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**Matching European Maritime Training and Education
with Maritime Transport Challenges**

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MAIN OUTCOMES

MASTER PROGRAMME IN SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING

Human
Element in
Sustainable
Shipping

Leadership
in cross
cultural
context

Maritime
Safety and
Security

Greening
Maritime
Transport



3 physical mandatory meetings!

19th - 24th
January

23rd - 27th
March

1st - 5th
June



**Distance learning
&
Participation in
on-line conferences**

**7,5 ETCs credits
per module
Classes in English**

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Some students faced difficulties in participating in the Master Programme (e.g. overlapping with their own courses in their MET)
- Students overcame problems and were very eager to join the Vasco Da Gama community and participate in the Master Programme
- Mobility and transnational exchanges is a strategic tool to foster skills and knowledge in the maritime transport sector
- Modules are the results of brainstorming among teachers and experts from different METs : students look for “innovative and competitive” education and training programmes & courses

HUMAN ELEMENT IN SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING + MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Holistic Perspective
- Risk Assessment
- Technical Perspective
- Courses and Education
- The Maritime System
- Practical Exercises



LEADERSHIP IN CROSS CULTURAL CONTEXT



- **Why this module?**
 - Leadership is essential at sea
 - Mixed cultures is the reality
- **Its innovative points**
 - Top literature
 - Student applies it to shipping
- **Problems with the course**
 - Difficulties to take time off to attend
 - Low academic experience

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Cooperation among METs and teachers in the maritime transport sector must still be improved to pave the way towards innovative skills and knowledge!
- Mobility of students and “seafarers” must be improved
- EU funds must play a greater role in ensuring mobility and delivering “innovative” knowledge in the maritime transport sectors
- Private sector must be involved in the reflection of new education and training programmes

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Physical meetings and not!
- Mixed audience of students
- Planning the time, the budget, the administration..
Visas?
- Invited speakers
- E-books
- Alternating academies

WHAT FUTURE FOR THE VDG MASTER PROGRAMME?

- There is room to capitalise on VDG Master Programme and carry out spin off in 2017 (e.g. Vasco Da Gama Summer School)
- Kalmar Maritime Academy could play a key role in leading the technical debate within the Vasco Da Gama Community
- Need to focus on “thematic priorities” (e.g. safety and security, management of human resources, environment, etc.)

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

