

Overall impact of setting-up a Maritime Technologies Skills Strategy

MATES project' main achievements and sustainability plan

29 March 2022

A link to the virtual room [here](#). Zoom platform will be used for this event.

THE FINAL CONFERENCE

Since 2018 the **MATES Project** has been working at bridging the gap between the skills needs and the training opportunities available within the maritime technologies, specifically focused on shipbuilding and offshore renewable energy.

During 4 years, 17 partners, from 8 European countries representing public Administrations, Education, the Industry and research collaborated with the aim to create a Maritime Technologies Skill that will address the difficulties encountered by the industry to find a skilled labour force.

As we get to the end of this fruitful project, we are inviting you to join us in this event that will present some of the most relevant achievements and successful stories in the development of a Sectoral Skills Strategy for the maritime technologies, and the sustainability plan for the roll-out of the strategy. A panel of final users of the project outcomes will share their views on the impact achieved.

Attendees will be invited to continue supporting the roll-out of the MATES Maritime technology Skills Strategy, and take advantage from its outcomes in order to continue developing materials and tools supporting the capacity building process.

Either if you work in the shipbuilding or offshore renewable energy sector, or a stakeholder in the fields of industry, education or public administration, you are kindly invited to join us in the **MATES Final Conference on 29 March 2022 from 10.00-13.00 CEST.**

VENUE: The event will be held in a hybrid format, both in presence and on-line.

Due to COVID security measures, attendance to the in-person event will only be by invitation for a reduced number of attendees.

MATES Project partners and a selection of the closest collaborators and members of the Pact for Skills in the Offshore Renewable Energies are invited to participate in person.

In presence venue: NH Collection Brussels Grand Sablon. Rue Bodenbroek, 2, Brussels

AGENDA

- 9:40 Sound test/Technical assistance for the streaming platform
- 10:00 **Welcome Words**
Lucía Fraga Lago Head of the Training Department, CETMAR (Technology Centre of the Sea - CETMAR Foundation)
- Opening Address**
Skill challenges for a sustainable blue economy.
Andreea Strachinescu, Head of Unit 'Maritime innovation, marine knowledge and investments'
- DG MARE - European Commission
- Introductory session**
The Skills Agenda for Europe and the joint work of the EU Commission to match the skills gaps.
Julie Fionda, Deputy Head of Skills Agenda Unit. Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission DG EMPL
- 10:30 **MATES Strategy overview. A review of main project outcomes and Sustainability Plan**
Lucía Fraga Lago. Head of the Training Department, CETMAR **Renato Pires**, FRCT- Açores (The Açores Regional Fund for Science and Technology) and **Miguel Marques**, Skipper & Wool.
- Debate with the audience**
- 11:10 **Panel 1: successful stories in the sustainability of the project outputs**
Moderator: **Evelyn Paredes, U.Gent**
- *Simulation of industrial spaces at the VET Centre: a trigger for DUAL programmes and more applied training* – **Virginia Alvarez-Acevedo, Navantia**
 - *On-line training: the use of MOOCS to prepare new workers in the enterprise* – **Laura Alonso, CT ingenieros**
 - *Innovative training programmes: Offshore Renewable Energy Courses*: **Tom Hill, Marine Energy wales**
 - *Attracting talent with Ocean Literacy in blended learning*: **Andrés Rodriguez, Marine Instruments**
- 12:00 **Panel 2: transferring the core of the MATES strategy**
Moderator: **Frederico Ferreira, Forum Océano**
- Skills intelligence outcomes to update the occupational profiles. **Chiara Stramaccioni, ESCO Secretariat**
 - Transferring results to feed the Pact for Skills: **Iván Pineda, Wind Europe**
 - Feeding the skills agendas: **Zeltia Lado Lago, Director-General of Training, Department of Employment and Equality, Xunta de Galicia**
- 12:50 **Closing remarks**
Lucía Fraga Lago. Head of the Training Department, CETMAR
- 13:00 **Lunch Break**

14:15- **General Assembly of the Large Scale Partnership launching the Pact for Skills in the ORE**
16:15 **(only members)**

Secretary: **Lucía Fraga**. *Head of the Training Department, CETMAR.*

Introduction: Presentation of the participants and new members joining the Large Scale Partnership

Achievements accomplished during the first period: 2021, presented by the leaders of the working Groups.

Proposed agenda for the next period.

Conclusions and next steps