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Interview with Project coordinator Julio Martínez Alarcón, head of Cooperation and Training department at FEPORTS

European Marinas face new challenges in personnel training owing to the globalisation and growing importance of the marina setting. To address the needs in this area, the Instituto Portuario de Estudios y Cooperación de la



Comunidad Valenciana - FEPORTS (Valencian Ports Institute of Studies and Cooperation) leads the project SEATRaining, a training initiative addressed to employees of nautical organisations. The project, itself a part of the Leonardo da Vinci European programme, is geared at providing a specific training programme for the professionals of this industry. The coordinator explains the project:

P: How did the Seatraining project come about?

R: The project arose from the contacts that FEPORTS had with the Spanish Federation of Yachting and Tourist Harbours Associations. Both considered it necessary to have a common recognised European training model for the nautical sports and tourism sector. From there came the idea for the project.

P: What role does FEPORTS play in the project?

R: FEPORTS is the project leader so it is their responsibility to direct tasks and to establish deadlines to execute them. At the same time, they organise and preside the Steering Committees taking places in the different partners' countries. They also maintain contact with the Brussels Executive Agency.

P: What is the relation of FEPORTS with the other partners?

R: FEPORTS is in continual contact with the other project partners, those who coordinate and encourage development in the project tasks.

P: FEPORTS participates in a number of European projects. What do they consist of?

R: At present FEPORTS participates in another Leonardo da Vinci project known as OPTIMUS, whose main objective is the design of a complementary programme for port training with the use of simulators. At the same time, it remains present in other projects such as Operative Programme MED and the Interreg IVC always relating to ports and transport issues.

P: What does training for workers in nautical organisations entail?

R: The training derived from the results of the project will be varied. Courses will be developed for operative staff as well as for directors. To give some examples: a general marine course, lifeguard and emergency courses for sports marinas, courses in customer services, courses on electricity applied to nautical sport, nautical mechanics courses and courses for environmental protection in marinas, etc.

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P: Which companies will participate in the training courses?

R: Initially these courses will be conducted as pilot experiences performed by the partners with the participation of their own employees. Later each of the partners will have the opportunity to contract the services of external companies.

P: What results does the project hope to obtain?

R: As already mentioned the training courses will be very beneficial and it is expected that these courses will gain recognition across Europe.

P: Will the training courses be adapted for use in other European regions?

R: The countries involved in the project are Spain, France, Italy and Hungary. Each of the partners will implement the courses in their own countries. EUROMARINA, the European Federation of Sporting Ports and Tourism Association, will deal with the transfer of the results to its associates.

P: What continuation will the Seatraining project have?

R: The project will have ongoing

results. The training process will not end with this project.

The current consortium is working on a proposal to continue with a new project following on from the results of Seatraining. A new proposal will be presented to the Leonardo da Vinci Programme which it is hoped will merit the consideration of the European Commission.



Dissemination activities

The Seatraining project has been disseminated widely in the European Union since it started in November 2007.

Dissemination has been achieved through various means such as press releases, articles (such as this published in Euroromarina), information sheets, brochures and newsletters (including that published in Cedefop.info which has registered 1,240 visits from internet users), at seminars and trade fairs, and at other events in the field of training in the workplace.

Among the events at which the project has been represented, it is worth mentioning the study visits of representatives from various European public administrations thanks to the community project TAIEX, the meetings of representatives of EU regions such as Maramures (Romania) and the Forum "Cities of the Future" organised by the DG Energy and Transport of the European Commission. It was also disseminated in the decentralised event of the Open Days organised in Valencia by the Committee of the Regions and the Fundación Comunidad Valenciana-Región Europea.



Forum cities of the future (above) in April and Open Days in Valencia (below) in October.





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Call for Proposals 2009 European Union Programme of Lifelong Learning

The 2009 call for proposals for the Lifelong Learning Programme is underway, published by the DG Education and Training of the European Commission with a budget of 961m Euros.

The EU Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013) integrates all of the community training programmes to improve the quality of learning across Europe. The general aim of the Lifelong Learning project is to contribute to the development of knowledge society, with sustainable economic growth, more and better jobs, and a greater social cohesion, guaranteeing at the same time environmental protection for the benefit of future generations. In particular, it aspires to stimulate the exchange, cooperation and mo-

between systems of education and training within the European Union in a way which will become a global reference of quality.

Programmes in the field of Lifelong Learning are applicable to every type and level of education and professional training and is formed by four sub programmes: Erasmus (Higher Education), Comenius (School Education) Grundtvig (Adult Education) and Leonardo da Vinci (Professional Training).

Equally, it includes a transversal programme dedicated to four key activities: development of policies of cooperation, language learning, ICT's, and dissemination/evaluation of the project results. Finally, the programme Jean Monnet encourages the teaching reflection



and debate over the process of European integration in worldwide universities.

More information can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc78_en.htm



Transnational Meetings of the Seatraining Project

Budapest (Hungary) and Barcelona (Spain) were the venues for the latest partner meetings of the project Seatraining. The third transnational meeting was held in the Bulgarian capital of Budapest on June 17th 2008.

The meeting looked into the financial state of the project as of May 30th and reviewed the work done to date, the validation of the common Catalogue of Job Positions, provisional results of an inquiry into the training requirements of the nautical sports and tourism sector, and the partners ideas related to the

certification and endorsement of training programmes and titles of aptitude for workers in the sector.

Also presented was as an information leaflet and the project website already up and running.

The Intermediate Conference of the project took place in Barcelona on November 10th 2008 at the International Boat Show. Presented were the results of Seatraining after its first year in operation and the

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setting out of different papers relating to the world of nautical sports and tourism.





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Main results of the project

Throughout the first year of the Sea-training project a number of results have been obtained offering a glimpse at the success of the project.

The early results of the project are as follows:

- The carrying out of an inquiry by means of a survey into the training needs of nautical sports and tourism installations.
- Creation of an IT application to introduce the surveys results
- From these results a report will

be produced detailing the training requirements of the sector.

- Production of a Catalogue of Job Positions common to European nautical Installations (in draft form while a definitive list of positions is decided upon).

The results can be found on the website. These results are currently being revised and considered by the project partners and are at present only available over the project intranet. However, this information will be available to the



general public in due course.

More information regarding the results of the project can be found on the project's webpage (www.seatraining.info) or by sending an email to the following address: bmartin@feports-cv.org.



Websites of interest

A list of various websites of interest relating to the project partners and/or on the subject of European nautical sport are listed below.

FEPORIS - Valencian Ports Institute of Studies and Cooperation: www.feports-cv.org

FEAPDT- Spanish Federation of Yachting and Tourist Harbours Associations: www.marinaportvell.com

Euromarina, European Federation of Marinas and Yachting Harbours: www.euomarina.org

Assonautica: www.assonautica.it

Innoreg: www.innoreg.hu

Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions: www.crpm.org

European Commission Directorate General of Maritime and Fisheries: ec.europa.eu/dgs/fisheries

International Association of Coastal and Port Professionals (Asociación Internacional de Profesionales de Puertos y Costas): www.aippyc.org

