



BASIC AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I – PREAMBLE

1. Official Title:

This organization is called the “Black Sea Association of Maritime Institutions” (BSAMI).

2. Shared Recognitions:

- a. Globalization will continue to be the main trend in 21st century.
- b. The globalized market requires best quality in all products and services to satisfy the needs of all people of the world, above all, safety, security, environment, amenity, and satisfaction, where the human elements play the most important role.
- c. Maritime industries are most globalized of all. They require therefore the highest quality maritime human resources to accomplish their responsibilities.
- d. The key elements of the highest quality maritime human resources are:
 - Ideas and creativity
 - Knowledge
 - Skills
 - Positive hard working attitudes
 - Teamwork spirit

Those are all global virtues and values.

- e. Technological developments led by information and communication technologies (ICT) in all areas of human activities will integrate all the existing systems into one whole bigger and complicated system.
- f. Knowledge and innovation will be the key elements of such system, in which the global maritime system is an essential sub-system.
- g. The roles of academic institutions in such environment have significantly wider and deeper than those in 20th century.
- h. The competence and proficiency requirements for maritime human resources will inevitably become far higher and far more complicated in future.
- i. The six (6) Black Sea Region countries provide about 20% of the total existing seafaring officers worldwide, sharing far bigger ratio in management level officers, and they will continue to be the main seafarer supplier to the world.
- j. Based on the respective virtues and values as a national tradition in each country in the past, the six Black Sea Countries are globally recognized as one of the most important regions which will continue to supply such qualified maritime human resources in the 21st century.
- k. The six (6) Black Sea Region countries share unique experience and capabilities through their common interests as well as varieties and diversities such as Black Sea MOU, Black Sea “The Best Bridge Team” international competition initiative.
- l. The six (6) maritime institutions in the Region recognize the needs and value of a sound and firm foundation of an institution to meet the responsibility as a team to further enhance the members thereof as the major global center of the highest quality maritime human resources through knowledge, innovation and implementation towards the future.



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ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

1. To become a Practical and Proactive Innovator in the Black Sea Region which is an important part of the Global Maritime System.
2. To make tangible contributions through Practical Proactive Innovation through close and flexible teamwork of Black Sea Association of Maritime Institutions to the Global Community including Maritime.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Founding Members are the following six (6) original signatory members:
 - a. Nikola Y. Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NYVNA), Bulgaria
 - b. Batumi State Maritime Academy (BSMA), Georgia
 - c. Constanta Maritime University (CMU), Romania
 - d. Admiral Ushakov Maritime State University (AUMSU), Russian Federation
 - e. Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty (ITUMF), Turkey
 - f. Odesa National Maritime Academy (ONMA), Ukraine
2. Members: Maritime institutions with at least 4 years higher education and research institutions from the Black Sea Countries.
3. Associate Members: Other Maritime Institutions and organizations
4. Subject to approval of the Executive Committee, the other maritime institutions dealing with the aims of the association can also become a Member or Associate Member.
5. Termination of Membership:
 - a. Membership shall be terminated if and when the member is two (2) consecutive years in delinquent of the payment of its annual membership fees.
 - b. Membership may be terminated at any time for just cause.
- c. Membership may be terminated upon voluntary resignation
 - a. All termination decisions shall be made by the Executive Committee.



ARTICLE IV – ACTIVITIES

1. All activities should be set and done in line with visions, missions, strategy, policies on annual basis. Areas, themes and action plans should be made annually.
2. Information and Communication Technology should be used extensively, including TV Conference.
3. Three (3) Working Groups will be organized under the respective corresponding Standing Committee.
 - a. Research Working Group
 - b. STCW, Maritime Education and Training, and Legal Working Group
 - c. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Networking Working Group
4. The objective at the initial phase is to be Seafaring Officers.

The targets in the initial phase are:

- a. Cadets
 - b. Instructors
 - c. Assessors (Examiners)
 - d. Administrations
5. Focal Areas:
- a. High Technology:
 - (1) Information & Communication Technology
 - (2) Digital Networking of Association Members
 - (3) Distance Learning
 - (4) PC-based Assessment System
 - (5) Digital Library and other data sharing system

The Research Working Group and ICT/Networking Working Group are in charge.

- b. Contents:
 - (1) Digital Education and Training Course Contents
 - (2) Digital Lectures
 - (3) Digital Assessment including English Question Banks
 - (4) Digital Research Activities

The Research Working Group, ICT/Networking Working Group and STCW/MET-Legal Working Group are in charge.

- c. On-Board-Training:
 - (1) Training ships and simulators
 - (2) Model Courses (Textbooks) and Reality
 - (3) Values and Virtues of Sail Training Ship

The Research Working Group, ICT/Networking Working Group and STCW/MET-Legal Working Group are in charge.

- d. Leadership, Communication, and Maritime English
STCW/MET-Legal Working Group is in charge.
- e. Joint Uniform Platform for mutual recognition under STCW Regulation I/10.
STCW/MET-Legal Working Group are in charge.
- f. Other activities as agreed as appropriate.



ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. All the members will meet at least annually, to be hosted by a member.
2. Executive Committee:
 - a. This Committee consists of Presidents, Rectors or Deans of the six (6) Founding Member institutions. The persons designated by Presidents/ Rectors/ Deans can represent the institutions, provided a written notice to the Chair.
 - b. The decisions will be made as follows:
 - (1) Strategy, policy and other important matters, including the decision on membership: 2/3rd majority
 - (2) Regular working matters: Simple majority.
3. Chairperson: The President/Rector/Dean/Head of the six (6) Founding institutions will choose among themselves. The term is for one (1) year on rotation basis out of the Six Founding Members.
4. Senior Vice Chairperson: The President/Rector/Dean/Head of the Six (6) Founding institutions who will host the Executive Committee meeting the following year will be the Senior Vice Chairperson.
5. Vice Chairpersons: The President/Rector/Dean/Head of the Six (6) Founding Institutions other than 4 and 5 above are Vice Chairpersons.
6. Committees: The following standing Committees will be organized, and chaired by each Vice Chairperson:
 - a. Research Committee
 - b. STCW, Maritime Education and Training (MET) and Legal Committee
 - c. Information and Communication Technology Committee (which includes publicity)
 - d. Fundraising Committee
7. Ad Hoc Meetings: Meetings will be held on ad hoc basis upon agreement by the members.
8. Working Groups: Working Groups will be organized for specific activities upon decision by the Executive Committee.
9. Secretariat: Secretariat will be placed at Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey. Other Executive Committee Members will support the Secretariat as appropriate.
10. Secretary General is elected by the Executive Committee and will serve until the Executive Committee makes its decision to replace, or he/she submits his/her notice of resignation and it is accepted.



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ARTICLE VI – FINANCING AND ACCOUNTING

1. Finance:

- a. Finance will be based on the following sources:
 - (1) Membership fee
 - (2) Voluntary contributions of the members and the other relevant parties
 - (3) External resources
 - (4) Funds and revenues generated by the members
- b. Fundraising will be done through Fundraising Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, i.e.
 - (1) Research: Such resources as EU and other official funding
 - (2) STCW, MET & Legal: Own revenue generation through marketing of the tangible results
 - (3) Virtual Marketing of the courses, publications, consultancy and exhibitions.
 - (4) Various Conferences and seminars
 - (5) New projects
- c. Membership Fee:
 - (1) Registration fee: To be paid only once at the time of obtaining membership.
 - i. Founding Members: Free
 - ii. Members: USD 500
 - iii. Associate Members: USD 500
 - (2) Annual Membership Fee: To be annually as follows:
 - i. Founding Members: USD 500
 - ii. Members: USD 500
 - iii. Associate Members: USD 500

2. Accounting:

- a. Secretariat will be responsible under the supervision of Chairperson and Executive Committee. An Annual Report should be presented to the Executive Committee.
- b. Audit: The Executive Committee shall appoint an auditor on rotation basis.

3. Fiscal Year:

Fiscal year of BSAMI is from 1st of April to 31st of March of the subsequent year.



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ARTICLE VII - PUBLICITY

ICT Committee and Secretariat will be responsible.

ARTICLE VIII - LANGUAGE

Working Language is English.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

An amendment to this agreement shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
The proposal shall be approved by the affirmative votes of two-third majority of the members.

This Basic Agreement shall take effect on the 20th day of March, 2012, immediately upon approval by the Executive Committee Meeting held at Constanta Maritime University, Constanta, Romania.

The Originals of this Basic Agreement have been duly signed by each member and the Chairman, and one (1) each set of the originals shall be kept by the respective member and by the Office of the Secretary General.