Meridiem – Maritime Research Consortium

Finnish maritime industry, its cutting-edge competences and advanced technical solutions are supported and fostered by an extensive network of shipyards, materials suppliers, marine engineering and consulting companies, different systems and services providers, public authorities, research and development organisations, and educational institutions.

The role of Meridiem is to harness the existing maritime traditions, expertise and heritage of the different actors and stakeholders in order to facilitate the emergence and development of innovative, globally competitive and viable new competences and business opportunities. Meridiem provides its members and stakeholders with premises and extensive professional network suitable for interdisciplinary, business-oriented and innovative research and development activities.

Cooperation and Integration

An essential part of Meridiem's operations is to develop and nurture networks and linkages, and to enhance the capacity for communication and collaboration between different actors and stakeholders. It also supports relevant research and development initiatives and activities, especially at the interface of research infrastructures and industries.

Meridiem's operational model strengthens the long-term development activities of the maritime sector and promotes networking at all levels (local, regional, national and international). Collaboration, networks, alliances and partnerships offer valuable opportunities to gain more visibility and momentum by working together. A shared pool of resources enables different actors to place more collective effort into supporting maritime-related competences and expertise in order to address global challenges and opportunities.

Research and Development

Meridiem's activities focus on increasing and improving the level, scope and impact of maritime-related research and development activities. We facilitate the creation, development and maintenance of internationally acknowledged innovation hubs by implementing and coordinating both national and international research and development projects, and by promoting information exchange and consolidation between different stakeholders. Continuous cross-fertilisation of ideas from diverse fields and contexts, through interactions across theoretical and experimental bases, provides a solid platform for interdisciplinary, business-oriented and innovative research and development activities.

Finnish higher education institutes and universities involved in Meridiem activities include Aalto University, University of Turku, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Lappeenranta University of Technology, Novia University of Applied Sciences and Åbo Akademi University. In addition, Meridiem's international cooperation networks and activities extend to various different continents and countries, from Europe to South America and Asia.

Growth and Internationalisation

Meridiem's aim is to promote and facilitate the creation of innovative business concepts, networks, products and services, improve the productivity and competitiveness of the industry as a whole, and foster the internationalisation of Finnish SMEs. New and existing connections with various stakeholders enable us to help companies to find suitable tools for internationalisation, and our operational model makes it possible to gather scattered resources together and utilise synergies effectively in order to achieve set growth goals and strategic outcomes.

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