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1 PURPOSE

1.1 Background

The NMU project was an Interreg IVb-funded project which established a sustainable collaboration between industry and educational institutions to enhance the innovation capacity of the maritime industry in the North Sea Region. It did this by forming a network of universities, institutes, and maritime professionals, who together developed modules for students and industry. At the end of the project's funded phase, a Secretariat has been created to manage the coordination and administrative activities of the NMU network. This Agreement governs the future of this NMU network.

2 OBJECTIVES

The network will seek to achieve the following objectives:

- **Promotion of Maritime Education and Training (MET)**
  This includes the promotion of NMU modules and related modules that aim to improve the effectiveness of maritime professionals, and increase the skills and employability of students and professionals.
- **Cooperation**
  To continue cooperation between NMU members with regard to module development, visiting lecturers, student exchange, and project development.
- **Building the NMU profile**
  To work to improve the recognition and awareness of the NMU brand name and associate this with high quality education, innovation, and maritime expertise.

3 PARTICIPATION

3.1 Initial membership

The membership of the NMU network consists of the participating project partners at the end of the funded phase of the project (30 June 2012):

- Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University
- University of Applied Sciences Lübeck oncampus
- Molde University College
- University of Gothenburg
- Jacobs University Bremen
- Swedish Environmental Institute
- University of Applied Sciences Bremen
- University of Hamburg
- Maritime Development Center of Europe
- Pantrak Transportation Limited

3.2 Expanding membership

For a new member to be included, contact should first be made with an existing member. The existing member may then request that the new member be included in the NMU network. The new member must then send a written note to the Transport Research Institute which addresses the following points:

- Recognition of the new member's status as a centre of excellence in the maritime or related field;
- Faculty strength;
- Experience in regional or international programmes;
- What the new member can contribute to the NMU network.

4 RULES OF MEMBERSHIP

Members of the NMU network agree to the following in using any **NMU modules that were developed during the funded phase of the project**:

- The NMU, Interreg North Sea Region and European Commission logos must be referenced according to the rules governing the use of these logos;
- The Content Use Agreement for NMU modules must be adhered to.

For **new NMU modules or NMU module alterations NMU made after the funded phase of the project**, the following rules apply:

- If author(s) make the content public, the NMU Content Use Agreement applies;
- If author(s) decide on alternative content use rules, these must be specified and communicated to the network.

For all NMU modules the following **accreditation rules** apply:

- All modules and module elements carry an ECTS workload;
- The institution providing the modules as part of a course or stand-alone module will determine the accreditation and qualification they award.

5 ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NMU SECRETARIAT

The NMU Secretariat will be led and managed by the Transport Research Institute. The Secretariat will fulfil the functions listed below:

- Maintain the NMU website;
- Maintain the existing NMU contact list, including the contact list pertaining to the stakeholder group;
- Widen the stakeholder group on its own initiative or the initiative of an NMU partner;
- Maintain the Dropbox folders containing NMU modules and deliverables;
- Administer the process of adding new members to the NMU network, and the departure of any members from the network.

6 MODULE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

6.1 Publically available modules

All NMU partners recognise that modules developed during the funded phase of the project are in the public domain. As such, no reasonable request for access to the modules will be denied. Any costs incurred in the sending or receipt of module material will be specified up-front and be borne by the party requesting the modules.

6.2 Updating modules

It is the responsibility of module element owners to update or revise their content as they see fit. All updates and revisions must be communicated to the NMU Secretariat.

7 ORGANISATION OF TRAVELLING LECTURER AND STUDENT EXCHANGE

These exchanges will be organised between the interested parties who will also specify the rules governing the exchange. The Secretariat need not be informed of any such arrangements.