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# Vasco da Gama Final Conference

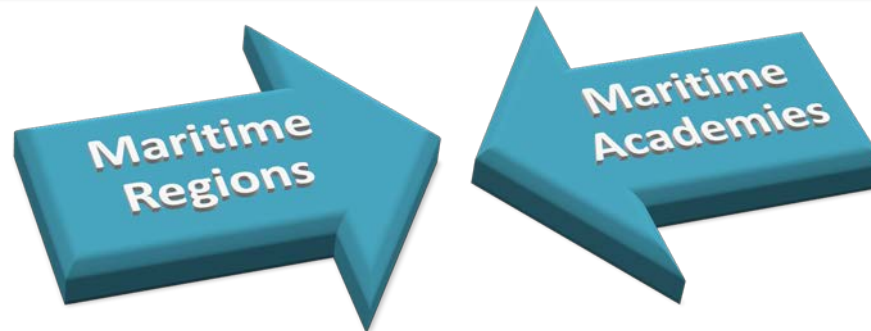
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## ENHANCING SYNERGIES AMONG EU METS AND COASTAL REGIONS IN FAVOUR OF MARITIME TRANSPORT



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## Industry/Education : Need to address the skills gap of in maritime transport



Set up new skills profiles

Promoting  
“Innovative”  
Training and  
Education solutions

Enhancing  
mobility of  
students,  
teachers and  
seafarers



- Enhancing a structural dialogue with Ship-owners in order to reduce the skills gap by fostering the anticipation of needs in terms of training and education “offer”



- Need to harmonise semesters, modules and syllabi
- *Students should move from one MET to another without wasting time or duplicating courses*



- Need for specific financial instruments and/or difficulties to have access to EU financial opportunities

**NEED FOR MORE initiatives like  
“Blue Carriers in Europe”**

## Reminder of VDG's results



## VDG Summer School



- Innovative education offer
- Mobility of students, workers and teachers
- Opened door to private sector

## From Kalmar..... To Taranto



2015



2017

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Regional authorities should continue to contribute to design innovative regional tools/policies to encourage identification of needs, creation of new skills profiles and improve mobility, in complementarity with European programmes (Erasmus +, Blue Carriers in Europe, etc.)
- Regions and METs must continue to collaborate and set up pilot actions (towards an enlarged Vasco Da Gama Community)
- Need to create an European platform that could increase the visibility of European maritime education offer and promote innovative initiatives (like summer schools)
- « The European Maritime Training Fund has to be created »



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION

