



MEETING REPORT WP1 & 3

WORKPACKAGE 1 (Training for Maritime Safety) & WORKPACKAGE 3 (Greening Maritime Transport)

3 October 2014 - Brussels

ATTENDEES

- **Blagovest BELEV** – Professor, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, Varna (BG)
- **Marco DELLA PUPPA** – Researcher, Università IUAV di Venezia (IT)
- **Capt. Antonio FERA** – Oceano XXI / ISCIA (PT)
- **Merijn HOUGEE**, Interim Director – Clean Shipping Index – Expert on WP3 (Greening Maritime Transport) (SE)
- **Pär KARLSSON** - Linnaeus University, Kalmar Maritime Academy - Expert on WP1 (Training for Maritime Safety) (SE)
- **Dionisios RASSIAS** – Director of Studies, Master Mariner, Merchant Marine Academy of Ionian Islands (GR)
- **Marieke VERWEIJ** - Project Manager – ProSea Foundation (NL)
- **Ossi WESTILA** - Aboa Mare Academy and Training Centre (FI)
- **Hulda WINNES** - Researcher - Swedish Environmental Research Institute (SE)
- **Patrick ANVROIN** – CPMR Director & Vasco Da Gama Project Coordinator
- **Giuseppe SCIACCA** – CPMR Senior Policy Officer & Vasco da Gama Project Manager
- **Anne LEZIN** – CPMR Policy Assistant & Vasco da Gama Project Assistant



Giuseppe SCIACCA, briefly recalled the Vasco da Gama main objectives and presented the main achievement of the other Work packages ([See PowerPoint presentation](#)).

WP2

- 1st working simulation session in Le Havre ;
- Questionnaire on the use of simulators, that we are still collecting ;
- Setting up of the combined scenario Bridge & Room (that will take place in Kalmar in February 2015).

WP4

- Questionnaire on Maritime Training in Europe, that we are still collecting ;
- Production of a small brochure to be downloaded in the website ;
- Memorandum of Understanding. All partners are invited to sign it ;
- Organisation of a Summer School in 2015.



Patrick ANVROIN – CPMR Director & Vasco Da Gama Project Coordinator – made a short review of the Advisory Board meeting held on 2 October. The European Commission was represented by Mr Crivellaro (DG MOVE) recalled that one of the main priority of the EU deals with education scheme and mobility (he refers to the Council conclusions of Transport, 7 May 2014).

Mr Crivellaro has invited us to be concrete and in line with these conclusions.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS ON THE MASTER PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2015

Detailed presentation of the VDG Master Programme available on the website: [See](#)

Merijn HOUGEE (WP3) recalled that since the last workshop, the syllabus prepared by WP3 was finalised and approved (after minor changes) by Linneaus University and that the literature is available.

Pär KARLSSON – Linnaeus University, Kalmar Maritime Academy, Expert for the Work package 1 presented the Vasco da Gama Master Programme to be launched in January 2015 (deadline to register: 15 December 2014) . The objective is to create a perdurable 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 in. The classes will be delivered in English by teachers of 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 key note 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 shipping industry among others. The European Commission will also be contacted.

After a debate concerning the financing of such a Master Programme (possibility of sponsorship, Erasmus...), **Giuseppe SCIACCA**, CPMR, confirmed that the CPMR will do his best to ensure a financial contribution of 1 student per Academy participating in the pilot scenario in Kalmar, depending on the results of the financial report available after the second reporting period (November 2014).

Dionisios RASSIAS, Director of Studies, Master Mariner, Merchant Marine Academy of Ionian Islands explained that in Greece the “credit system” doesn’t exist.

Antonio FERRA, indicates that the situation is identic in Portugal.

Pär KARLSSON assured that this point will be taken on board (as long as Students can prove 3 years of University) and that he will discuss with the teachers.

Pär KARLSSON ask all participants to advertise as much as possible this brand new European Master Programme by all possible means (website, twitter, facebook, LinkedIn...). He encouraged all METs partners of the VDG project to send students.



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

To close the meeting:

Merijn HOUGEE (WP3) recalled that this meeting was the last one of the WP3.

Pär KARLSSON signaled that Linnaeus University is interesting in organizing a Summer School in the Baltic for 2015, and he will work on a work plan.

Patrick ANVROIN welcomes the excellent work realised by these work packages and the strong wish to keep moving and to pursue VDG's initiative, with some ideas: European programmes such as Interreg (transnational strand), Erasmus +, Connecting Europe Facility.

