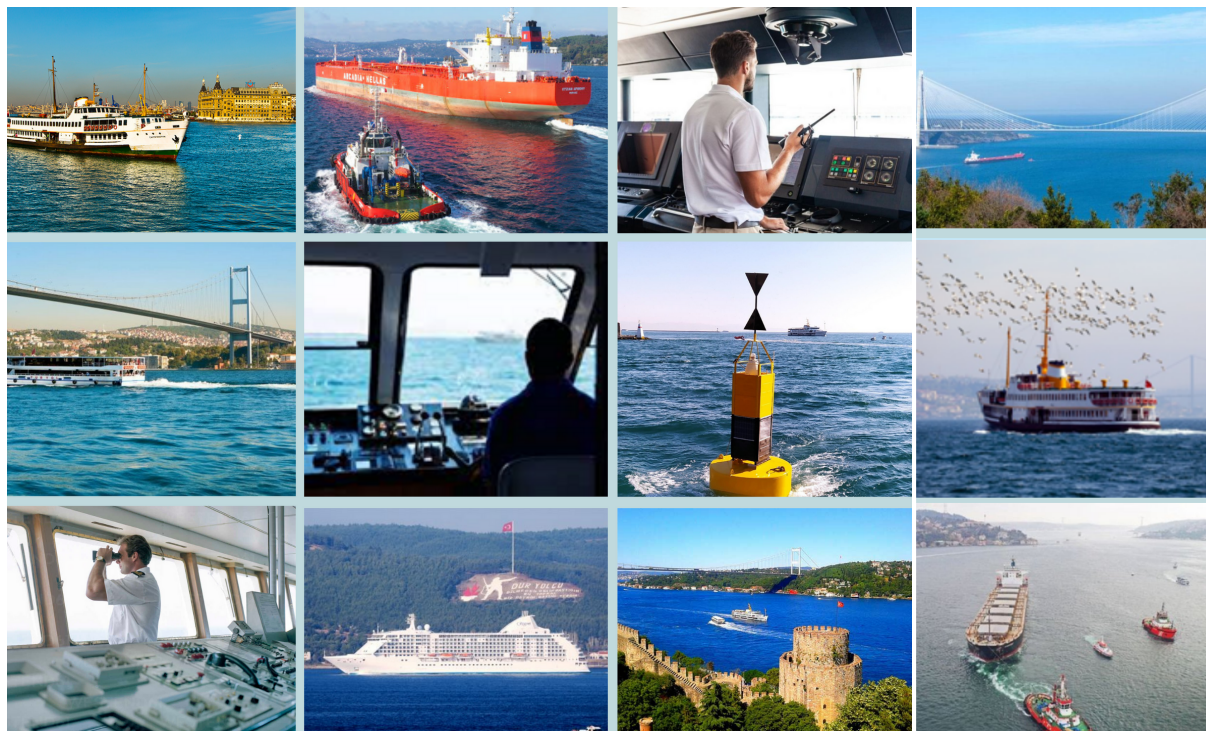


# SafeSTRAITS

## Newsletter



## Development of Training System for Safe Turkish Straits



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### About the Project

Safety is of paramount importance for maritime transportation, especially in narrow waterways. The Turkish Straits are one of the narrowest and most critical waterways with respect to the navigation constrains due to the harsh physical environment. The maritime accidents occurred in this sea area pose acute dangers for human and maritime environment. The congested local ship traffics including ferries, passenger ships, fishing vessels, sailing vessels, etc. and crossing passage frequently interfere with navigation of commercial

ships. In order to avoid ship accidents, training of seafarers is required. Increasing knowledge and skills of seafarers and local traffic users about navigation requirements, VTS (Vessel Traffic Services) communication and reporting procedures, currents and weather conditions, procedures for emergencies etc. are crucial to enhance safety in the Turkish Straits.

### SafeSTRAITS Partnership

Istanbul Technical University (TUR)  
 University of Strathclyde (UK)  
 Constanta Maritime University (RO)  
 İstanbul Şehir Hatları A.Ş. (TUR)  
 Orka Informatics (TUR)  
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On the other hand, the Covid-19 pandemic has strongly affected face-to-face learning and teaching activities. Therefore, online/digital platforms have been preferred for these purposes more than in previous years. However, the performance of maritime practical trainings in particularly for critical waterways such as Turkish Straits, is insufficient in digital platforms. In this context, the objectives of SafeSTRAITS project is to introduce a practical web-based on-line training system to increase knowledge and ability of Turkish Straits users. The online training will include two modules, which for international seafarers (masters and officers) and local traffic users (skippers of fishing vessels, passenger ships, special yachts etc.). For the end of the project, it is expected to reduce potential risks by improving navigational safety and preventing pollution in the Turkish Straits.

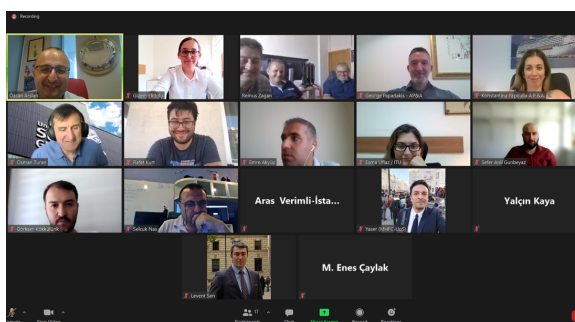
## Kick of meeting was held online and organized by ITU

The kick-off meeting of the Erasmus + KA226 Partnerships for Digital Education Readiness project SafeSTRAITS (Development of Training System For Safe Turkish Straits) was held in July 07, 2021 in Zoom Online Meeting Platform, organized by Istanbul Technical University.

The representatives from the project partners focused on the details of project management and implementation, project activities, task distributions, and intellectual outputs.

## The Project Consortium

is made up by private companies, public bodies and VET institutions from Turkey, UK, and Greece, who all have an extensive experience within the maritime sector.



## Next Meeting

The 2nd project meeting will be held in October 2021, in İstanbul/Turkey. It will be hosted by the project partner, İstanbul Şehir Hatları A.Ş.

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