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Ratings to Officers VET Progression Programme Using ECVET Principles

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http://www.adam-europe.eu/adam/project/view.htm?prj=8963

Project Information

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Project Number: 2011-1-LV1-LEO05-02233

Year: 2011

Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

Status: completed

Country: LV-Latvia

Marketing Text: RANK-UP project aims to design training to give an Able Seafarer Deck a simple and direct passage to become an Officer-in-charge of a Navigational Watch, compliant with the revised STCW Convention. For ABs it will open up new career and promotion opportunities. They will become ship's officers. Ratings so converted will have a secure future with better remuneration, increased social status and better career prospects.
This is innovative project of vertical career movement will be of interest to ABs, training managers, crew managers, crewing agents, personnel managers, maritime administrators and trades union officials.

Summary: The 2010 BIMCO/ISF study highlights that shipping faces a challenging future regarding crewing with an increasing imbalance in the maritime workforce. A surplus of Ratings especially in today's EU Member States is facing increasingly unsecure employment prospect caused by cheaper manpower from the Pacific Rim Countries. This however is countered by a lack of ships' officers, with a dramatic shortfall in the EU countries as per last study. The maritime section of the EU addressed this problem repeatedly.

A solution to solve the problem nationally and internationally is to convert eligible AB Ratings into certified 'Watch Keeping Officers', (that is from Support Level to Operating Level) through a process of appropriate further training. The prevailing personal circumstances and informal professional competences of trainees would not be awarded adequately at existing higher education plus the full time attendance of studies without income would be inconsistent with family obligations.

The project RANK-UP is an innovative approach carrying forward achievements of the SEACHEFS and UniNET projects, attractive for ratings but still ensuring the high standards of MET. Existing professional competences will be assessed by utilizing recognised ECVET elements and principles. A customised scheme of a sequence of upgrading courses, complementd by onboard shipboard placements and distant learning objectives will achieve the necessary upgrading in skills, experience and qualifications to the "Operational Level". RANK-Up forms a VET upgrading scheme which offers alternatives to - in this case - inappropriate existing standard higher education programs. Ratings so converted will have a secure future with better remuneration, increased social status and future career prospects.

In Latvia alone some 1,950 eligble ratings could be converted by results of this project. Assuming that only 20% of these ranks would participate in a respective initiative would result in additional 390 officers, equivalent to some 7% increase (figures provided by the project Promoter. Applied across EU countries similar effects could be accomplished.

An experienced partner consortium has been selected for the project which demonstrated their ability to manage related projects several times in the past and even winning the Latvian national LdV award. Project partners originate from maritime educational institutes, governments, SMEs, union and research centres providing sustainable impact to the project.

Description: Outcomes of the project will comprise a project website, diverse technical reports on project workpackages, description of identified qualification in ratings VET in terms of units of learning outcomes according to ECVET principles, an international Interim & Final Workshop, and course framwork. Note: The shortage is underscored by a 2012 report from the UK DoTp.

Project Information

Themes:	* Continuous training
Sectors:	
Product Types:	modules program or curricula CD-ROM
Product information:	To be published in stages during the development of the project. See wwww.rank-up.eu for access to all reports and invitation to the Dissemination Conference in Riga.
Projecthomepage:	www.rank-up.eu

Project Contractor

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Country:	LV-Latvia
Organization Type:	public institution
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Partner 1

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Country/Region: Latvija
Country: LV-Latvia
Organization Type: others
Homepage: http://www.nautec-consult.lv

Partner 2

Name: Marine Information Ltd
City: Southwater, Horsham
Country/Region: South East
Country: UK-United Kingdom
Organization Type: others
Homepage: http://www.marine-info.co.uk

Partner 3

Name: Entra Agentura
City: Riga
Country/Region: Latvija
Country: LV-Latvia
Organization Type: others
Homepage: http://www.entra.lv

Partner 4

Name: Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia
City: Riga
Country/Region: Latvija
Country: LV-Latvia
Organization Type: others
Homepage: http://www.ltfja.lv/

Partner

Partner 5

Name:	Novikontas SIA
City:	Riga
Country/Region:	Latvija
Country:	LV-Latvia
Organization Type:	SME - small and medium-sized enterprise (up to 250 employees)
Homepage:	http://www.novikontas.lt

Partner 6

Name:	Glaukos Services Ltd.
City:	Limassol
Country/Region:	Kypros / Kibris
Country:	CY-Cyprus
Organization Type:	others
Homepage:	http://www.glaukos-services.com

Partner 7

Name:	MSG MarineServe GmbH
City:	Hamburg
Country/Region:	Hamburg
Country:	DE-Germany
Organization Type:	others
Homepage:	http://www.marineserve.de

Project Files

File Note meeting with MS-SC.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/File%20Note%20meeting%20with%20MS-SC.pdf

Research report based on meetings with MNTB and Marine Society

Press Release post Conferenece.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Press%20Release%20post%20Conferenece.pdf

Press Release - strictly embargoed till 18th September. Dissemination and exploitation. "Easier path for ratings to get officer certificates"

Rank-up Dissemination Conference programme_17_9_2013.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Rank-up%20Dissemination%20Conference%20programme_17_9_2013.pdf

Program of speakers and topics to be discussed at dissemination event in Riga before invited and public audience, including presentation by the national Agency.

Rank-up Dissemination Conference-WP8.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Rank-up%20Dissemination%20Conference-WP8.pdf

Dissemination Conference program and files.

Rank-up WP7.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Rank-up%20WP7.pdf

WP7 Testing & Evaluation of Conversion Program & Counselling Materials

Report on Priwall Technical Evaluation-web.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Report%20on%20Priwall%20Technical%20Evaluation-web.pdf

Technical paper looking at specific training and facilities at Priwall in north Germany.

SafetyDigest1_13_Core_data_for_Rank-up.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/SafetyDigest1_13_Core_data_for_Rank-up.pdf

In basic research for training in upgrading ratings we aim to ensure that lessons learned from accidents are not waisted, but incorporated in the materials of the Pilot project. With that aim in mind refere to this material.

Seafarer Accommodation.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Seafarer%20Accommodation.pdf

Accommodation and Welfare on cargo ships - paper illustrates obstacles to self study and advancement presented at 2013 International Seafarers Symposium, the Univerity of Cardiff - SIRC.

SIRC Symposium 2013.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/SIRC%20Symposium%202013.pdf

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Slater fund posters_code 200.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Slater%20fund%20posters_code%20200.pdf

Advertising poster for Slater Fund support

Training material exemplars from UK Videotel -2012.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Training%20material%20exemplars%20from%20UK%20Videotel%20-2012.pdf

Market leader Videotel offers material to support bridging knowledege gaps for transition for Able seafarer deck to OOW. This is just one example of what is offered in multi-formats.

Project Files

Workshop programme.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/Workshop%20programme.pdf

Open seminar to all interested delegates to explore the issues the project raises, in an informal forum and workshop.

WP4 International Workshop Riga.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/WP4%20International%20Workshop%20Riga.pdf

Workshop papers and presentations

WP 5 Development of conversion courses and guide.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/WP%205%20Development%20of%20conversion%20courses%20and%20guide.pdf

Work package 5. Conversion Courses and Career Counselling Guide - The exemplary conversion courses have been chosen within the framework of this pilot programme:
• Practical Navigation
• English Preparation Course
• Stability
They are chosen to cover different areas of seafarer's training: Navigation, Communication, Cargo Handling and Stowage. All are offered on the basis of the pilot project RANK-UP.

WP 6 - course transformation final.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/8963/prj/WP%206%20-%20course%20transformation%20final.pdf

Events

International Dissemination Conference

Date	17.09.2013
Description	Important international conference will report on key project outcomes to public and invited audience with a selected panel of critical experts.
Target audience	Shipowners Ship operators Ship managers Consultants Manning agents Maritime education and training institutes Recruitment consultants Regulators Classification societies Manning and training associations Trade Unions and social partners
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	For an invitation or assistnace with visas contact: admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	10.00am at Unimars Centre, 17 Duntes Street, Riga, LV-1005, Latvia

SC6

Date	16.09.2013
Description	Core management committee meeting to finalise arrangements for International Conference the following day
Target audience	Team only and invited staff
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	10.00 Seamans Register, Riga

Events

2013 SIRC Symposium

Date	03.07.2013
Description	Presence as invited guest at international research seminar
Target audience	Invited shipping industry researchers and ship owners/managers
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	Cardiff 3-4 July 2013

SC5

Date	11.04.2013
Description	Steering Committee Meeting for project management, planning and reporting
Target audience	Core partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	12.00 noon London

Events

International Workshop and Seminar

Date	12.09.2012
Description	An interactive discussion with international delegates to gain their practical experience, views and concerns on the topic of upgrade training for deck ratings to officer level under STCW 2010 regulations. English language. Some Russian and German interpretation offered. See files for papers presented.
Target audience	Shipowners Ship operators Ship managers Manning agents Maritime education and training institutes Recruitment consultants Regulators Classification societies Manning and training associations Trade Unions
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	For an invitation contact admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	Wednesday 12th September 2012 Start at 10am. All day event with lunch break. Unimars in Riga at 17 Duntes iela, LV-1005, Latvia

SC4

Date	12.09.2012
Description	Steering Committee Meeting for project management, planning and reporting
Target audience	Core partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	15.00 Riga

Events

SC3

Date	28.05.2012
Description	Steering Committee Meeting for project management, planning and reporting
Target audience	Core partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	12 noon Boizenburg, Hamburg Germany

SC2

Date	17.02.2012
Description	Steering Committee Meeting for project management, planning and reporting
Target audience	Core Partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	13.00 Berlin

SC 1

Date	26.10.2011
Description	Steering Committee Meeting for project management, planning and reporting
Target audience	Private to Partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	admin@rank-up.eu
Time and place	8.30 26th October 2011. Riga