



MEETING REPORT

VASCO DA GAMA ADVISORY BOARD

2 October 2014 - Brussels

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Patrick ANVROIN – CPMR Director & Vasco Da Gama Project Coordinator recalled briefly the role of the Advisory Board, as the decision-making body. The Advisory Board will meet 3 times throughout the project and this meeting is the second one, taking place 8 months after the launch of the project.

This mid-term meeting will aim to take stock of the situation on the one hand and to discuss the future possible extension of VDG on the other.

A roundtable of introductions followed.

Giuseppe SCIACCA & Patrick ANVROIN, recalled in figures the main areas of progress of the project ([See power point presentation](#)):

- 2 meetings of the Advisory Board ;
- 8 meetings of the Steering Committee ;
- 17 meetings of operational Work Packages (11 “physical”, 7 by phone) ;
- 800 recipients of questionnaires: diagnosis on maritime education, simulators/ 35 questionnaires completed;
- 800 recipients of the memorandum of understanding /6 MoU signed ;
- 5400 Consultations of the website and 400 VDG brochures circulated ;
- 6 Presentations of the project across Europe: Venice, Rijeka, Brussels (Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee), **in particular at the occasion of CPMR’s geographical commissions events (Umea, Edirne, Venice)**, Bucarest, (DG Mare event) ;
- And some promising contacts with Odessa Maritime Academy; Nantes University; Black Sea Basin ENI Cross Border Programme Managing Authority; Georgian Transport Ministry; NOVIKONTAS Maritime College – Lithuania; Youth Mobility Group within the Union for the Mediterranean; the European coordinator for Motorways of the Sea to present the Project on the occasion of the Venice seminar in May 2015 on human element and security ;
- 1 quote in the General Affairs Council conclusions.

They also presented the calendar of the next major events where the project will be promoted (at this stage):

- Workshop in the framework of the European Maritime Day in Athens;
- CPMR General Assembly in November 2015 in Tuscany;
- Vasco da Gama Final Event in October 2015 in Brussels



Giuseppe SCIACCA then presented the main achievements of the 4 Work packages:

WP1 & WP 3: Launch of the [VASCO DA GAMA MASTER PROGRAMME](#) in January 2015.

The objective is to create a sustainable Master Programme for the coming years.

The Master Programme is composed of 4 syllabi specifically developed by experts from different European maritime academies, and EU transport and educational actors. Each module will count for 7.5 credits. Up to 60 students can participate. The classes will be delivered in English by teachers of the Kalmar Maritime Academy, to get in line with the academic level and with the support of external lecturers from WP3 (experts, professionals). Tuition fees DO NOT apply for EU/EEA citizens or exchange students.

- Greening Maritime Transport
- Human Element in Sustainable Shipping
- Leadership in cross cultural contexts
- Maritime Safety and Security

In addition, 2 conferences with a series of keynote speakers will take place in June:

- A PhD Seminar on SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING and HUMAN ELEMENT followed by
- A conference with the participation of guest lecturers from the shipping industry among others. The European Commission will also be contacted.

A Vasco da Gama graduation diploma ceremony will be organised at the end of the Master Programme.

WP3 Developed the syllabus dedicated to Greening Maritime transport (+ literature).

WP2: TRAINING AND MARITIME SIMULATORS

- 1st working simulation session in Le Havre gathering several METs;
- Questionnaire on the use of simulators, that we are still collecting;
- Setting up of the combined scenario Bridge & Engine Room (that will take place in Kalmar in February 2015). For a better coordination and organisation, this session will take place in parallel to the Master Programme.

The questionnaires will be used to develop the ID map of simulators in Europe.

Participants highlighted at this point the difficulties faced by the students all over Europe to find on-board internships.

WP4: MARITIME ERASMUS

- Production of a small **brochure** to be downloaded in the website ;
- **MoU:** the Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding for the design and the implementation of a European mobility facility in Maritime Education is on the right track with already 6 documents signed and returned (a minimum of 6 is compulsory). A higher number of signatories is expected by the end of 2014;
- **Diagnosis on European Maritime education:** 24 representative questionnaires received (well balanced geographically and proportionate representation of the type of actors: 6 from Regions; 8 from Clusters; 10 from Mets). The first results of the analysis of the questionnaires are available in Giuseppe Sciacca's [presentation](#). Mr Anvoin confirmed to Mr Crivellaro that



we are still collecting the questionnaires in order to improve the analysis (and to target more specific recipients).

- **Organisation of a Summer School labelled Vasco da Gama in 2015.** This point was not initially mentioned in the application form, but it appears along with the discussions and work of the WP that it is an excellent opportunity.

We are in contact with Bremen for the organisation of the first Edition of the Vasco da Gama Summer School in 2015, with concrete proposals:

- Date: 2 to 8 August 2015. Arrival on Sunday, departure on Saturday
- Main topic: greening maritime transport, Sulphurs/LNG
- Certification: successful participants will receive at the end of the Summer School a certificate of successful completion of the programme (2 ECTS) bearing the logos of Vasco da Gama and all university partners.
- Number of students: around 25 post graduates and/or master students
- Costs fees covered by the students
- Teachers from Bremen

Venice is also willing to organise a Summer School on the issues of security and safety (i.e. prevention and management of oil spills).

Other METs might be interested in organising and hosting a VDG summer school for 2015, which represent real opportunities to be developed.

A general debate and roundtable followed on the follow-up of the project:

ENMC will forward our questionnaires to its contact list.

Antonio FRANZINA, Veneto, pointed out that the implementation of the VDG Project and its objectives are in line with the needs in education and training identified by the Veneto Region. He stressed the need to develop a VDG Mediterranean project, with a special focus on the Adriatic-Ionian Basin.

Giancarlo CRIVELLARO – EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DG MOVE) – recalled the participants of the conclusion of the Transport Council and called for concrete action as stated in the conclusion. Some participants mentioned that in the case of foreign internship, they have to pay in order to provide the students with training.

The difficulty of attracting young people was also discussed, and ENMC presented a film the French Maritime Cluster has made to promote maritime careers.

Giancarlo CRIVELLARO also recalled the Oxford Economics (2004-2014) on maritime services and on the effectiveness of state aid guidelines for the development of the shipping industry. **Yvan GUITON**, Brittany, mentioned the regulation on commercial law and the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (Case C-83/13): “A company established in an EEA State which is proprietor of a vessel flying the flag of a third country may rely on the freedom to provide services where it provides maritime transport services from or to an EEA State”.

2 important points were raised concerning mobility and cooperation with the industry.

MOBILITY could be an entry point to make maritime professions more attractive for young people (as part of education and training). It is important to know what the expectations and the needs are (that could be different according to various geographical basins).



Patrick ANVROIN welcomed the excellent work carried out by the work packages and the strong wish to keep moving forward and pursue VDG the initiative. It was therefore proposed, in relation with the discussions, to organise an enlarged brainstorming meeting that could take place in March. He quoted some EU instruments allowing to support extensions/spin off initiatives of the project:

- Interreg programmes
- DG MARE / Blue Growth / EMFF
- Connecting Europe Facility
- European and Social Fund
- European Neighbourhood Instrument

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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- Antonio FRANZINA - Head of Cabinet of Regional Minister for Budget and local authorities, Regione Veneto (IT)
- Matilde CHINELLATO - Policy Adviser, Regione Veneto (IT)
- Reinhard BOEST – Direktor, Informationsbüro des Landes Mecklenburg-Vorpommern bei der E.U (DE)
- Yvan GUITON - Directeur de la mer, du développement maritime et du littoral, Région Bretagne (FR)

METS

- Pär KARLSSON - LINNAEUS UNIVERSITY, KALMAR MARITIME ACADEMY– Expert on WP1 (Training for Maritime Safety)
- Jean-Pierre CLOSTERMANN – ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE MARITIME (ENSM) – Expert on WP2 (Training for Maritime Simulators)
- Merijn HOUGEE – CLEAN SHIPPING INDEX (CSI) – Expert on WP3 (Greening Maritime Transport)
- Belev BLAGOVEST - VARNA NAVAL ACCADEMY (VNA)
- Jos NOTEBOOM – Antwerp Maritime Academy (BE)

REPRESENTATIVES OF SEAFARERS, OF SHIPOWNERS & MARITIME CLUSTERS

- Antonio FERA – ISCIA / OCEAN XXI (PT°)
- Alexandre LUCZKIEWICZ - EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MARITIME CLUSTERS (ENMC)

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CPMR

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- Giuseppe SCIACCA – CPMR Senior Policy Officer & Vasco da Gama Project Manager
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