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

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**(MENTOR Project)**

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### **Progress Report**

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## 1 Progress of work plan in the covered period

### 1.1 General progress:

The **general objective** of the MENTOR project is to set up a regional platform in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea (EM) and Black Sea (BS) – the **Blue Career Centre** – that aims to attract young people and experienced workers and fill existing skills' gaps by supporting activities that will increase employability in 4 key Blue sectors of the region: (1) Maritime Transport (shipping, ports, ship-repairs and shipbuilding), (2) Cruise tourism, (3) Aquaculture and (4) Offshore oil and gas. In this reporting period, 5 of the 11 **specific objectives** (1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 in the GA) and their deliverables are addressed (see Section 1.2 for more information). All contractual obligations up to M18 have been accomplished. No significant deviations or important problems have emerged during the current reporting period (M13 to M18 - for a detailed description of progress up to M12 please consult the 1<sup>st</sup> Progress Report). No specific recommendations or guidance was received from the EASME or the European Commission in previous technical reports or meetings.

### 1.2 Progress on the project against initial general and specific objectives:

The following activities were planned during the months 13-18 of the MENTOR project:

#### WP1. Project Management

All contractual obligations of M13-18 accomplished.

D1.1.2.2 Periodic Project Management Report [OC-UCY, All, M18] *[this report]*.

D1.1.3 Project Final Report [OC-UCY, All, M24]. *For M24.*

#### WP 2. Developing re-training schemes for blue professionals

Specific objectives: 2) Mapping of the provided maritime education and training in the EM and BS region, including availability of infrastructure; 3) Development of re-training schemes for blue professionals in the maritime sector, fishermen and offshore oil and gas. All contractual obligations of M13-18 are on track. *WP under implementation.*

D2.3.1, D2.3.2, D2.3.3, D2.3.4, E-learning courses framework: Learning objectives, teaching/training methods, assessment, and development of training materials – Shipping, Aquaculture, Cruise and Fish Tourism, Offshore Oil & Gas (see amended Annex I in **Annex 1**) [NTUA, All, M23]. *Actions under implementation. Deliverables due in M23.*

D2.4.5, D2.4.6, D2.4.7, D2.4.8, Report and Assessment of the effectiveness of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Career Fairs in Greece (scheduled for 30.11.2018), Cyprus (scheduled for January-February 2019), Bulgaria (scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November 2018) and Romania (scheduled for 19.10.2018) [M23]. *Actions under implementation. Deliverables due in M23.*

#### WP 3. Promoting mobility and cooperation in East Med and Black Sea

Specific objective: 9) Promote the mobility of students and staff within the region. All contractual obligations of M13-18 are on track. *WP under implementation.*

D3.3 Framework for promoting the mobility of students and staff within the region [AUA, All, M23]. At least 20 students are envisaged to be mobilised from Romania to Bulgaria and at least 5 from Bulgaria to Romania. At least 5 will be mobilised from Cyprus to Greece. *Deliverable under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

D3.4 Harmonised requirements for maritime professional training focusing on practice [NTUA, Mar.In.E.M., CCCI, MCB, CMU, M23]. *Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

#### WP 4. Establishment of Blue MENTOR Career Centre

Specific objective: 1) The establishment of the Blue Career Centre Secretariat in Cyprus with representation in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, which may later extend to other countries in this area. All contractual obligations of M13-18 are on track. *WP under implementation.*

D4.2.1 Establishment of the Blue Career Centre (BCC) of East Med-Black Sea representation in Greece [NTUA, M23]. *Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

D4.2.2 Establishment of the Blue Career Centre (BCC) of East Med-Black Sea representation in Bulgaria [MCB, M23]. *Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

D4.2.3 Establishment of the Blue Career Centre (BCC) of East Med-Black Sea representation in Romania [CMU, M23]. *Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

D4.2.4 Report on activities and actions to establish Blue Career Centre (BCC) representations in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey [Mar.In.E.M., M23]. *Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M23.*

#### WP 5. Dissemination activities

Specific objective: 10) Balance the demand and supply of maritime, aquaculture, cruise tourism and offshore oil and gas professionals in the region. All contractual obligations of M13-18 are on track. *WP under implementation.*

D5.2.1 Blue Career Centre events [MCB, M24]. *Task 5.2 (organisation of conferences, workshops, events, meetings for dissemination and networking) under implementation. Main events of M13-18 are listed below:*

- 1) March 8, 2018: Mr. Zacharias Siokouros (MARINEM) visited the Cyprus University of Technology.
- 2) March 15, 2018: Career Day Event at Costeas-Geitonas School, Athens, Greece (organised by NTUA in Greece).
- 3) April 19, 2018: Career Fair at the Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol. The MarInEM team participated in the career fair.

- 4) April 24-26, 2018: Career Days 2018, University of Cyprus, Nicosia. MENTOR participated in the Career Fair event on April 26 with its own dedicated kiosk. The Career Fair was organized by the Career Office of the University of Cyprus.
- 5) April 26, 2018: MATES project workshop, Athens. Professor Nikos Ventikos (NTUA) presented MENTOR at the workshop.
- 6) May 4, 2018: YoungShip Cyprus - LAW social event at Diamante Blu on 04 May 2018, at 18:30. Zacharias Siokouros (MARINEM) was invited to deliver a speech in relation to the Shipping Industry.
- 7) May 9, 2018: MATES project meeting, Rotterdam. Prof. Nikolaos Ventikos presented MENTOR in experts group of MATES project.
- 8) May 15, 2018: Career Fair of Lycee Francohellénique - Eugène Delacroix, Athens, Greece. Evi Chatzoglou (AUA) participated in the Career Fair as an invited speaker. She presented MENTOR project.
- 9) May 31 – June 1, 2018: European Maritime Day (EMD), Burgas, Bulgaria. Siyana Angelova (EMD) presented the MENTOR project during the pitch stage of Blue Growth projects.
- 10) 29 May -04 June 2018: Training Career Counsellors for the NEET project, Univ. of Nicosia. M. Andreou (CCCI) presented MENTOR.
- 11) 6 June 2018: Blue Growth Workshop, Sea days, Piraeus, Greece. Professor Nikos Ventikos (NTUA) presented MENTOR at the workshop about Blue Growth during the “Sea days” of 2018.
- 12) 21 June, 2018: Med Blue Growth Transnational Capitalization & Community Building Event, Athens, Greece. Prof. N. Ventikos (NTUA) participated.
- 13) June 27, 2018. Cruise Sector in the EUSAIR Area: Challenges and Future Perspectives, Olympia, Greece, 27 June (2018). Prof. Georgios Georgiou (UCY, MENTOR coordinator) presented the MENTOR project.
- 14) July 20, 2018: The MENTOR project & Other Blue Initiatives in Cyprus, University of Cyprus. Mrs. Alessia Clocchiatti (DG MARE) visited the MENTOR project and a workshop entitled “The MENTOR project & Other Blue Initiatives in Cyprus” was organized at the University of Cyprus.
- 15) August 25-29, 2018: Participation in AQUA 2018, Montpellier, France. Prof. E. Miliou and Dr. E. Chatzoglou (AUA) presented a poster entitled BLUE CAREER CENTER OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA: PROGRESS IN MENTOR PROJECT.

**For a full list of the events, please see Annex 2 (excel file with Dissemination Activities). *Action under implementation. Del. due in M24.***

**D5.3.1** Blue Career Centre EastMed-Black Sea Dissemination material [MCB, All]. A subcontractor for the development of dissemination materials was selected and press releases, newsletters and project leaflet were designed. The activities will continue during the next reporting period. *Task 5.3 under implementation. For leaflets, posters & presentations, see [www.bluecareers.org](http://www.bluecareers.org). Action under implementation. Del. due in M24.*

**D5.3.2** Audio-visual material. A subcontractor has been selected. 6 videos are completed and one more is under preparation. The activities will continue during the next reporting period [MCB, All]. *Task 5.3 under implementation. Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M24.*

**D5.3.3** Social Media activities. Accounts have been created in Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube and continuously inform about the MENTOR activities [MCB, M24]. *Task 5.3 under implementation. Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M24.*

**D5.3.3.1** First stage of Communication and Dissemination Strategy [MCB, M18]. **Deliverable Submitted (see Annex 3).**

**D5.4.1.** Action Plan [MCB, M24]. *Task 5.3 under implementation. Action under implementation. Deliverable due in M24.*

### 1.3 Identified deviations, problems and corrective actions taken in the period:

No deviations from the planned activities occurred during this reporting period.

## 2 Work plan for the next period

Planned activities for the next 6 months include actions for the finalisation of the following Deliverables: D1.1.3 Project Final Report [OC-UCY, All, M24]. D2.3.1, D2.3.2, D2.3.3, D2.3.4, E-learning courses framework: Learning objectives, teaching/training methods, assessment, and development of training materials – Shipping, Aquaculture, Cruise Tourism, Offshore Oil & Gas [NTUA, All, M23]. D3.3 Framework for promoting the mobility of students and staff within the region [AUA, All, M23]. D3.4 Harmonised requirements for maritime professional training focusing on practice [NTUA, Mar.In.E.M., CCCI, MCB, CMU, M23]. D4.2.1, D4.2.2, D4.2.3, D4.2.4 Establishment of the BCC of East Med-Black Sea representation in Greece, Bulgaria, Romania and Report on activities and actions to establish Blue Career Centre (BCC) representations in other countries [M23]. D5.3.2 Audio-visual material. [MCB, All]. D5.4.1. Action Plan. [MCB, M24].

## 3 Other issues

No other specific project-related issues emerged during the months M13-M18.

## 4 Attachments

Annex 1. Amended Annex I  
Annex 2. Dissemination Activities in M13-18.  
Annex 3. D 5.3.3.1 Communication and Dissemination Strategy.