

MarineTraining.eu – An overview of Europe's Marine and Maritime education landscape

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A few years ago, a question arose:

'How to offer an overview of current Marine and Maritime education, whilst being a supporting framework to foster new training initiatives with exchange of best practice?'

In response, the Belgian node of EMBRC (European Marine Biological Resource Centre - a distributed Research Infrastructure (RI), of which Belgium is an associate partner through Ghent University, University of Hasselt, Royal Belgian institute of natural sciences and the Flanders Marine Institute) has set up a platform that brings together all available marine trainings at a European scale, and provides a series of services towards training organizers and policy makers. This comprehensive database focusses on higher education institutes (both universities and university colleges) and collects existing marine training initiatives for each country, ranging from master and doctoral programmes, to expert trainings and specialist courses. The platform is expanding gradually by including also non-accredited training initiatives (for instance, research institutes and industries) and via involvement in other European projects and networks. Services in the Marine Training Platform include advertising possibilities, practical services to trainees and training organizers (application and registration) and the support of marine dedicated e-learning initiatives.

In other words, the Marine Training Platform is the **one-stop-shop**

- for **trainees** in search of European Marine and Maritime training initiatives,
- for **trainers** in search of assistance for organizing European Marine and Maritime training initiatives,
- for **stakeholders** in search of insights into European Marine and Maritime training initiatives

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