

Council conclusions on Integrated Maritime Policy

- 10) CALLS ON the Commission and Member States to increase the attractiveness of **marine, maritime and coastal employment** in Europe , including seafaring and maritime related industries, and to cooperate by bringing education and industry closer in ensuring relevant training and job opportunities, in promoting labour mobility and the transferability of skills between maritime sectors, and in ensuring effective implementation of relevant international Conventions such as the STCW, as well as in encouraging the networking of marine and maritime academies and institutes; STRESSES that the economic potential of Blue Growth needs to translate into new opportunities for employment in coastal regions, reflecting the benefit for local communities and workforce in peripheral and outermost regions and RECALLS the objectives of the Limassol Declaration regarding maritime careers and their attractiveness; In that context, in order to enhance living and working conditions of seafarers on board ships and increase the attractiveness of working in the maritime sector for young people; WELCOMES initiatives such as the "Vasco da Gama" project aiming at the further promotion of seafarers' professions.