

PRActical and Communication based MARitime ENGlish
PraC-MARENG

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

A major EU funded project is making way to look into ways of improving maritime communications at sea by using a unique approach in training seagoing personnel within EU member countries.

Erasmus+ KA2 project entitled as "PRActical and Communication based MARitime ENGlish (PraC-MARENG)" has been approved by the French National Agency. It was applied by LAM France, a subsidiary of LAM Lyonel A. Makzume Group of Companies, located in Marseille, France.

The project will develop an online learning programme considering different ranks of seafarers, taking into account the experience they attained in each vessel to teach them Maritime English based on the real activities specific to each type of vessel. The programme will have phases to pass it to seafarers working on different levels of command.

AIMS OF THE PROJECT

PraC-MARENG project aims to:

- Identify the activities and tasks specific to each type of vessel that seafarers undertake on a daily basis
- Develop an online training programme which incorporates the latest technologies in the maritime sector for each rank in such a way that they can access these real activities and tasks on board various types of vessels
- Design and develop a learning and assessment tool that provides the user with a genuine certificate for the newly acquired skills based on practical knowledge.

The content offered by the PraC-MARENG Training platform will have a direct impact on seafarers by giving them enhanced competence in Maritime English therefore the power of decision making.



ABOUT US

LAM France (www.lam-world.com), a global transport solution provider, is involved as a coordinator in the project.

MARITIME INNOVATORS, a project, training and consulting company in the maritime industry, (www.maritimeinnovators.com) from Turkey,

Tuzla Kaymakamlığı (District Governorship) (www.tuzla.gov.tr) having an extensive experience on project management, implementation and dissemination from Istanbul, Turkey,

Constanta Maritime University (www.cmu-edu.eu), a higher education and research institution, from Romania.

Spinaker (www.spinaker.si), the largest Slovenian maritime VET and adult education provider and an IT company,

Lithuanian Maritime Academy (www.lajm.lt), an accredited public institution of professional higher education training for highly qualified seafarers and other specialists for the maritime industry from Klaipeda, Lithuania are involved as partners in the PraC-MARENG consortium.

KICK-OFF MEETING IN FRANCE

PraC-MARENG officially started with **the first transnational project meeting** in Marseille, France. The kick-off meeting was held between 21 and 22 November 2019 being hosted by LAM France.

During the project meeting, the partners discussed about the project's rationale - objectives, intellectual outputs, project events, project activities, roles of partners, project management and implementation issues (work plan, time table and financial administration). They have also focused on tasks specifications for partners on the intellectual output (01): SMCP Based Maritime English E-learning platform.

PraC-MARENG OPENING RECEPTION

LAM France in association with the partnership consortium held an **opening ceremony** at Union Maritime Marseille-Fos (UMF) premises, Marseille, France on 22nd November 2019. The participants from local, national and international maritime authorities, organisations, professional bodies, policymakers, suppliers, maritime press and end-users gained feedback with the start of the project.



The goal of the opening reception was to inform local, national and international maritime authorities, organisations and professional bodies about the development of the PraC-MARENG approach, and to interact with MET policymakers, suppliers and endusers to gain feedback with the start of the project.

Topics being touched in the presentations covered:

- Practices in Maritime English approaches in EU countries
- Enhancing knowledge in Maritime English over and above the existing IMO standards
- Demonstrating the need for tools for Maritime English
- Enabling further mobility of seafarers across Europe and Worldwide



In the afternoon the participants visited Marseille-Fos Port Community, the biggest harbour in the Mediterranean region to learn more about the port system and to disseminate the project.

TAKE PART IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

We are conducting a survey aiming to identify the common communication issues on board as well as to identify best practices in learning the Maritime English on board: http://bit.ly/2tigg89











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