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METNET IN SLOVENIA

The history of METNET in Slovenia has started in 1998, when Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation (Fakulteta za pomorstvo in promet – FPP) from Portorož started to collaborate on CAMET (Concerted Actions on Maritime Education and Training) meetings which were the part of the project METHAR. After completion of the project METHAR the Faculty has started to reflect upon, how to implement the results of the project in the future development of the institution.

At the beginning of the project METNET, representatives from the maritime administration (Maritime directorate) and MET institutions (FPP) were invited to collaborate in the project as a part of the East European countries reference group. The group has had three meetings, one of these has been hosted by the FPP. On those meetings the METNET partners have exchanged their experiences and opinions on subjects related to METNET.

During the METNET project FPP has completed questionnaires received from METNET partners, which help them in collecting different statistical data. We have also provided some data on their request.

By comparing METNET and the situation in Slovenia with the Work Packages (WP), we can consider the following:

- WP1. The FPP is following the results of the maritime related 4th FP projects and we have included their results into our pedagogical and research work.
- WP2. In Slovenia there is not any national study related to national demand and supply of the seafarers, but several papers have been published. This topic is also a part of the study dealing with national maritime transport policy. Our efforts are oriented towards finding the reasons for a big number of dropouts from MET, but the results have not been published yet.
- WP3. Financing of MET in Slovenia is very similar to those in the most of other METNET countries.
- WP4. There is not a unique statistics of seafarers in Slovenia. The estimated number could be found out on the basis of the statistics regarding the issued certificates.
- WP5. We were not involved in the design of common syllabi/curricula, but we try to find a solution how to exploit the results.
- WP6. As we are involving the enrichment and elevation of the MET in our institution, the results of this WP are very interesting for us. We are seriously looking forward on how to exploit the results.
- WP7. Due to the lack of the maritime English back up material for use at MET institutions, we will try to use these results in our education system.

- WP8. Train the trainers is the most important topic for us. Unfortunately, within this project we were not able to send our candidates on the pilot courses, but we will do it in the future, especially if they will be financially supported.
- WP9. The problem of the recognition of certificates is very serious for Slovenian seafarers. Therefore, the results of this topic are very important for us.
- WP10. The benefits from an improved, more harmonised and wider applicable MET, will not be shown only within existing EU members, but also in countries, which are waiting to join the EU.
- WP14. The final WP includes recommendations for policy and decision-makers. As we don't know the final version of the recommendations, we could not comment it, but we are sure that it will have a positive influence on the Slovenian MET and maritime industry.

The FPP is also looking forward to collaborate with METNET partners in future researches relating to METNET topics, because these topics are one of the research priorities within our institutions.