

BSAMI EDUCATIONAL PROJECT “BSAMI EDUCATIONAL SPACE”

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Urgency of the project:

- challenges facing maritime education and training providers, and the Maritime industry;
- constantly growing requirements to quality and a level of future sea experts training;
- effective improvement of Maritime Education and Training standards first of all Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention and newly proposed changes admitted at Manila and famous as Manila amendments;
- implementation of new methods of teaching, development of technologies directed to training of highly skilled sea professionals;
- development of cooperation among universities in promoting intercultural exchange and cooperation among professors, lecturers and instructors of the BSAMI educational space.

BSAMI members through their academic communities, promote the concept of innovative universities, with specific interests towards practices allowing educational activities to focus on students' needs. These needs determine the purpose of the Project.

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Purpose of the project

Cooperation of the BSAMI members in research, scientific/academic studies and practical applications of modern educational technologies in the field of Maritime Education and Training.

The specifically objectives are:

- increasing of lecturers' competencies through promotion of knowledge and technologies in the maritime field;
- encouraging of lecturers to maintain a high skill level through development and implementation of new specialized courses.

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To realize mentioned purpose following tasks should be performed.

Tasks:

1. To bring together like-minded maritime educators to share ideas and best practices.
2. To create the best educational projects for the benefit of Maritime education and Maritime industry.
3. To adopt and develop new teaching methods using updated technologies.

We hope realization of set tasks will contribute in making the maritime academic system more attractive, with competent educators who are able to provide the maritime industry with well trained specialists ready to face the new challenges in the field.

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Ways of implementation:

1. Professors, lecturers and instructors from the BSAMI attend maritime Universities with their courses of lecturers on actual Maritime issues (teaching and training in the area of nautical science, marine engineering, marine electronics, protection of the marine environment and safety of navigation, etc.).
2. Professors, lecturers and instructors should be supported by methodical materials in English which further are to be published at official University website for its students (limited access) in national and English languages.
3. The Host University provides students of required department and year and lecture halls for work.

4. The Host University provides technical facilities for lecturers, minimum technical requirements for lecturer's hardware: PC or laptop and the required technical aids.
5. The working language of the courses must be English.
6. Universities should support professors, lecturers and instructors who wish to teach an educational course outside their own University, if it is directly related to their work.
7. To minimize time costs professors, lecturers and instructors can use video conferences and distant learning systems.

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Expected Results:

1. Extra opportunities for all BSAMI members to exchange knowledge, achievements and experience in the field of Maritime education under the BSAMI umbrella.
2. Arrangement of a round table for discussions on Maritime education and sea-related issues.
3. The BSAMI Educational Project is fine opportunity to draw attention to the current educational problems and to identify ways and means of their solution.
4. The BSAMI Educational Project is chance for future sea specialists to get experience in intercultural communication.

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Expected Expenses:

1. Business trips of professors, lecturers and instructors are arranged at costs of the Deputing Maritime University.
2. To minimize costs we propose to BSAMI members to arrange business trips for lecturers for period of approximate 10-14 days (1-2 lectures a day) at costs of their Deputing universities (business trip, visa).
3. To reduce costs (as a variant) host University can provide accommodation for professors and lecturers.

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Project complementary

The project is in direct consonance with the BSAMI policy, its visions, missions, strategy, expressed by the "BSAMI Basic Agreement", issued in 2012.

The project objectives and activities have been elaborated according to the Conventional requirements for development of cooperation among Maritime Universities in educational field.

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Project Development

1. The Project "**BSAMI Educational Space**" is an open and flexible one, able to easily adapt to all requests coming from Maritime Universities.
2. The Project will provide a platform for professors, lecturers and instructors to upload their materials, to create **Courses (Modules) Database**, i.e. to allocate their presentations to participate in "**BSAMI Educational Space**".
3. The Project will provide opportunity not only to strengthen connections among member institutions in the Black Sea Region, by enhancing the sharing of experience and knowledge, but also promote next step of evolution of maritime education.

The offered Project "BSAMI Educational Space" is the attempt to unite different approaches, different knowledge, different methods of teaching, but like-minded maritime educators to share ideas and practices in order to contribute to development of maritime education. We are sure our joint efforts will create the best educational projects for the benefit of Maritime industry.