



# MediMARE

## Mediation in Maritime Disputes

### Main Project Results

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## **The Project MediMARE: Mediation in Maritime Disputes**

The MediMARE Project was a project funded by the EEA Grants (an agreement between European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, PT - INNOVATION-0065) under the coordination of University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (UCILeR) and with the participation of Polytechnic of Leiria, NOVA School of Science and Technology (FCT NOVA) and NTNU Social Research (NTNU Samfunnsforskning).

The project developed relevant inputs about the importance of mediation for a consensus-oriented conflict management in maritime disputes, and produced a series of outcomes, available at the project website - <https://medimare.eu/>.

## **Research developed on Maritime Mediation**

Under the project a series of research materials and respective reports were developed. A taxonomy of maritime disputes as a foundation for mediation was essential for the analysis of maritime mediation scenarios and their proper framing. In addition, semi-structured interviews were conducted with relevant actors in the maritime domain, both in Portugal and in Norway, in order to better understand their perceptions and expectations towards maritime mediation. This led to a proposal of a Curricula for Maritime Mediation courses that could be used within the project and replicated beyond it and a Guidebook that explains the main steps of the project and its results.

## **Courses on Maritime Mediation**

The project itself conducted two courses on Maritime Mediation: a first course was held online with more than 100 participants concluding successfully the Course (a new edition will follow soon); and a second face-to-face Intensive Course for 24 participants was held in Leiria, Portugal. Both helped to train and develop competencies in Maritime Mediation, as a way to increase knowledge in the field.

## **Scholarships and Traineeships on Maritime Mediation**

The MediMARE project offered scholarships and traineeships that reinforced the project Team and allowed for fresh inputs to be included into the initial project application. The Team, as a whole, worked collaboratively and has also benefited from external collaborations that helped make the project an even more successful journey.

## **Communication and Dissemination Materials**

The project has also pursued its commitment through a wide range of communication and dissemination materials, such as a series of online workshops, some of them available for viewing online, with online games on maritime mediation and with an open access book on Maritime Mediation. The final Symposium included an international call for papers and involved lawyers, mediators, maritime operators and policy makers, and marked the opening of the exhibition on “Countries of the Sea”.

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