



## **FORMULATION OF THE MARITIME ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA**

As part of the European-South African Erasmus+ capacity building program currently underway, it was decided among the program management committee comprising Germany, Finland, the UK & South Africa, that the South African maritime academic institutions would benefit through sharing information and ideas when addressing concerns affecting the industry from an educational and student perspective. This was found by our Erasmus+ management committee European partners to be beneficial when engaging in dialogue to promote joint maritime interests in Europe.

The institution '**Maritime Academic Institutions of South Africa**' (MAISA) has been established as a free voluntary association that aims to bring together the affiliated role-players within the South African Maritime Academic Institutions in South Africa, for the following purposes:

- To promote South African maritime education and training towards being in a position where the standards are comparable with international standards
- To promote South African maritime student and maritime academic interests to order to build capacity
- To promote the ideals of the maritime institutions and to express and promote shared institutional viewpoints from a position of greater collective strength
- To allow for greater sharing of information between affiliated parties

Membership to the institution is free for all maritime institution management, academics, lecturing staff and maritime authority officials who are involved with seafarer qualifications. It is envisaged that the institutional members meet on a regular basis to discuss affairs affecting maritime education within South Africa, to share information regarding international best practice, and to develop strategies as to how to develop and grow the maritime education field within South Africa.

Interested parties who are willing to participate are to please fill in the accompanying registration form, and to Email the document through to Derek Lambert ([LambertD@cput.ac.za](mailto:LambertD@cput.ac.za)) or Natasha Fowkes ([FowkesN@cput.ac.za](mailto:FowkesN@cput.ac.za)) at the earliest convenience. The first meeting (dates to follow) will be to adopt a constitution for the voluntary association, discuss the role that the institution will play and to elect management of the institution for the year ahead.

A membership registration form accompanies this introductory letter. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Best Regards

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