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Future-proof skills for the maritime transport sector

At a glance

Programme	Erasmus+
Instrument	Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills
Total budget	€ 3.996.555
Duration	1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022
Project coordinator	STC Group, the Netherlands
Consortium	27 partners from 16 countries
Advisory board	43 members from 15 countries



Technology and digitalisation are transforming the shipping industry. 'Smart' ships are coming into service, creating demand for a new generation of competent, highly-skilled maritime professionals. Europe is a traditional global source of maritime expertise and the four-year **SKILLSEA** project is launched with the aim of ensuring that the region's maritime professionals possess key digital, green and soft management skills for the rapidly-changing maritime labour market. It seeks to not only produce a sustainable skills strategy for European maritime professionals, but also to increase the number of these professionals - enhancing the safety and efficiency of this vital sector.

The future-proofing project is developed by the industry's social partners, the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and is comprised of a consortium from national maritime authorities, shipping companies, shipowners' associations, maritime trade unions and maritime education providers from 16 countries in Europe.

Key aims and objectives include:

- Analysing the effect of technological developments on the industry's skills requirements
- An even better match between the industry's skills needs and the education and training of maritime professionals
- Overcoming barriers to the mobility of maritime professionals
- Improving cooperation and synergy between education providers, maritime authorities and the industry
- Ensuring that Europe retains a world-leading access to maritime skills and experience for improved competitiveness

Ensure a sustainable European maritime industry



Partner no.:

- 1 STC Group (STC)
- 2 European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) 15 Constanta Maritime University (CMU)
- 3 European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- 4 Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Aalesund site (NTNU)
- **5** Svendborg International Maritime Academy (SIMAC)
- 6 Eugenides Foundation (EF)
- 7 Estonian Maritime Academy, Tallinn University of Technology (EMARA)
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- 9 Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Rijeka (UoR)
- **10** Cork Institute of Technology, National Maritime College of Ireland (CIT-NMCI)
- 11 Blackpool and The Fylde College (Blackpool)
- 12 Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

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13 Hamburg School of Business Administration (HSBA)

- 14 University of the Aegean (UoA)
- 16 French Maritime Academy (ENSM)
- 17 University of Cadiz (UdC)
- 18 Shipyards And Maritime Equipment Association of Europe (Sea Europe)
- **19** Enterprise Shipping Agency (ESA)
- 20 Nautilus International (Nautilus)
- 21 Danish Shipping (DS)
- 22 Danish Maritime Authority (DMA)
- 23 Stena Line Scandinavia
- 24 Romanian Seafarers Free Union from Merchant Fleet (SLN)
- 25 Maritime University of Szczecin (MUS)
- 26 ForMare (Italian Maritime Educational Agency)
- 27 Secrétariat Général de la Mer (SgMER)

Outline of the SKILLSEA project





