

Skills strategy workshop for the shipbuilding and offshore renewable energy sectors

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MATES, an Erasmus+ funded European project focused on the shipbuilding and offshore renewable energy sectors, will be hosting the workshop **“Strategy Validation - Skills intelligence to boost maritime technologies”** on 28th May 2019 at 10.30-17.00, in Brussels, Belgium. During the **MATES** workshop, there will be discussions on the technological challenges which are driving changes within these sectors and proposed actions to overcome identified skill gaps.

The workshop will be of interest to those working in the shipbuilding or offshore renewable energy sectors or in the fields of industry, education or public administration. Attendance is free and registration details are available at <https://www.projectmates.eu/mates-strategy-validation-workshop-may-2019/> or by contacting mates@cetmar.org.

The results that will be presented at the workshop is the culmination of engagement with 176 experts within these sectors. Focus areas include: Shipbuilding, Offshore Renewable Energy, Digital Technologies, Green Technologies, Innovation Management, Gender Balance, Ocean Literacy, and Vocational Education Training Standards and Governance.

The lines of action validated during this workshop will be rolled out through case studies across Europe, known as *Pilot Experiences*, with the aim of improving the quality and relevance of existing training and developing new ways of acquiring skills. This ensures that both sectors are adaptable in the face of technological progress. Insights and best practices gained through these experiences will be used to fine-tune the strategy, which will then be transferred to a wider community. Attendance to the workshop is therefore an opportunity to contribute to the longer-term skills strategy for both sectors.

MATES will be represented at the European Maritime Day on 16-17 May 2019 at the Lisbon Congress Centre, Portugal, by Forum Oceano. Visit their booth for further information on **MATES** or visit the website at www.projectmates.eu.

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