



Labour supplying responsibilities

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Seafarers

~1 650 000 seafarers global merchant fleet

17% with EU certificates or endorsements

~ 2% are women

Wide variety of individual jobs and ranks from highly educated captains and officers to non certified ratings.



Seafarers are subject to labour legislation of the flag state, where the minimum standards should be MLC 2006.

Targeted information campaigns



Recruitment and placement services

Independent manning agencies, crewing companies, ship management companies, branches of shipping companies, websites.

Public, private, websites.

- different national legislation including licencing and certification system – mandatory, voluntary and combined.



Recruitment and placement services

Need for a standardised certificates for SRPS – at least at national level.

List of licenced/certified RPS publicly accessible – official webpage – for the use of seafarers and shipowners



Social Security

Social protection systems vary from one country to another.

MLC approach aims at establishing a comprehensive security system to all seafarers residents on one country territory.

The MLC allocates the primary responsibility to seafarers' country of residence but there is always an obligation lying on Flag States being responsible for the seafarer's contract.



Social Security

In the EU there is coordination of national security systems but not a harmonised system.

The national systems are determined by MLC 2006 regulations.

Different security systems applies to seafarers.



Better coordination?

Cooperation mechanism to ensure that the labour supplying responsibilities provisions of the MLC receive adequate attention and the seafarers' awareness is enhanced.

Role for EU bodies/agencies

EMSA – significant role in the MLC 2006 promotion and implementation

European Labour Authority established in 2019, ELA – mandate covers coordination of national social security authorities – any further tasks are to be defined.



Thank you



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