**ACCREDITATION LETTER OF THE COURSE "ONLINE PROGRAMME FOR TRAINING ON INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF ISM-OPTIMISM"**

**Information about the project**:

Erasmus+ project number: **[**2023-1-SE01-KA220-HED-000161161**]**
Project title "Online programme for training on International Management of ISM"
Short title "OPTIMISM"
Project start date: 01.09.2023
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**Information about the course:**

ISM Code was developed to provide an international standard for the safe at sea and and for pollution prevention. Almost all ISM Code manual are required to take ISO 9000 Quality System and ISO 14000 Environmental Management System into account.

The problem is that any form of procedural quality system such ISM does not necessarily improve safety for this reason a novel online course on ISM Code requirements and all relevant safety, environmental and quality standards is being proposed.

The main output of this project is a complete competence-based online training course on ISM Code and its implementation. There will be a novel assessment system covering self-assessment, assignments and an oral test. The course will be ECVET and ECTS compliant and will be submitted for accreditation and certification to a professional and internationally known professional body.

**Accreditation statement:**

This letter serves as a formal accreditation and positive appraisal of the contents of the online course about the ISM Code.

After a comprehensive review and practical evaluation of the course, I confirm that it meets high professional, technical, and educational standards and provides substantial value to its intended users.

The course is easily accessible through an online platform, ensuring convenient use regardless of location. Its user-friendly design allows users to navigate the system intuitively, while the instructions are clear, well-structured, and easy to follow, making the course suitable for seafarers with varying levels of digital proficiency.

A key strength of the course is its ability to incorporate give a comprehensive knowledge, skills and awareness to the seafarers about the importance of the ISM Code for the Maritime Safety and the protection of the marine environmental personal

Additionally, the inclusion of real cases studies of maritime accidents, significantly enhances understanding of the ISM Code, by illustrating the real risks of the maritime operations on board of ships. These examples provide valuable context and help users better prepare for potential professional and personal adjustments.

Based on the above evaluation, I find this course to be a highly effective and reliable resource. In my personal capacity, I confidently recommend its use to seafarers to reduce the maritime accidents and protect the maritime environment.

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**Date: 27 September 2026**

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