



The Project MediMARE: Mediation in Maritime Disputes continued developing its activities during the month of October. We held our second workshop, with communications from one of our scholarship holders and from our Science and Communication Officer. The Research interviews are in progress and data is starting to be compiled.

PROJECT'S RESEARCH INTERVIEW

The Project MediMARE research interview has been happening in the past weeks, and the data is being compiled. Interviews are being conducted virtually with participants in several places of Portugal and Norway. Now, data will be worked on in the next weeks, to produce a closing Report.

In the beginning of the interview, the participants receive an informational sheet explaining what the MediMARE Project is, what are the goals and how will their participation take place. All the questions (open and closed ones) are directed to answer the research goals. The research interview aims at comprehending how the participants understand mediation and its effectiveness as a means of solving disputes. What kind of disputes they understand can be solved by mediation, as well as the role of the mediator and which are the characteristics necessary for a mediator to be an efficient support for the parties.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP

The MediMARE’s October Workshop happened on October 23rd with several participants, within members of project and outside public. There was an introductory part with the Project Coordinator, Doctor Dulce Lopes, who opened the workshop and presented the work schedule for the workshop. Then, Mrs. Roberta Donato, scholarship holder of the MediMARE Project, and PHD candidate at the Faculty of Law of University of Coimbra, gave a presentation on “Solving Maritime Dispute: mediation as a preferred means of solving disputes” in which she analyzed the alternative dispute resolution fora available to the maritime area, specially for the commercial maritime disputes. Her presentation was structured with the following topics: the impact of the new lex mercatoria to this area; 2) examination on the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms applicable to maritime disputes; 3) analysis of arbitration as a better means of solving disputes than litigating in State courts; and 4) mediation, in which she approached this ADR as a preferred means of solving disputes, the mediation types and the main framework on mediation.



COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEDIMARE SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Doctor Fernando Borges explained the next communication activities and invited the participants of the meeting to participate. The plans are to develop: 1) an information leaflet, a publication with a general presentation and preliminary results; 2) a Newsgame that would support awareness on the importance of mediation as a good way of solving conflicts; 3) a WikiMediMare: an encyclopedic content on mediation and maritime disputes, including a glossary and case studies, which will be published online in phases during the project; and 4) an exhibition to be named “Countries of the Sea”, which will be structured to reinforce the culture of partnership and the binding ties that connect Portugal and Norway. The exhibition will be inaugurated at the Closing Event of the Project and will be open for three months. The Participants gave inputs on what was presented and the meeting was closed by Dulce Lopes, who mentioned the plans for the next meeting.

MEDIMARE AT THE BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA (BILOS)

Mrs. Roberta Donato, scholarship holder of the MediMARE Project, presented a paper at the VI BILOS Congress (in Portuguese: VI Congresso do Instituto Brasileiro do Direito do Mar), that happened in a hybrid mode at Caxias do Sul (RS, Brazil) on the 27th and 28th of October. The presentation was on Mediation as the preferred method of solving maritime disputes, and the MediMARE Project was presented to the participants who attended the section in which she presented. The paper will soon be published in a book.

WIKIMEDIMARE

The MediMARE Project Team starts, starts next month, to publish glossary content related to the project. In case you have suggestions or doubts, do not hesitate on contacting us through our social media (below).

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