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Networking Maritime Academies: Study update

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Background

- **Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Declaration on Blue Economy (2015)**

"Ministers acknowledge the need to improve education, training and scientific capacity and skills development in the maritime domain and to increase the potential for cooperation on maritime and marine knowledge..."



DG MARE initiatives

- ECORYS was contracted to conduct a
*"Study supporting a possible network of maritime training academies
and institutes in the Mediterranean Sea Basin" (2015)*

DG MARE initiatives

Phase 1 : mapping of institutes and academies





DG MARE initiatives

Phase 2 : Brought stakeholders together to discuss issues regarding the sea-related education and training offer at an institution, network and sector level

- Barcelona: Tourism/cruise/yachting: role of maritime clusters
- Malta: Skill gaps in tourism and shipping
- Larnaca: Integrated maritime education/technologies
- Athens: Building competencies for aquaculture/blue biotech
- Genova: Maritime security and surveillance: qualifications



Key conclusions of phase 1 and 2

The landscape of maritime education and training in the Mediterranean is complex and fragmented, and does not adequately meet the requirements of tomorrow's Blue Economy.

Maritime education and training is expensive; cooperation is more focused on higher education.

There is a strong interest in cooperation and integration, but cooperation efforts are complicated by a number of issues.

Cooperation between the North and South shores of the basin is rather limited, but it's growing.

CONCLUSIONS

- Establishment of a *Maritime Forum for Mediterranean Education and Training* is recommended
- Network could be developed within or linked to the BE forum
- Targeted interregional /regional coordination initiatives will be pursued
- Final report delivered June 2016



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