

MEETING REPORT

WORKPACKAGE 4 – MARITIME ERASMUS

2 October 2014 - Brussels

ATTENDEES

- Reinhardt BOEST, Direktor, Informationsbüro des Landes Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (DE)
- Blagovest BELEV – Professor, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, Varna (BG)
- Jean-Pierre CLOSTERMANN – Ecole Nationale Supérieure Maritime (ENSM) – Expert on WP2 (Training for Maritime Simulators - FR)
- Pär KARLSSON - Linnaeus University, Kalmar Maritime Academy - Expert on WP1 (Training for Maritime Safety) (SE)
- Jos NOTEBOOM - Head of Engine Department - Antwerp Maritime Academy (BE)
- 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



Patrick ANVROIN opened the session and underlined the importance of this mid-term project meeting which will prepare the messages to be delivered to the Advisory Board meeting later on. He recalled our main duties and deliverables that are developed by **Giuseppe SCIACCA** in a detailed [presentation](#):

MoU: the Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding for the design and the implementation European mobility facility in Maritime Education is on the right track with already 6 documents signed and returned (a minimum of 6 is compulsory). Nevertheless, most of actual signatories are “from the North”, and we must encourage the southern part of Europe to sign.

G. Sciacca and P. Anvoin expressed the wish that all the VDG partners sign the document.

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](#).

A debate on maritime education ensued and the following tracks of reflexion would deserve further examination:

- According to the questionnaires the geographical distribution of METs result unbalanced (this point has to be checked and deepened if appropriate). Mr Boest point out that there are enough METs in the Baltic Region and Mr Belev indicated that 4 years ago the METs of the Black Sea initiated some cooperation. Mr Anvoin would request Mr Belev to introduce the



VDG Project within this institution with a view to preparing a specific project for the Black Sea basin.

- The poor image of sea professions affecting the attractiveness to young people is debated and a better promotion in high schools should be envisaged.
- Promote a high quality of shipping versus low quality crew.
- Lack of qualification and experience – The difficulties to find onboard traineeship (either national or international) is pointed out
- Need of multilingual training & lack of mobility
- Better knowledge of companies' requirement for a more attractive certificate.

To face part of these statements, the necessary creation of a maritime Erasmus programme is underlined.

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

- Date: 3 to 7 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 organize a Summer School on the issues of security and safety (i.e prevention and management of oil spill). So far no proposal for a summer school in the Black Sea.

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

The CPMR will examine the possible financial contribution for the participation of students from the Vasco da Gama METs partners to Summer Schools. Further information will be available after the second reporting and pending DG MOVE's agreement (November 2014).

Patrick ANVROIN concluded the meeting by:

- Acknowledging the request that all the questionnaires received made available (either online or via a drop box).
- Taking into account the strong wish to pursue the project (either via European programme such as Erasmus, Connecting Europe Facilities or Interreg on the BS and NS, cross border cooperation, geographical sea basins).



NEXT RDV

- **2 December 2014** at 9.30 (tbc)– Phone meeting on the Summer school
- **20 May 2015** : proposal to organize a workshop in the framework of the European Maritime Day in Athens
- Presentation of the VDG project during the Mos in Venice
- **October 2015:** Organisation of the final event in Brussels

