



Blue Career Centre of Eastern Mediterranean & Black Sea

Mentoring for the Sea

THANK YOU FOR THE VOYAGE AND LET YOUR DREAMS SET SAIL WITH THE BLUE CAREER CENTER!

The two-year project MENTOR started in March 2017 is to be successfully completed in February 2019 after the establishment of a Blue Career Centre Secretariat in Cyprus with local branches in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania.

The initiative intended to develop re-training schemes for blue professionals and experienced workers in traditional and well-established maritime sectors such as maritime transport, cruise tourism, offshore oil and gas and aquaculture. In addition, mentoring and career guidance to students (age 15-18) for the Blue sectors was also arranged in numerous public and private schools in Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, and Romania. Further, the consortium partners compiled a thorough catalogue of the offered maritime education and training in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea regions. This was followed by the establishment of e-Learning courses for the intended target groups in the four major maritime economic areas, available on the project website. The MENTOR team also shared and pooled their resources to promote the mobility of thirty nine students and twenty six project staff within the region, while they arranged eight employer-employee matchmaking events in the form of a Blue Career Fairs in the participating project countries.

The completion of the project was marked by two separate events held consecutively on 18th and 19th February in Nicosia, Cyprus.

The first one was the First Regional Conference of Maritime Education and Training Providers in the Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea regions that addressed various issues of harmonization of the training programs within the Blue economy on a regional level and discussed the challenges in the maritime training and the modern requirements of the skills for Blue employees. It was followed by the final consortium meeting that took place at the premises of the University of Cyprus, as twenty representatives of the project members attended the gathering devoted the final review and assessment of the MENTOR project. The participants discussed the last pending deliverables of the project, considered the future activities of the established Blue Career Centre and debated on the reports and the assessment of the effectiveness of the second edition of the Blue Career Fairs.

Thus, the MENTOR project through its Blue Career Center initiative has taken a leadership role in advocating for the development of high-quality maritime career information and in helping to identify the basic requirements for producing this type of information.



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