successful Face-to-Face meeting in Szczecin, Poland (12-13 September 2024). The consortium – comprising research centers, academies, and maritime professionals – is leveraging its expertise to deliver high-impact results.

Key ongoing activities:

- Development of **data analysis frameworks and course materials**.
- Design of **self-assessment systems, case studies, and assignments** for the training programme.
- **Collaboration with industry and academia** stakeholders to refine the ISM Code's practical application.

THE PARTNERS :



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OPTIMISM REACHES INDUSTRY LEADERS

Project presented to Bore (member of OPTIMISM focus group) during PEC simulator exercises at Port of Rauma, Finland. From left operation manager cpt. Mikko Hakala, DPA cpt. Mikko Leinonen and cpt. of M/S Bore Wave, Martijn van Houwelingen.

LECTURE AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY

On 30 April, Professor Ziarati delivered a lecture and workshop titled "Safety at Sea: Training Seafarers on Effective ISM Code Implementation" at Warwick University. The event, sponsored by IMarEST Midlands Branch, highlighted the project's training framework and its potential to bridge gaps in maritime safety education.



PLANNED FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Based on the success of the papers presented at MT'24, IAMUC'24 and IMHFS'24 several high-quality papers are being prepared for presentation at major international conferences:

TransNav 2025 | 11-13 June 2025 | Gdynia, Poland

Organized by Gdynia Maritime University and The Nautical Institute, this conference will address advancements in navigation and safety at sea.

Project OPTIMISM: Novel means of finding root causes of accidents and incidence at sea and port, as well as identifying key factors for improved safety from ship audit and inspection.

NAVIGATION CONFERENCE ENC2025

The event held in Poland from 21 to 23 May, brought together 300 scientists and navigation experts worldwide. They represented 31 countries from all over Europe, but also from as far afield as Australia, China, Egypt, South Korea, USA and UAE. Among the participants were the heads of navigation institutes: UK, Austria, the Netherlands and Belgium, Germany, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Italy as well as the heads of EUGIN and IAIN. Janusz Uriasz from the Maritime University of Szczecin presented the OPTIMISM project, leading discussions and meetings. A permanent poster displaying the project's key information was also presented during the conference.



Naše More 2025 | 18-19 September 2025 | Dubrovnik, Croatia

The 4th International Maritime Conference on sustainable and green shipping practices.

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IAMUC 2025 | 17-18 October 2025 | Chennai, India

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