



## ***MENTOR* project:**

# **Blue Career Centre of Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea**

- Duration: 24 months (1/3/2017-28/2/2019)
- Total cost: 689,762€ [EC financial contribution: 551,810€ (80%)]
- 7 partners, 4 countries participating
- [www.bluecareers.org](http://www.bluecareers.org)



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## *Integrated maritime education opportunities in the area of Maritime Technologies*



■ Mar.In.E.M.

■ “Study supporting a possible network of maritime training academies and institutes in the Mediterranean sea basin” (EC)



**Establish a Blue Career Center in the Eastern Mediterranean**

# Partners

1. University of Cyprus (UCY) Cyprus
2. Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean (Mar.In.EM) Cyprus
3. Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) Cyprus
4. National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) Greece
5. Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) Greece
6. Marine Cluster Bulgaria (MCB) Bulgaria
7. Constanta Maritime University (CMU) Romania



# 4 Observers

**1. Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (Egypt)**



**2. Jordan Academy for Maritime Studies (Jordan)**



**3. Al-Manar University of Tripoli (Lebanon)**



**4. Istanbul Technical University (Turkey)**



# General Objectives

1. Set up a regional platform – Blue Career Centre – for dialogue between business stakeholders, education & training institutions, research organizations, regulators, the civic society.
2. Work closely and actively in order to **close the skill gap, make blue careers more attractive, and tackle unemployment.**
3. Focus on four **Marine and Maritime Economic Activities (MEAs)** as of strategic importance in the EM & BS region:
  - **Maritime Transport** (i.e. shipping, ports, shipbuilding and ship-repairs)
  - **Cruise Tourism**
  - **Marine Aquaculture** (mainly in the EM)
  - **Offshore oil and gas**



# Work Packages

**WP1:** Project management [*OC-UCY*]



**WP2:** Developing re-training skills for blue professionals [*NTUA*]



**WP3:** Promoting mobility and cooperation in East Med and Black Sea [*AUA*]



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**WP4:** Establishment of Blue Career Centre (BCC) of East Med-Black Sea [*Mar.In.E.M.*]



**WP5:** Dissemination activities [*MCB*]



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# Expected Results

- 1. Establishment of the Blue Career Centre Secretariat** in Cyprus with representations in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, which may later extend to other countries in the area. **1 Secretariat, 3 representations**
- 2. Mapping of the provided maritime education and training** in the EM and BS region, including availability of infrastructure. **4 catalogues (CY, GR, BG, RO)**
- 3. Development of re-training schemes for blue professionals** in the maritime sector, fisheries and offshore oil and gas. **4 re-training seminars**
- 4. Mentoring and career guidance to students** (age 15-18) for the Blue sectors in schools in Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, and Romania. **Visits to 200 schools**
- 5. Re-train blue professionals** in the maritime sector, cruise tourism, fishing tourism and ichthyotourism, and offshore oil and gas sectors. **4X40 people**
- 6. Establish introductory e-learning courses** for the maritime transport sector, for offshore oil and gas sector, for marine aquaculture sector, cruise tourism and for fishing tourism and ichthyotourism. **5 introductory e-learning courses**

# Expected Results (cont.)

7. **Sharing and pooling of resources**, such as maritime simulators and possibly a training vessel from the EM & BS area. **Inventory of available resources**
8. **Organise Blue Career Fairs (Days)** in the Eastern Mediterranean and Black Seas. **8: 2 in each participating country (CY, GR, BU, RO)**
9. **Promote the mobility of students and staff within the region.**  
**30 students, 6 staff**
10. **Balance the demand and supply of maritime, aquaculture, cruise tourism and offshore oil and gas professionals in the region.**  
**Matching database for maritime professionals**
11. **Promote the harmonisation of Maritime Education and Training**  
**Organization of the first Regional Conference of Maritime Education & Training Providers**