



Press Release

ONBOARD Project – ERASMUS+ project launched

The ONBOARD Project – Development of technical profiles and training curriculum for the ports and logistics' sector, has been officially launched. It is a two years' project co-funded under Erasmus+ programme, Key-action 3 VET-Business Partnerships on Apprenticeships/Work-based learning.

The project aims to design, implement and validate an apprenticeship's model for ports and logistics sector, supporting new VET profiles and curricula, and fostering an effective cooperation structure between VET providers and business representatives of the maritime sector.

ONBOARD gather partners' from three different countries (Portugal, the United Kingdom and Ireland) accounting six entities in total: INOVA+ lead partner, Fórum Oceano – Portuguese Maritime Cluster, ISCIA – Higher Institute for Information and Administration Sciences, CIRA - Intermunicipal Community of Aveiro Region, MSE – Marine South East and CIT-Cork Institute of Technology.

With ONBOARD project, the consortium expects to:

- develop a study on apprenticeships training needs in the ports and logistics area in the three countries;
- design/update two to three functional profiles and joint curricula;
- structure an apprenticeship's model;
- design and test a training of apprenticeships key-professionals for the ports and logistics sector
- increase the awareness of young generation for careers in the maritime sector.

During October 18th and 19th, the leading organization INOVA+ hosted the project partners at Matosinhos, to kick-off the project, discuss on the necessary tasks and activities, and plan the upcoming period. Initial activities will focus on desk research of existing training offers for the sector and on the identification of current gaps and enterprise's needs. Further details will be announced, including how interested apprenticeship providers, training providers and sector SMEs can be engaged into the project activities.

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