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2nd Meeting
Work Package 4 “Maritime Erasmus”
Brussels, 26 March 2014

DETAILED AGENDA
QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS



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Core Group - Work Package 4

CPMR – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (FR)

Land of Mecklenburg Vorpommern (DE)

Land of Bremen (DE)

Catalunya (ES)

ENSM – Ecole Nationale Supérieure Maritime (FR)

Linnaeus University - Kalmar Maritime Academy (SE)



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What VDG has already achieved

- Advisory Board meeting on 11 February
 - DG Move « green light » on proposed arrangements
 - Promising interest and/or commitment of « professionals » : ECSA/ETF/ENMC
 - Need for better connections between operational work packages
 - Gender equality in maritime transport : « a tricky issue »
- Three meetings of the Steering Committee (11/02, 05/03, 21/3) to coordinate between WPs : CPMR secretariat + 3 WP experts
- Kick Off workshop + phone meeting of WP 4 (Maritime Erasmus) to fix the workplan
- ... and a very nice Web Site, unanimously appreciated : vasco-da-gama.eu





THE VASCO DA GAMA PROJECT

WORK PACKAGES

AGENDA

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PRIORITY OBJECTIVES OF VASCO DA GAMA – TRAINING FOR GREENER AND SAFER MARITIME TRANSPORT PROJECT

Training for
maritime

Some of the challenges ahead for VDG...

- From a patchwork towards an integrated project with contributions from WP 1/2/3/4 :
 - building common elements of curricula
 - dealing with maritime safety with simulators
 - ...
- Enrich/open the project with external sources : existing projects, ad hoc partners ...
- Bring EMSA « on board »
- Feed the website with relevant infos ... and with your help
- Start preparing recommendations, continuously improved in the next 3 semesters
- Making concrete the incubating mission : Ideas of thematic/geographic projects eligible to various EU tools





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Welcome, summary of previous steps – recent news on WP 4 by CPMR

- Result of meetings of 12 February, 5 March (phone)
- Main technical barriers to be addressed by METs to harmonize their activities at EU and international level
- METs which could join WP 4 activities
- Examples of the Memorandum of Understanding : Bremen/Indonesia
- Relationship with EMSA : DG Move “we are still examining the issue you have raised in your mail and we will revert to you shortly”
- Participation of representatives of shipowners in WP4 activities : ECSA still as an observer
- Syllabi and modules which are to be used to draw up the pilot Maritime Erasmus.

Questions for Core Group Members: any general comment on VDG or WP4 ?



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Qualitative diagnosis of maritime education in Europe

- **Why is it difficult to have a qualitative overview ?** EMSA approach, State by State : « *Welcome to the STCW Information System (STCW-IS). Developed by EMSA, the STCW-IS is a web-based information system designed to help all those wishing to find reliable information on both national maritime administrations and maritime education and training (MET) institutions.* »
- **A view from ETF**
- **Contribution from core group members**
- **Debate on the issue of availability of traineeships on board**
- **How to go forward ?**
 - Contacts, interviews ?
 - Contributions from the « VDG Community » ?
 - Bibliography – existing reports, projects
 - Enquiry ?

TOWARDS AN EXCHANGE SCHEME FOR STUDENTS: 4 OPTIONS

OPTION 1: Students implement a common semester (30 ECTS points);

OPTION 2: Students build own their own semester by selecting 6 modules from different semesters (30 ECTS points);

OPTION 3: Students could choose either two modules or drafting up their own final Thesis (15 ECTS points);

OPTION 4: Students participate into the “VDG summer school”;



WP 4 : the core group and the « second circle »

- Opening to professionals : which ones, how, when, why ?
 - ECSA and ENMC already here
 - International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
 - Others ?
- Opening to additional METs in the new more integrated scheme MoU/exchange of students/ diverse agendas and intensities in cooperation and partnership : which ones, how, when ?
 - Fondazione Accademia Italiana della Marina Mercantile – Genova
 - Southampton Solent University
 - Cork
 - Dokuz Eylül University – Izmir
 - Others ?
 - Istanbul, Constantza ...





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WP 4 : NEXTS STEPS, ROAD MAP



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