









SAFETY FIRST: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT SMALL PORTS ISSUES

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AN EVENTFUL WINTER

It has been a busy winter for the PortMate team. Investments, data analysis and reports concerning the safety of Small Ports have been the main focus. Meanwhile, the team took part in several events, which were hosting international guests, in order to share its findings and raise awareness about the project and its outcomes.

BOAT EXPO 9TH - 12TH NOVEMBER 2017, TURKU (FINLAND)

Boat Expo brings together the boat industry of the Finnish West Coast. PortMate was present with its own stand, trying to get more people involved and aware of the importance of safety and resource efficiency in small ports. The attendees had also the possibilities to take part in a lottery competition: by answering few questions about the project, visitors had the chance to win a life vest. The raffle saw around 90 participants and the winner was disclosed some days later: Juhana from Turku – congratulations!



Teemu Heikkinen presenting the life vest given

MATKA NORDIC TRAVEL FAIR 17TH - 21ST JANUARY 2018, HELSINKI (FINLAND)

Matka Nordic Travel Fair collects more than 1000 exhibitors from 80 different countries. PortMate project was present as part of the Finnish Archipelago (Rauma) stand. Once again, the goal was to raise

awareness about the project and its goals. Besides, the visitors had the chance to learn how to tie sailing knots and to create small seamanship crafts from sea captain Heikki Koivisto and Jarmo Teränen.



Jarmo Teränen, Minna Keinänen-Toivola and Heikki Koivisto (from left) were at Matka Nordic Travel Fair representing PortMate project



Heikki Koivisto waiting for the first visitors

VENE 18 BÅT 9TH - 18TH FEBRUARY 2018, HELSINKI (FINLAND)

The Helsinki International Boat Show is Northern Europe's largest boating event and has something to offer to all kind of sea enthusiasts. Vene Båt – that it is the Finnish name of the event – was the chance for the PortMate team to present the results on safety and on resource efficiency findings. Furthermore, a new questionnaire related to resource efficiency and sustainability of small ports was launched on

16.02.20108. In Vene Båt, PortMate took a proactive role by hosting a seminar about the project itself and its area of interests: safety both in small ports and in sailing, and sustainability. Finally, during the fair, PortMate teamed up with with Suomen Purjehdus ja Veneily (in English "Finnish Sailing and Boating" association) for cooperation on common activities.



Marko Mikkola from SAMK was showing a first glimpse of



PortMate was at Vene 18 Båt and was hosted by A-Laiturit

ALLT FÖR SJÖN 3RD - 11TH MARCH 2018, STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)



Allt för Sjön is Sweden's largest Boat Show. More than 400 exhibitors and 90,000 visitors were present in nine days. SAMK PortMate team visited on 7.03.2018, while the partners of the municipalities of Gävle and Söderhamn had their own booth throughout the event. The fair also granted the possibility to meet and match up other Central Baltic projects. The visit to the fair was a preparation for next year event, when PortMate will have a more active role.

Agneta Svensson (on the right) of the Söderhamn municipality presenting the PortMate project to the visitors.

BLACKWATER SEWER LINE IN SOTTUNGA

In November, the digging for the blackwater sewer line in Sottunga started. This investment, funded as part of the PortMate project, connects the Prästgården port and some of its facilities to the municipal waste water treatment. Moreover, in future, the properties nearby will have the possibilities of an easy connection to the system. The work is scheduled to be finished by summer 2018.



Work in progress in Sottunga

WHAT IS AHEAD: SUMMER VIDEOING IN THE SMALL PORTS

Winter time served also as a preparation for summer 2018. In fact, it is planned the video shooting of the remaining ports taking part in the project. The videos will be filmed starting from May 2018.

