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## Let's try a new start

Dear friends of CMES – WESTMED, here we are to try a new start. COVID - 19 has not disappeared, on the contrary it is once again becoming threatening for our lives and our work. Nevertheless, with this newsletter we are presenting the new activities of the project.



## A new schedule for CMES - WESTMED

Every activity of the project has been rescheduled, and for a full accomplishment of what has been planned in the project, the consortium need six months postponement of the project's deadline, **from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. The Postponing of the activities is due by the delays in the activities of all our three consortium partners for three months (March, April, May 2020), caused by the restrictions related to the covid-19. In addition, many restrictions have been established (and many are still in force) in the involved countries (Italy, France, Tunisia) on the possibility for people to travel abroad, thus preventing many crucial activities as the steering committees or the planned exchange of students and lecturers.

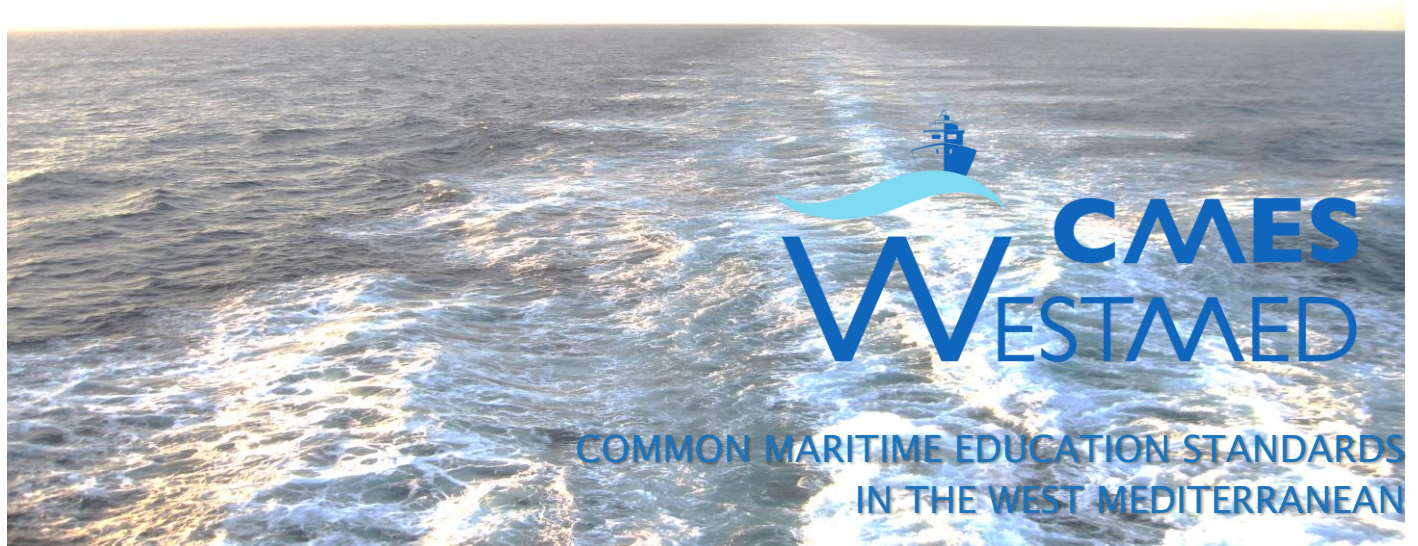


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The changes in timing of implementation will entail the development of pilot training courses, on which the final evaluation and sharing of experience among the partners is based. The program of pilot testing courses will be organized and implemented according to the following subdivision of tasks:

- **FAIMM will be responsible for the pilot training on Maritime Cyber Security** Initially set as an ordinary Maritime English course, it has been changed following BLSP request to an innovative maritime cybersecurity course. It will be set as a case-study applied to deck simulators, through immersive drills and exercises. It will be the first attempt in the world to train on maritime cybersecurity using simulators
- **ENSM will be responsible for the pilot training on Simulators Use.** A crucial part of training to seafarers is nowadays represented by practical training on deck work through simulators before actual practice on a real vessel. However, most MET institutes complain about a dire shortage of personnel trained to effectively manage simulators, due to the lack of a standard training in this respect.
- **IMFMM will be responsible for the pilot training on Maritime logistics.** Most businesses complain about the fact that STCW courses provide little to none understanding of several crucial aspects of supply chain management for maritime transport, making young sea-farers ill prepared for work in this field.

The detailed content of Pilot Courses have been defined by partners training development experts acting in coordination with the Blue Skills Local partnerships in order to tailor each course to actual market needs of the maritime transport public and private actors.

Each training course will be then delivered by one of the partners and video recorded; clips will be set as easily watchable video and submitted to teachers to have an evaluation and feedbacks.

All pilot testing courses will be implemented in the period between the months of November 2020 and February 2021. Each pilot training will be developed by a working group composed by the training development experts of the host institute and the specialized teachers in the relevant subject from all the partners.



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*Stay tuned!*

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training courses are  
going to start*



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