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## Meri-Erko, Training of specialists for the maritime cluster by a network of higher education institutions

The maritime cluster: the marine industry, shipping and port operations, is an important employer both in Finland and internationally. The rapidly changing competitive environment is the key challenge for the sector and is caused by changes in the global business environment and continuous skills renewal requirements of the maritime sector. Another challenge is the ageing of skilled personnel and their transition from working life.

The work force in the maritime cluster has mainly either a commercial or technical basic education and short-term continuing training is not sufficiently available. The project aims to create a functioning higher education network for the needs of the maritime cluster. This network plans to offer a 30- to 60 ECTS credit wide training. Training modules are planned on the basis of identified sector companies' training needs.



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### Project duration

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### Operating sphere

National

### Partners

Ab Yrkeshögskolan vid Åbo Akademi (Yrkeshögskolan Novia), Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK), University of Turku: Centre for Maritime Studies, Aalto University, Lappeenranta tekninen korkeakoulu, Turku University of Applied Sciences and Machine Technology Center Turku Ltd

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