



## MENTORing FOR THE SEA – READY, STEADY, SAIL AHEAD!

While the beginning of 2018 was marked by the establishment of the secretariat of the Blue Career Centre (BCC) of the Eastern Mediterranean & Black Sea in Cyprus, the autumn was welcomed with the foundation of the Blue Career Centers in Bulgaria and Romania. The local training points are part of the international facility promoting and reinforcing the study, education, professional progress, research and innovation in the sectors of the Blue Economy such as maritime transport, cruise tourism, marine aquaculture, and offshore oil and gas.

October also proved to be an eventful month, hosting the second MENTOR consortium meeting kindly held at the premises of the Constanta Maritime University (CMU) in Romania. The hospitality of the hosts and the superb meeting arrangements were complemented by a tour to the labs and simulator rooms of CMU.



The second MENTOR meeting hosted by the Constanta Maritime University (CMU), Constanta, Romania, 18 October 2018



Visit to the Engine Simulator Room (CMU)

In addition, the second Blue Career Fair in Romania followed the Consortium meeting on October 19, where local business representatives presented numerous career opportunities to students, guests and interested parties. Ten Bulgarian students also visited this event and had the opportunity to get familiar with the available training

facilities and qualification simulators. The mobility of the project staff and students allowed for their active participation in the career fair.



The Career Fair in CMU premises on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

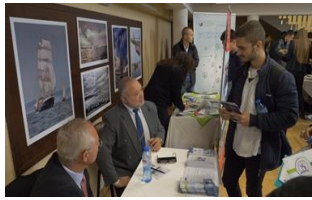
On November 15, Marine Cluster Bulgaria organized the second Blue Career Fair in Varna, Bulgaria. The event gathered more than 250 participants - students from high schools and universities, representatives of educational institutions and business, Professionals of maritime sectors presented to the audience career opportunities in various blue sectors. In the afternoon a matchmaking session allowed the students to get additional information from companies, training centers and recruiting agencies.



The Career Fair in Varna on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Learning more about 3D printer use opportunities



Useful communication between students and employers

Within the project mobility framework, sixteen Romanian students attended the Career Fair in Varna, and got acquainted with the training facilities and simulators.



Romanian students visit at training simulators.

The second edition of the successful Blue Career Fairs at the end of 2017 will also be held in Greece and Cyprus:

- Ⓜ 30 November 2018 – a Blue Career Fair in Athens, Greece, hosted at the Agricultural University of Athens
- Ⓜ 11 December 2018 – a Blue Career Fair in Nicosia, Cyprus, hosted at the University of Cyprus
- Ⓜ 13 December 2018 - a Blue Career Fair in Larnaka, Cyprus, hosted at the Municipal Theatre of Larnaka,
- Ⓜ 14 December 2018 – a Blue Career Fair in Limassol, Cyprus, hosted at the Limassol Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### Other MENTOR activities

A lot of activities have been performed by project partners during this period, mostly to raise the awareness.

- Ⓜ A workshop entitled “**The MENTOR project & Other Blue Initiatives in Cyprus**” was organized at the University of Cyprus on July 20, 2018. Mrs. Alessia Clocchiatti (DG MARE) participated and delivered the opening talk entitled “Latest developments of the EU maritime skills policy and next steps”.



“The MENTOR Project & Other Blue Initiatives in Cyprus” workshop



- Ⓜ Professor Eleanna Miliou and Dr. Evi Chatzoglou (AUA) presented a poster entitled “Blue Career Center of eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea BLACK SEA: progress in MENTOR project at **AQUA 2018**, Montpellier, France, August 25-29, 2018



Prof. Miliou and Dr.Chatzoglou at AQUA 2018

- Ⓜ Participations at workshops, seminars and events:

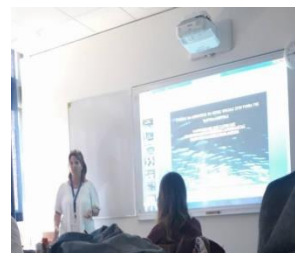


Prof. Nikolaos Ventikos presented MENTOR project at Blue Growth event



Prof. Georgios Georgiou presented MENTOR project at Med Cruise Sector in the EUSAIR Area:

- Ⓜ Career guidance



Dr.Chatzoglou provided career guidance in Aquaculture workshop



Mrs Monica Andreou presented MENTOR at the NEET project



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