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Shipowners and companies active in the maritime transport sector could benefit from the outcomes of the EU-funded project SkillSea. The website contains multiple research reports on maritime professionals' current and future skills and competence needs. The skills gap between future and current needs, identifications of mismatches and impact on occupational profiles have been further investigated. Also, the project gives recommendations for education and training.

Next to recommendations, Skillsea made a very practical toolbox to design courses to train maritime professionals in the field of future-proof skills, such as green – and digital skills, intrapreneurship, leadership and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). SkillSea works on different educational packages on the subjects mentioned above. These packages can be used as inspiration and make it easier to upgrade or update courses for your specific target audience.

Furthermore, much work is being done on establishing a Maritime Transport sectoral alliance involving research institutions, education providers, national maritime authorities, shipping companies, shipowners' associations and maritime trade unions. Finally, a skills strategy document for maritime transport is being developed.

All research and materials are publicly available and can be used free of charge. We invite you to register for the SkillSea newsletter published every six months and offers a lot of information regarding the developments in maritime transport regarding skills needs. Signing up to the mailing list of SkillSea will also allow you to influence the project's research through the different surveys being sent.

View website: www.skillsea.eu

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Background

Technology, sustainability and digitalisation are transforming the maritime transport sector. These current and possibly other future developments create demand for a new generation of competent, highly-skilled maritime professionals. As Europe is a traditional global source of maritime expertise, the four-year SkillSea project was launched to ensure that Europe's maritime professionals possess essential digital, green and soft management skills for the rapidly changing maritime labour market. The project seeks to not only produce a sustainable skills strategy for European maritime professionals but also to increase the number of these professionals - enhancing the safety and efficiency of this vital sector.

The industry's social partners developing this future-proof project are the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), in cooperation with a consortium of research institutions, education providers, national maritime authorities, shipping companies, shipowners' associations and maritime trade unions from 14 countries in Europe.



The key aims and objectives of SkillSea include:

- Analysing the effect of current and future technological developments on the industry's skills requirements
- An even better match between the industry's skills needs and the education and training of maritime professionals
- Overcoming barriers to the mobility of maritime professionals
- Improving cooperation and synergy between education providers, maritime authorities and the industry
- Ensuring that Europe retains world-leading access to maritime skills and experience for improved competitiveness

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