

ANTWERP MARITIME ACADEMY

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PRESENTATION & ORGANISATION

The Antwerp Maritime Academy is the only college in Belgium offering training in Nautical Sciences and Marine Engineering.

The Nautical Sciences training consists of two cycles and leads to (academic) Bachelor and Master Degrees. The Marine Engineering training consists of a three-year cycle after which students obtain a Bachelor's Degree.

The Antwerp Maritime Academy has well-equipped laboratories and workshops as well as modern simulators for ship navigation (and radar), cargo handling, MRM, ECDIS, propulsion and telecommunications.

As an academic institution, the Antwerp Maritime Academy organizes applied scientific research projects, in Nautical Sciences as well as in Marine Engineering.

And since the academic year 2006-2007, Ph. D. students can achieve the degree of Ph.D. in Nautical Sciences.

PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS/NETWORKS

The Academy is participating in Erasmus, the EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

It also takes part in international projects where its know-how can be used to develop maritime education and training. The most visible involvement so far was in Cambodia where the Academy was Leading Partner in a EU sponsored project aimed at establishing maritime education and training in Cambodia.

EXPECTATION CONCERNING THE VASCO DA GAMA PROJECT

The Academy supports the objectives of the Vasco da Gama project. As an active participant in Erasmus it can only encourage the "Maritime Erasmus" concept. The present and future cooperation with the shipping industry will not only help the upgrading and adapting of the training, but also improve the promotion of the attractiveness of maritime professions. And a network of training institutions will increase the quality and competitiveness of the sector. Vasco Da Gama and the Academy have the same interests and expectations which will make the maritime transport greener and safer.