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FUTURE SAILORS CALLED IN FOR A CAREER PREVIEW

Over the last few decades inland navigation sector witnessed a declining number of apprentices and qualified employees due to poor promotion among youngsters and lack of knowledge on career possibilities and working conditions on board ship.

Along with the harmonisation endeavours with regard to the training and certification of inland nautical personnel and development of concepts for a Danube school ship and inland navigation simulators supporting practical training of future sailors, HINT set out to increase public awareness on the image of the sector in question as a potential positive employer offering attractive jobs for college graduates, unemployed and people in search of career conversion. Plans were actualized via two transnational IWT job promotion pilot actions organized by HINT partners in Croatia and Hungary. For an enhanced visibility and wider dissemination, the two events were timed to coincide with the 20th International Maritime Colleges Rowing Regatta in Croatia and the 60th anniversary of the Danube Commission, respectively.

IWT job promotion action in Croatia

The Inland Navigation Development Centre (CRUP) in Croatia and School of Shipping, Shipbuilding and Hydrobuilding (SBBH) in Serbia joined hands in organizing an IWT job promotion campaign together with Bakar Nautical School in Croatia within the International Maritime Colleges Rowing Regatta celebrating its 20th anniversary on the 9th of May.

The event, basically organized for students from maritime and nautical schools and colleges, reunited this year nine teams from Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Monte Negro both from high schools and universities and about 400 visitors - pupils, students, teachers, representatives of the government, agencies etc.



During the official opening ceremony, captain Papes, principal of Bakar Nautical School introduced the job promotion campaign managed by CRUP and SBBH and urged participants to visit the info point set up in the central spot of the Regatta. Promotional materials such as HINT folders, pencils, notepads, project brochures were distributed and job promotion flyers especially prepared for this event highlighted the advantages and benefits of a job on board the ship in order to attract as many youngsters as possible to pursuing professional careers in IWT sector. Further information on the subject was provided by CRUP and SBBH teams present at the event.

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Deputy Minister of Science, Education and Sports, Mr. Petar Skansi, high school principals, representatives of government agencies for education and media visited the presentation stand throughout the event.

IWT job promotion action in Hungary

On May 19th, the Danube Commission celebrated 60 years since its establishment in the Hungarian capital, Budapest. On this occasion, its doors were opened to thirty secondary school students who had the chance to visit the premises and get a glimpse of the commission's activity in ensuring the free navigation of commercial vessels on the Danube and hence strengthening the economic and cultural relations of member states.

Participants were introduced into the history of Danube navigation, river geography, ship design, modern river information technologies and they also had the opportunity of trying their hands on ship steering by means of the simulator stations brought in and scattered throughout the historical building of the Commission by HINT partners, National Association of Radio Distress-Signalling and Infocommunications (RSOE) and Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME).



Participants were welcomed by Mr. Petar Margic, Director-General of Danube Commission Secretariat and then introduced to the SEE transnational cooperation programme by Ms. Roberta Calcina, project manager within the Joint Technical Secretariat. Dr. Mária Árkyné Tóth gave a short presentation of the Hungarian Shipping Secondary and Vocational School followed by instructions with regard to student competition rules provided by Mr. Gergely Mezo from RSOE. The competition consisted of 15-20 minutes try-out of the DUNAPROMO Ship Simulator. During the final ceremony, teams were awarded project promotional items.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECT ACTIVITIES

One more step towards harmonisation of training and certification of inland nautical personnel

Following adoption of the Procedure for the Recognition of Professional Training Courses for Boatmen by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), HINT Lead Partner, CERONAV submitted required documentation for the recognition of its own training course and underwent appropriate audit whose results are expected early September. Initiative is supposed to be replicated by the other partners from project participant countries so as to reach planned harmonization goals.

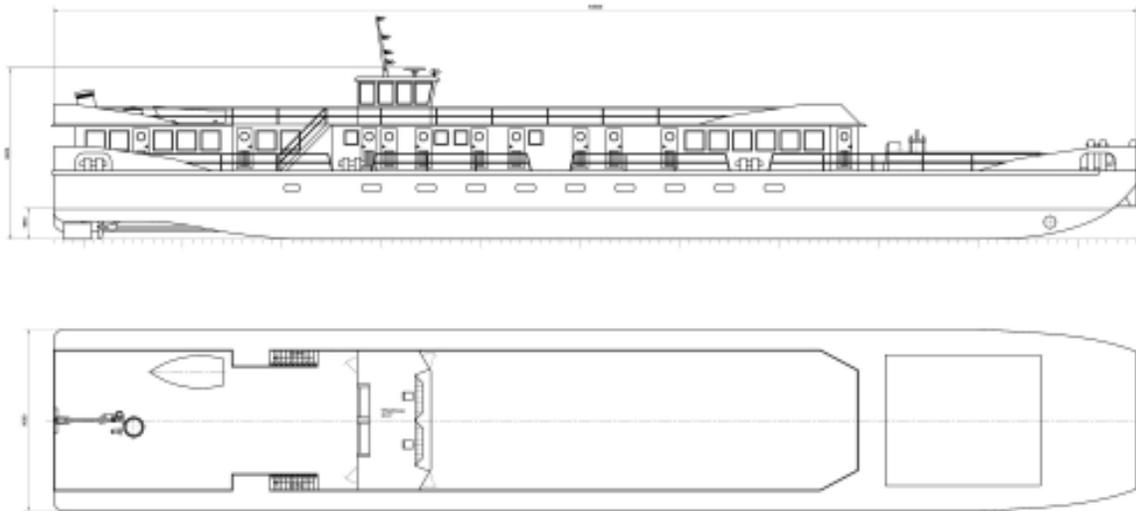
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To the same end, HINT partners developed a common promotion strategy of harmonized standards for education, training and certification of personnel in inland navigation and started organization of promotion workshops introducing the standards and highlighting the benefits thereof in the light of current efforts for the enhancement of workforce mobility.

Danube school ship, port logistics and navigation simulators for an enhanced training experience

Concepts for a Danube school ship, a port logistics simulator and a navigation simulator to be jointly used by partners along the Danube corridor were developed in minute detail and are now being validated by national stakeholders as appropriate, comprehensive and feasible blueprints expecting actualization.

The Danube school ship concept focuses on vessel design, proprietary alternatives, education and training aspects, appropriate navigation route, estimated costs and funding options providing both documented and stakeholder-endorsed solutions.



New Danube School Ship without lifting wheelhouse

The Danube navigation simulator concept includes aspects related to types of ships to be simulated, technical performances, visualization of the ship and its surroundings, devices to be simulated, eg. radar, ECDIS, AIS, VHF radio, necessary infrastructure for the installation of such a simulator as well as training requirements, costs and funding possibilities.



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In developing the **concept for a port logistics (reach stacker and cranes) simulator**, partners started from the current situation in the ports, i.e. demand and necessary competences to be acquired through simulator training and then analysed acquisition possibilities, location and accessibility of such a simulator as well as potential training providers.

As HINT enters its final stage, partners focus their attention on “crops to be harvested” late November ensuring in the meantime most appropriate conditions for growth and development to guarantee successful results.

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