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Online Programme for Training on International Management of ISM Code

PROJECT PROGRESS

The OPTIMISM project is advancing firmly, with monthly online meetings and a successful Face-To-Face meeting in Vaasa, Finland 2.-4.2.2026

Key ongoing activities:

Development of **data analysis frameworks and course materials.**

Finalizing of **self-assessment systems, case studies and assignments** for the training programme.

Further **collaboration with industry and academia stakeholders** to refine the ISM Code's practical application.

The OPTIMISM partners prepared **papers and publications** in maritime conference proceedings.

THE PARTNERS:

C4FF Developing the Future

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Maritime University of Szczecin – Poland

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UPC – Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya BarcelonaTech

Human Factor Symposium 3-5 December 2025 I Glasgow UK

Professor Dr Reza Ziarati, the Chair of C4FF spoke at the symposium on how to improve safety at sea and in ports, and how best to strengthen marine environment protection which is in line with IMHFS' mission to address the knowledge and skill gaps within human factors.

IAMUC 2025 I 17-18 October 2025 Chennai India

Hosted by the International Association of Maritime Universities, focusing on disruptive technologies for sustainable maritime practices.

Professor Dr German De Melo Rodrigues

A framework for continuous improvement of safety at sea.

Good feedback from **nearly 200 participants**.

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Partner meeting in Finland

Project partners gathered together for partner meeting in Vaasa, Finland 2.-4.2.2026.
Partner meeting onboard ROPAX AURORA BOTNIA, dissemination with **WasaLine and Wärtsilä** to be continued with feedback of the online course material.

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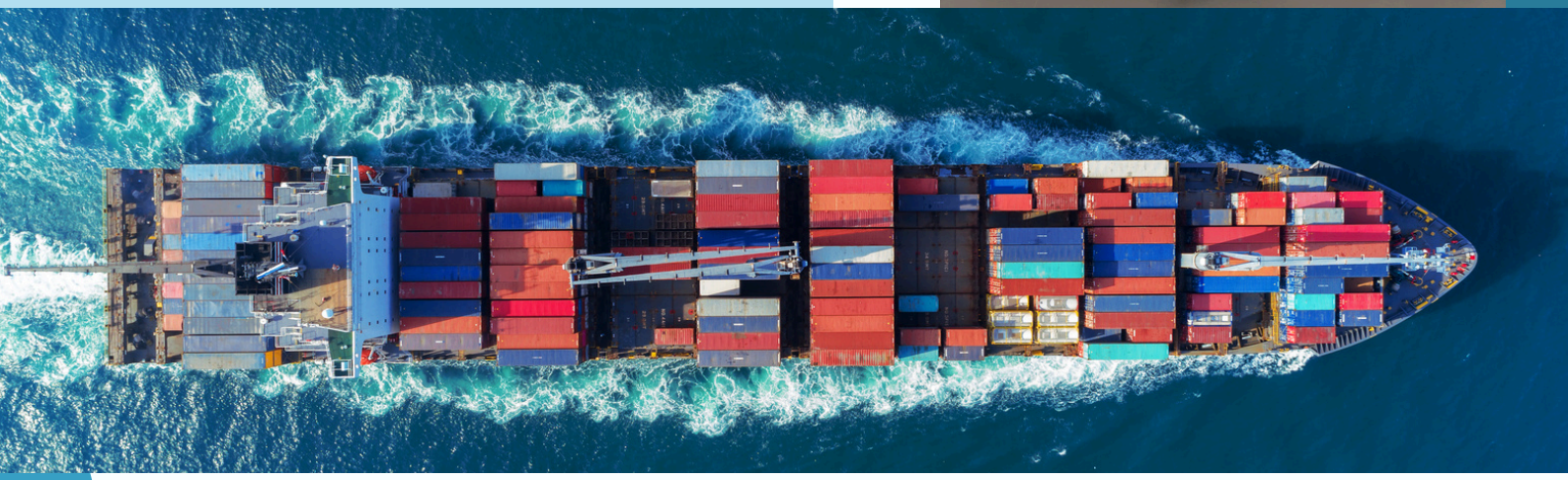

Planned Dissemination Activities

The preparation of high-quality papers and their approval for presentation and inclusion in major international conferences is an indication of the project progress and success.
The following are the details of dissemination activities to-date.
Baltic Sea Region PA Safe Operational Advisory Board meeting online 28.4.2026: OPTIMISM-project presentation

Maritime Transport Conference (MT'26)

Papers

- **Safety and Maritime Environment Protection with Special References to Human Factors I – Learning from ISM Code Audits and PSC Inspections**
- **Safety and Maritime Environment Protection with Special References to Human Factors II – Learning from Accidents**

Final conference in Barcelona.

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