**Project title: DivSea: Diversification of seafarers’ employability paths through collaborative development of competences and certification**

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**Transnational Project Meeting 5. Minutes of meeting**

**18 – 19 June 2018, Nicosia, Cyprus**

**Hosted by:** European Association of Career Guidance (EACG)

**Location and venue:** Stasinou 36, Office 104, 2003 Strovolos, Nicosia, Cyprus

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**MINUTES**

**Day 1, Monday, June 18, 2018**

Participants were welcomed by the EACG members. Mr Gregoris Makrides delivered the welcome speech and presented the agenda for the two days. In the end, he invited Mrs Nicoleta Acomi to proceed with the project overview. Mrs Acomi (CMU) made a short presentation of the project and she welcomed all members of the partner teams, introducing those which were there for the first time. She also presented the status of implementation of the project and all achievements up to this point.

The meeting continued with a discussion of the results of the audit conducted by the STC Group. The discussion was moderated by Mr Aat Kroek who made a presentation for each pilot course. The “Leadership” Course was taken as an example in order to provide solutions for the audit requests. Mrs Corina Varsami asked some questions related to those requests which were not already solved and both Mr Kroek and Mr Minne van Eekeren from STC Group provided the necessary information to clarify all aspects of the audit report. All course developers from each partner institution were able to ask questions and to provide their input on the courses they developed.

An open discussion was initiated later on and Mr Makrides emphasized the importance of making the difference between “testing for knowledge” and “testing for skills”. Mrs Acomi announced the great achievement of obtaining the Nautical Institute certification for the Marine Surveying Course which is not only a big part of the sustainability of the project but it also provides the possibility to promote the course in all the other partner countries in order to obtain recognition from their official institutions. She also mentioned the intention to apply for certification for the Marine Cargo Survey Course further on.

Mr Makrides initiated the subject of certification for skills mentioning some requests which need to be fulfilled in order to get such a certification. Each soft skills course was discussed separately and methods to test related skills were commonly established by all partners. Mrs Acomi presented a general overview of the project activities. She emphasized not only the results but also some issues related to budget, visibility, dissemination and exploitation of the previously mentioned results. This led to the preparation of the multiplier event which was going to be attended that evening. Partners decided who would coordinate activities and which the expected results from the event are.

Mrs Acomi asked each partner to present their achievements within the project and Mr Todor Koritarov from the Naval Academy in Bulgaria presented all activities and results of their institution within the project. Mr Aat Kroek delivered the presentation for STC Group and Mr Nikos Stathopoulos represented the EACG within this activity. Mrs Acomi also presented the final aspects related to the budget, visibility and final report of the project. She asked for particular and detailed support from each partner in order to have all the necessary documents for the preparation of the final report in time.

**Day 2, Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

Mrs Acomi presented the technical and financial monitoring information related to the project. She emphasized the tasks which still need to be fulfilled and she asked each partner for the necessary support in order to accomplish the remaining tasks within the project. Aspects related to the project sustainability have been discussed and some opportunities for continuing collaboration were also proposed by partners. Partners discussed about continuing to work together even after the end of the project emphasizing the necessity for certification of the courses as a basic requirement for the future. One of the subjects discussed here was maintenance of the platform after the end of the project which Mrs Acomi mentioned that it will be provided by CMU with further decisions to be taken about the costs involved in such an enterprise. Some activities which still need to be organized in the project were also mentioned such as the multiplier event in Romania, dissemination workshops in Romania and Netherlands and establishing the strategy for VET. Partners should also sign an exploitation agreement which was discussed at this point and it is going to be signed further on. In the end, all partners agreed to work on the remaining issues related to the project and to meet in August in Varna to clarify the final details.

**Transnational Project Meeting 5. Attendees**

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| **No** | **Name and Surname** | **Organization** |
| 1 | Aat Kroek | Stichting STC-Group (STC-Group) |
| 3 | Minne van Eekeren | Stichting STC-Group (STC-Group) |
| 4 | Nikos Stathopoulos | European Association of Career Guidance (EACG) |
| 5 | Gregoris Makrides | European Association of Career Guidance (EACG) |
| 6 | Yianis Kalaitzis | European Association of Career Guidance (EACG) |
| 7 | Todor Koritarov | Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NVNA) |
| 8 | Dimitar Anastasov Komitov | Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NVNA) |
| 9 | Andrei Cristian | Constanta Maritime University (CMU) |
| 10 | Nicoleta Acomi | Constanta Maritime University (CMU) |
| 11 | Corina Varsami | Constanta Maritime University (CMU) |
| 12 | Alina Bostina | Constanta Maritime University (CMU) |