

## **Ion Șerbănescu CE Phd. Lecturer at Maritime University of Constanța, feedback after complete the erasmus+ mobility (STT) onboard vessel CMA CGM Volga**

I will start with the day when I found out the university's proposal for me to participate in this erasmus+ training on board a ship of the CMA CGM company. I had a little startle, but at the same time I went back in time, to the period when I built my international career as a mechanical officer going up to the position of Chief Engineer. This took place within this world-renowned company. I am proud to have been part of this family and I thank them very much for that.

Due to the fact that the ship no longer docked in Constanța and we had to fly to the ship, here is the chance that we got to know in advance part of the crew that went with us to the crew exchange. The captain of the ship, an old sea wolf, who was already showing his concern for his people, even for us future guests. Also the young Chief Engineer energetic and ready to take control of the technical and mechanical side together with the new team. Upon our arrival at the ship we had a warm welcome from the crew and staff. After our installation in the cabins we were required to a safety and security briefing, equipped with the appropriate protective equipment, followed by a tour of the ship. All professionally executed by the security officer using SMS instructions. Then we were taken over by the engine crew led by the chief engineer who presented us with the safety and security rules for their area, the engine room. There followed days of training carried out with great care by the chief engineer, with aspects regarding the operation of the main engine, the scrubber system as well as the other systems and installations on board. Everything went professionally with additional clarifications and exchanges of opinions and information. If I knew some things theoretically, after this training I understood them better and it will be easier for me to present them to students. I also want to note the fact that there were cadets in training on board, to my surprise even my students, an initiative I think is beneficial for both parties. All the crew, in addition to their busy schedule, did everything possible to make my training period as valuable as possible. Although there were several nationalities in the crew, I felt them as one, namely the nation of long-tail sailors. A united and welded team, to whom I want to thank for the effort put into reaching my target.

As a former sailor, however, I did not miss the emotions when leaving as well as when returning home, a thing known only to us sailors. As a teacher, I probably wouldn't have felt the same way, in other words, I thank everyone who chose me and provided me with this training program.

Thank you CMA Ships Constanța and its staff, Thank you CMA CGM family for giving us this opportunity, to be better prepared so that in the end, we have better prepared students for modern ships in modern fleets.

I thank you and hug you all.

With consideration and respect, yours,

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