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# Creating an European Skills Council for the Maritime Technology Sector

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“The Vasco Da Gama Experience”

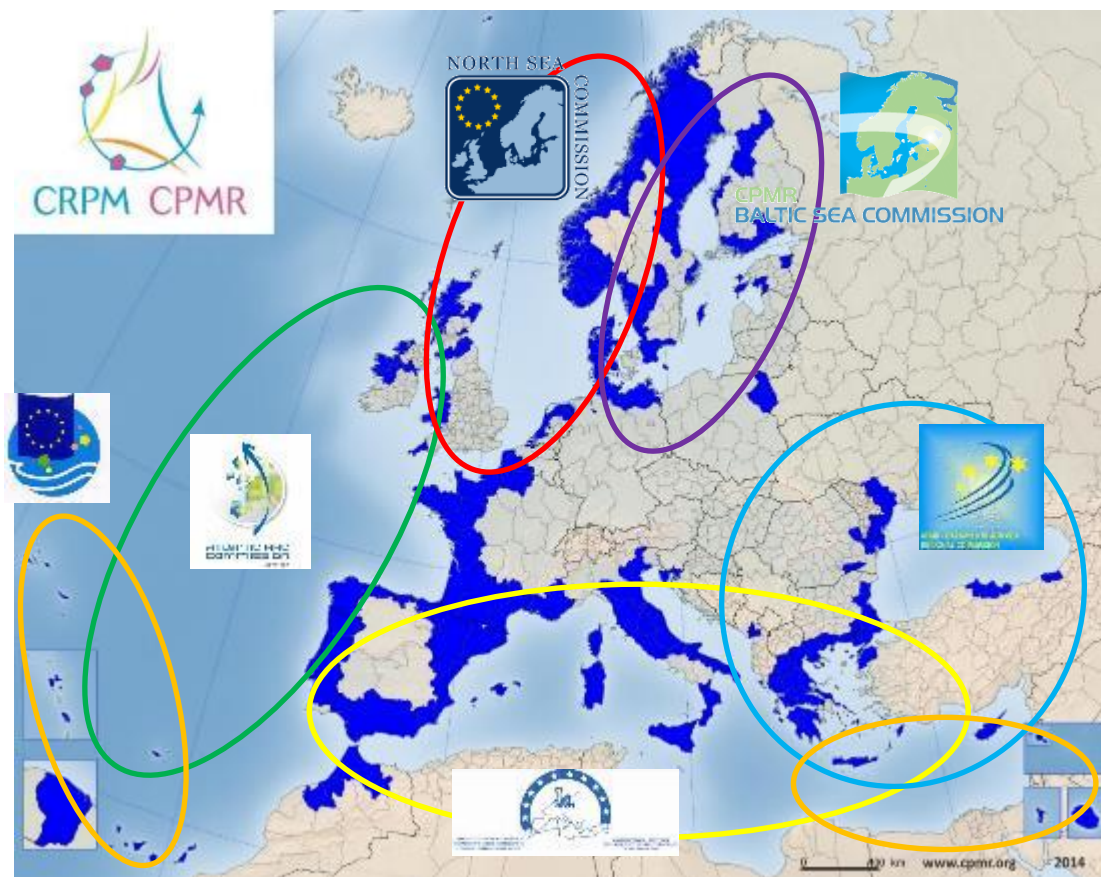
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This project is co-funded by the European Union

- Network of 160 Regions
- 28 EU member & non-member States
- 200 million inhabitants
- 6 Geographical Commissions



## WHERE DOES THIS INITIATIVE COME FROM?

- CPMR Resolution “in favour of an interregional mobility pilot action for young people in the maritime sector – the Vasco Da Gama Programme”
- Why Youth Mobility?
- Why the Regions?

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Promote the quality of education and training in the maritime transport sector
- Enhance European mobility for students, teachers and seafarers in line with the “Maritime Erasmus Concept”
- Encourage networking between Regions, educational and training institutions and the private sector



## EU's Financial Support – DG MOVE

**PROJECT LEADER :  
CPMR**

December 2013 – November 2015

Work Package 1  
**Training for  
Maritime Safety**

**Kalmar  
Maritime  
Academy**

Work Package 2  
**Training - Maritime  
Simulators**

**Ecole  
Nationale  
Supérieure  
Maritime**

Work Package 3  
**Greening Maritime  
Transport**

**Clean  
Shipping  
Index**

Work Package 4  
**Maritime ERASMUS**

Work Package 5  
**Dissemination**

Work Package 6  
**Management**





## WP1 – Training for Maritime Safety

### Master Programme Sustainable Shipping (Post-Graduate level)



# HOW TO ADDRESS THE SKILLS GAP IN THE MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR?

- Towards “innovative modules”: focus on “key” issues!
- Participation of Students and Seafarers in mobility schemes
- “Harmonisation” of Programmes and Semesters in EU METs

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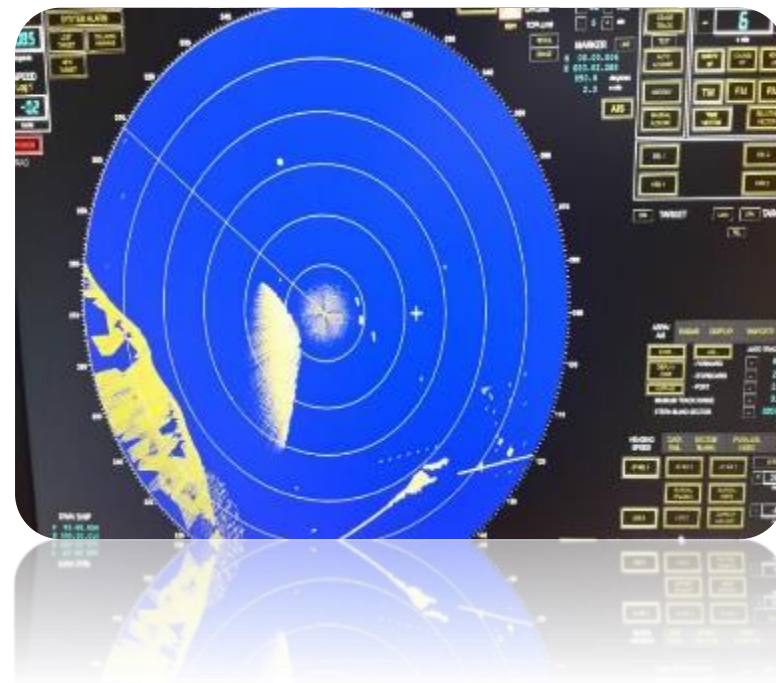
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## WP2 – Training and Maritime Simulators

Transnational exercises running a  
combined scenario connecting two  
full mission simulators  
(bridge – machine)



# HOW TO ADDRESS THE SKILLS GAP IN THE MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR?

- Design innovative hardware and software
- Develop “transnational cooperation” exercises
- Students should spend more hours in simulators = need for more investments in “infrastructures” & more “teachers”

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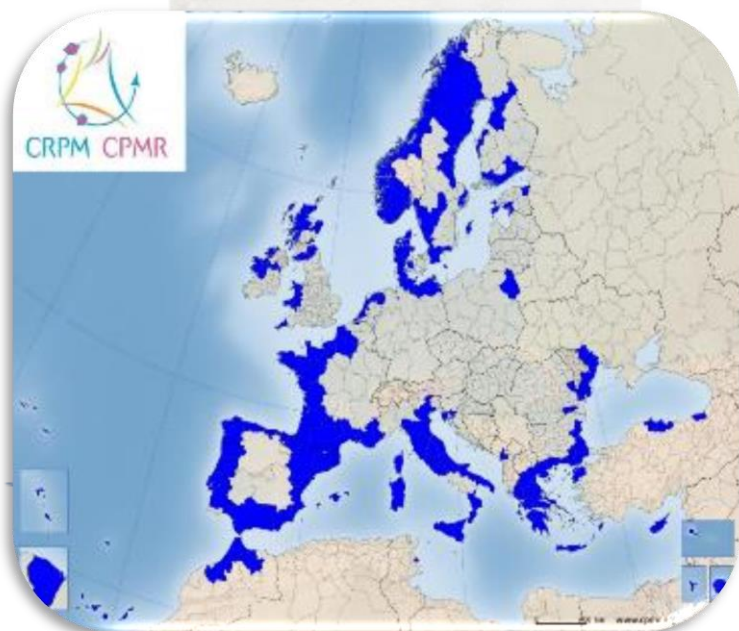








- Sea basin-led Initiative
- Holistic Approach





## VASCO DA GAMA FINAL CONFERENCE

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