MONALISA 2.0 - MOVING MARITIME INTO THE DIGITAL AGE

It was reported on 27th March that the Swedish Maritime Administration has initiated an extension of the ongoing MONALISA project, called MONALISA 2.0 through a renewed application to the European Commission’s TEN-T programme.

MONALISA 2.0 takes its point of departure in the results and experiences from the current MONALISA project, co-financed by TEN-T under the Motorways of the Sea and which has received very positive feedback from stakeholders, international bodies and the European Commission.

Furthermore MONALISA 2.0 is a concrete step in the process of developing the Motorways of the Sea concept by implementing concrete pilot actions and studies that will foster deployment of new maritime services and processes.

To conclude MONALISA 2.0 will re-use the results and experiences from the development within the aviation sector and its SESAR (Air Traffic Management) programme, which has been strongly supported by the European Union through the Framework Programmes and TEN-T during the past decade. Close co-operation has also been established with the DG MARE CISE-programme (Common Information Sharing Environment) developed to support control of sea areas under Coastal States’ responsibilities in order to exchange experiences and results.

Finally, it is understood that the MONALISA 2.0 consortium consists of a large number of public, private and academic partners which together constitutes a balanced, relevant and competent partnership in order to implement the project in an efficient way. The geographical scope of the partnership covers the Baltic Sea, North Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and encompasses the EU Member States Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Malta and Greece as well as the neighbouring country, Norway.

The total budget of MONALISA 2.0 amounts 24 million Euros and the implementation period of the project is 2012-2015.