



VASCO DA GAMA

TRAINING FOR GREENER AND SAFER MARITIME TRANSPORT

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VASCO DA GAMA TGSMT is a project led by the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (www.crpm.org), with a financial support from the European Union aiming to:

- ▶ promote quality of education and training in the maritime transport sector;
- ▶ launch the bases for European mobility for students, trainees, instructors ;
- ▶ Increase cooperation between industry and European educational and training actors to improve seafarers' competences and to adapt to the requirements of the shipping industry.

As a result, promote the attractiveness of maritime professions.

THE PROJECT IS SHAPED IN 4 WORK PACKAGES

TRAINING FOR MARITIME SAFETY



TRAINING AND MARITIME SIMULATORS



GREENING MARITIME TRANSPORT



MARITIME ERASMUS



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FOUR OPERATIONAL WORK PACKAGES

1 - Training for Maritime Safety: to secure the future skills of seafarers through the design and testing of a cross-national sustainable shipping Master Programme within a network of European Maritime Academies.

Dedicated expert body: Linnaeus Maritime Academy – Kalmar Maritime Academy - website: <http://lnu.se/schools/kalmar-maritime-academy>

2 - Maritime Simulators: to address the development of training with simulators, based on the experience of relevant European institutes. Elaboration of recommendations in this field. For an improved uniformity in training at EU level.

Dedicated expert body: Ecole Nationale Supérieure Maritime (ENSM) – website: <http://www.supmaritime.fr>

3 - Greening Maritime Transport: to increase environmental awareness among seafarers in Europe, and contribute to a sustainable use of the seas and oceans and compliance with environmental regulations for maritime transport.

Dedicated expert body: Clean Shipping Index (CSI) – website: <http://www.cleanshippingindex.com>

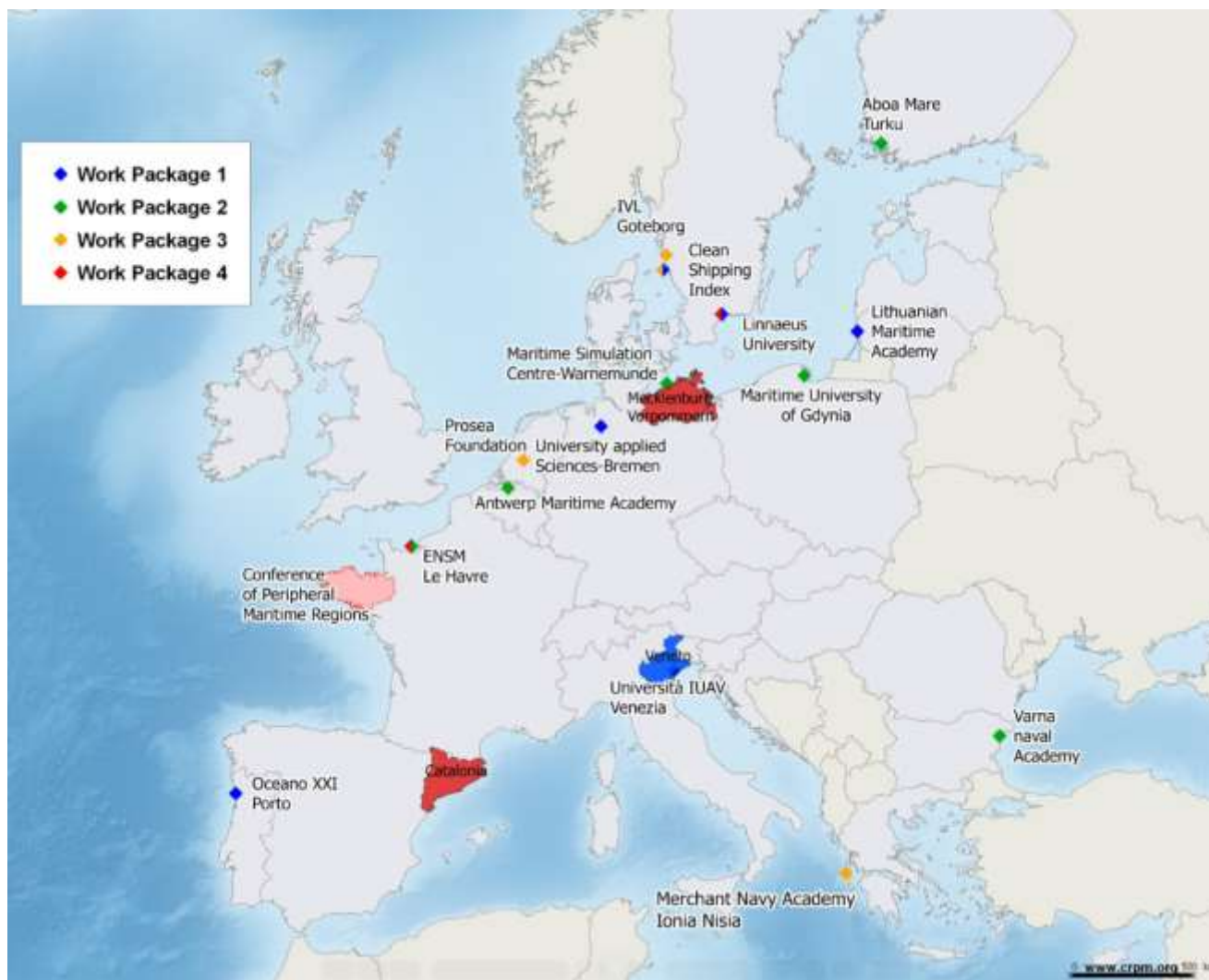
4 - Maritime Erasmus: to design and implement an exchange pilot action within maritime training and education institutions and shape a common pilot training program “Maritime Erasmus” at EU level for students in the maritime transport sector.

MAIN DELIVERABLES

- **Throughout 2014:** series a workshops gathering participants to the 4 work packages
- **August 2015:** summer school dedicated to training and adaptation to the Sulphur Directive
- **January 2015 Kalmar (SE):** kick off of the Vasco da Gama Master Programme ; innovative cursus based on syllabi jointly prepared by experts from the 4 work packages. 25 Students will be selected to follow this course.
- **Autumn 2015:** A map of European simulators will be drawn up on the basis of a large scale survey launched into education institutions
- **October 2015:** International Final conference in the presence of the partners and key actors: Regions, Professionals, Education partners, maritime clusters, European networks and Institutions, national authorities.
- **2016 onwards :** further developments are foreseen, deepening specific thematic issues, and via interregional projects in each of EU sea basins



A DIVERSIFIED PARTNERSHIP BY NATURE AND GEOGRAPHY



The project brings together regional authorities, maritime training and education institutions, clusters and representatives of the shipping industry: shipowners (ECSA), trade unions (ETF), sharing common objectives:

Upgrade the skills of people working in the European shipping industry. Aiming to enhance the competitiveness of EU seafarers and engineers, the project covers specific challenges affecting EU shipping such as: how to improve safety on board (barriers related to human factors; links between the hierarchy and the management of risk, etc...) and how to reduce maritime pollution related to shipping activities (need to improve recycling water systems, etc.);

Improve mobility of students across Europe. Youth mobility is a unanimously recognised as a mean to tackle the lack of attractiveness of maritime careers. Although today, at European level, programme initiatives for student mobility already exist, efforts must be still made in order to achieve a “critical mass” in the area of maritime economy. Therefore, the project encourages communication and collaboration among the maritime education and training institutions.

Produce recommendations to the EU: how to fill the gap between the offers and demands of a skilled maritime workforce ; how to ease traineeships on board, to facilitate transnational exchanges of students and teachers ; what kind of facilitations that current or new EU schemes and tools could bring regarding these issues and others. The cross-cutting and diversified nature of the partners committed in the project will enable to produce wise and realistic recommendations.

Where does this project come from?

- Aberdeen, 1 October 2010, CPMR General Assembly: 150 maritime Regions vote a Resolution “In favour of an interregional mobility pilot action for young people in the maritime sector, to be supported by the European Union – “the Vasco da Gama Programme”;
- An initiative with an ambition: propose the education pillar of EU Integrated Maritime Policy;
- **Why the Regions?** Due to the fact that European Regions usually have significant powers in the fields of education and training;
- **Why youth mobility?** It is a unanimously recognised means to tackle the lack of attractiveness of maritime careers.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

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