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### **UniMET (Unification of Marine Training and Education) – [www.unimet.pro](http://www.unimet.pro)**

Due to delay in IMO Model courses at Officer and Master Levels, UniMET project is expected to be extended by 6 months. A report to extend the project is being drafted for submission to the EACEA (The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency)

A UniMET LinkedIn discussion group was created to get further MET institutions and relevant bodies on board to help unifying the maritime education and training (MET) by reviewing and even considering applying good practices whenever and wherever are observed. The discussion group can be accessed through the following link:

[http://www.linkedin.com/manageGroup?dispAddMbrs=&gid=4630231&invActn=im-invite&contactSrc=cs-connections&trk=grpmbrtab\\_invite](http://www.linkedin.com/manageGroup?dispAddMbrs=&gid=4630231&invActn=im-invite&contactSrc=cs-connections&trk=grpmbrtab_invite)

A unique Quality Assurance and Control System for UniMET Centres is now ready after reviewing all 5 UniMET Partner METs' programmes: MIWB (Holland), TUDEV (Turkey), FNB (Spain), LMA (Lithuania) and SUAS (Finland).

Further improvements are being made to project website ([www.unimet.pro](http://www.unimet.pro)) and project online platform ([www.unimet.pro/moodle](http://www.unimet.pro/moodle)).

If you are a maritime institutions/organisation and deliver maritime education and training programmes for any types and ranks of seafarers and would like to join or have benefit from UniMET Programmes, please get in touch with project coordinator, Prof. Dr. Reza Ziarati via [reza.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk](mailto:reza.ziarati@c4ff.co.uk).

More progress is available in September progress report.

### **IMPACT (Integrated Maritime Promotion ACTION) - [www.maritimetraining.pro](http://www.maritimetraining.pro)**

IMPACT project is progressing well. To see the full progress of the project, please refer to IMPACT project website ([www.maritimetraining.pro](http://www.maritimetraining.pro)).

Partners are carrying out extensive dissemination and exploitation activities to reach further target groups. Finnish partner, SUAS, attended the "RANK-UP" Workshop in Riga, Latvia and disseminated the project. The outcome will be available in IMPACT project news: <http://www.maritimetraining.pro/index.php/homepage/news>

The IMPACT International conference was announced by the Spinaker. d.o.o (Slovenian Partner). The conference will take place in Bled, Slovenia, on 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. The International Maritime Training Conference aims to promote and share good practice and transnational cooperation in the field of the application of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) learning and assessment



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products developed to support maritime training. More information can be found in the project website about the conference.

MarTEL ([www.martel.pro](http://www.martel.pro)), EGMDSS ([www.egmdss.com](http://www.egmdss.com)), MarEng ([www.mareng.utu.fi](http://www.mareng.utu.fi)), NetOskar ([www.netoskar.fi](http://www.netoskar.fi)) and MEP products (<http://www.deis.ie/learning/course/category.php?id=2>) were selected as examples of good practice models by the conference committee and so will be promoted at the conference. More information about the conference can be found in the project website. SURPASS ([www.surpass.pro](http://www.surpass.pro)) and M'aider ([www.maider.pro](http://www.maider.pro)) have been chosen for inclusion in the IMPACT platform.

If you are a project consortium, a MET or an individual and have worked or working on an innovative maritime product based on Information, Communication Technology (ICT) and you want to promote it, you can submit it to IMPACT consortium for evaluation. Visit [www.maritimetraining.pro](http://www.maritimetraining.pro) for more information.

More on the progress of IMPACT project will be reported in September progress report.

### **Sail Ahead (Onshore Career Guidance Tool for Seafarers) – [www.sailahead.pro](http://www.sailahead.pro)**

Sail Ahead Project is progressing well. Partners are working hard to finalise the project.

The job profiles developed for the alternative career paths of captains ashore are being validated with the consultation of people who has done/do the job. The job profiles will help him/her to identify paths to follow ashore. The profiles summarises the requirement of job including qualifications/skills/competencies, work conditions and requirements, health issues.

A national conference is being organised by C4FF (English Partner) to bring target groups together to present Sail Ahead project results and products to boost exploitation of the project. It is expected that Nautical Institute ([www.nautinst.org](http://www.nautinst.org)) will join this seminar with their network. The Conference will take place in September 2012.

More information about the Sail Ahead project will be reported in September Progress Report.

### **MarTEL Plus (Maritime Tests of English Language) – [www.plus.martel.pro](http://www.plus.martel.pro)**

The development of task specifications for Phases 1 and 2 have are continuing. The Rater (assessor/marker/grader) training session for speaking and writing



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assessment has been initiated and has been organised to deliver the session during the next partner meeting held in September in London, UK.

A mobile application with sample MarTEL tests have been tested and work in android phones. This application will be able to be downloaded to a learner/test taker's phone to allow them to self-study and take a practice test on their mobile phone. You can download the application from the following link: <https://dl.dropbox.com/u/105099523/MarTEL.apk>

More information will be reported in September progress report.

### **CAPTAINS (Communication and Practical Training Applied In Nautical Studies)** – [www.captians.pro](http://www.captians.pro)

Preparation for presenting the paper titled, "The Novelty of CAPTAINS: the Communicative Learning Approach of Maritime English and its Facilitation by Technology" are being made for IMEC24 (International Maritime English Conference). The conference will take place on 1-4 October 2012 in Yangon, Myanmar. It is expected that the Paper will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

Partners worked hard and finalised the Unit 2 of the CAPTAINS project. Partners are now discussing the current status of Unit 2, planning for Unit 3 for Pilot Trials.

More information will be reported in September progress report.

### **TRECVET (Transnational Recognition of European Certification in Vocational Education and Training)** – [www.trecvet.eu](http://www.trecvet.eu)

TRECVET Project is progressing well. Partners are content with the progress of the Project.

Partners are now working hard to be ready to submit the first year interim report to EACEA. Several Skype discussions are taking place to implement the dissemination, exploitation and sustainability plans.

The syllabus (small craft) of three partner countries (UK, Germany and Spain) is being extracted to construct and test the FE matrix table (cross-referencing table). This matrix table data and results are being tested by Danmar Computers, the IT partner. The results will be made available in an online platform/forum so that feedback from the target audience can be collected for analysis.

Second TRECVET newsletter is now available. If you would like to have a copy of it, please contact the project coordinator. Contact details are available in the project website.



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Relevant target groups are invited to join the TRECNET Facebook page to involve actively with the project progress. Group is free to join for everyone, you are welcome to join! <http://www.facebook.com/trecnet>.

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### **GETAFIX (Gaining Educational Training Analysis For Identifying Cross Border Systems) – [www.getafix.eu](http://www.getafix.eu)**

GETAFIX Project is progressing well. Partners are working hard to finalise their tasks.

Next partner meeting has been planned to take place in October 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Partners are working hard to reach wider target audience to raise awareness about the project and join the GETAFIX consortium. Relevant to Small Commercial Vessels (SCV); Decision makers, Training Institutions, Skippers and students are being invited to join GETAFIX forum (<http://getafix.eu/forum.html>) and Social Media (<http://www.facebook.com/GetafixProject>)

Comparison of education and training syllabuses for several countries for Skippers in SCV (Small Commercial vessels) are available at <http://getafix.eu/compare.html>.

The GETAFIX survey is still active for gathering more information. If you work in SCV sectors and would like to take part in GETAFIX survey, please follow: <http://www.getafix.eu/survey.html>.

More news about GETAFIX project will be presented in September Progress report.

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