

# September in Varna, Bulgaria ENDORSEME CONFERENCE



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ENDORSEME

# THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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## **Conference Location:**

Naval Academy "N. Vaptsarov",  
ul. "Vasil Drumev" 73, 9002 Center,  
Varna, Bulgaria

**Please register to attend the conference in person or online!**

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# ENDORSEME FINAL CONFERENCE

The ENDORSEME project in association with its partnership consortium will hold a project conference supported by the European Commission titled **“Enabling Seafarers to Mutual Endorsement”** introducing ENDORSEME project outputs. The conference will be held at *Naval Academy "N. Vaptsarov", ul. "Vasil Drumev" 73, 9002 Center, Varna, Bulgaria* on the September 2023.

The conference targets academics, maritime professionals, international organisations and policy makers who are interested in working towards improving communication standards at sea.

The conference will be hosted by *Naval Academy "N. Vaptsarov"* in collaboration with the ENDORSEME partnership. The partnership involved in the ENDORSEME project ([endorseme4seas.com](http://endorseme4seas.com)) developed a tool to cross-reference the qualifications across Europe and worldwide for different type of ranks.

The aim of the conference is to inform local, national and international maritime authorities, organisations and professional bodies about the ENDORSEME approach, and to interact with MET policymakers, suppliers and end-users to gain feedback for the outputs of the project.

We invite you to attend the conference as a relevant member of the target audience. There will be ENDORSEME Partners attending the reception and introducing their project contribution.

Topics being touched in the presentations will cover:

- ENDORSEME tool
- Endorsement practices in EU countries and worldwide
- Demonstrating the need for tools
- Enabling endorsement and recognition thus further mobility of seafarers across Europe and Worldwide

In this event the partners of “the ENDORSEME Project” will be present: Nikola Yonkov Vaptsarov Naval Academy (BG), MARITIME INNOVATORS (TR), Munster Technological University (IR), SPINAKER (SL), Technical University of Catalonia (ES), CONSTANTIA MARITIME UNIVERSITY (RO)

We look forward to seeing you at our Conference

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

14:00 -14:30	Registration and Coffee
14:30 -14:35	Conference Opening – Capt. Nikolay Velikov, Vice Rector of NVNA
14:35 -14:50	Welcome Speech by Capt. Ivan Tsonev, NVNA
14:50 - 15:10	<b>Presentation:</b> Endorsement of Certificate of Competencies: The current situation in mobility of Seafarers in Europe and Worldwide. Prof. German De Melo,UPC
15:10 -15:20	<b>Presentation:</b> ENDORSEME – The need for ENDORSEME Project” – Delyan Hristov, NVNA
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Presentation:</b> “Research findings on Certificate of Competencies across Europe, Capt. Radu Hanzu, CMU”
15:30 – 15:40	<b>Presentation:</b> “Methods and Methodologies in development of ENDORSEME Tool” Mr. Kevin Fitzgibbon
15:40 -15:50	<b>Presentation:</b> “Quality Assurance and Control – Internal & External Evaluations“ - Dimitar Komitov, NVNA
15:50 -16:00	<b>Presentation:</b> “Innovative Approach in the Certificate of Competency with ENDORSEME Tool” Tomaz Gregoric, Spinaker
16:00 – 16:30	Presentation: “ENDORSEME: Introduction of the Product, Ugurcan Acar, Project Manager, MARITIME INNOVATORS
16:30 – 17:00	Questions & Answers
17:00 – 17:30	Cocktails & Networking



## Secretary

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## Conference Registration Form

Please e-mail your completed registration form to the Conference Secretary Desislava Zografova  
 Alternatnively complete the online registration form on the ENDORSEME website – conference  
 page [endorseme4seas.com/conference](http://endorseme4seas.com/conference)

Give your e-mail the subject title: **ENDORSEME REGISTRATION FORM**

**For delegates requiring hotel accommodation: the following hotels are near Varna:**





## Location Map of Varna

