



# **PORT MATE**

# NEWS

1/2017

## THE PORTMATE PROJECT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND GREEN SERVICES OF SMALL PORTS

More and more people are interested in tourism and outdoor activities, and many spend the summer by boat along the Baltic Sea coasts. Especially for those for whom boating is still new, coastal waters and islands can be tricky.

In many small ports, the practical challenges include difficult natural conditions such as safe arrival and departure to and from the ports. On the other hand, seafarers expect more environmental friendly services.

PortMate will develop environmentally friendly solutions that improve safety. One example project result is the development of port arrival instructions for boaters, including guidance videos.

PortMate is making environmentally friendly investments in ports, such as the installation of solar panels and LED lighting to improve energy efficiency.



## BETTER SERVICES FOR PORT USERS

PortMate facilitates the delivery of improved services for port users in 19 small Baltic Sea ports.

The project's **pilot ports** are located in Finland, (Rauma area), Åland (Sottunga and Kökar) and in Sweden (Gävle and Söderhamn).



## WORKSHOP IN GÄVLE

PortMate makes small ports safely connected and sustainable

A workshop taking a safe and sustainable perspective was held on February 15th 2017 in Gävle. It was attended by about 25 participants from Finland, Åland and Sweden including project partners and some interest groups such as boat club members.

The idea of the meeting was to consider how and where to invest in order for small ports to benefit the most from a safety and resource efficiency perspective.



*The visit took place also at the Furuviks guest harbour in Gävle.*

## SMALL PORTS SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

Answers to safety issues of PortMate small ports

A questionnaire about small ports safety was carried out during the Spring of 2017. Two different web based e-forms were created: one for boaters/users of small ports and another one for small port operators. Both survey forms were translated into English, Finnish and Swedish. Social media and direct contacts were widely used to reach the interested public of the central Baltic region.

The objectives of the survey were to find out how different interest groups see the current safety issues of small ports, what are the possible risks are, and

what they think could be done to improve safety. The results of the surveys would help the project later in drawing up the different port safety and guidance instructions for arrival, departure and the duration of visitor stay.

The questionnaire had a total of 446 respondents, with 390 responses to the boater's questionnaire and 56 responses to the port operator's questionnaire. Geographically speaking the respondents were mostly from the coastal areas of Finland, Sweden, Latvia and Estonia.

## PORTMATE VISITED THE HELSINKI BOAT SHOW 2017



PortMate representatives **Teemu Heikkinen** and **Riitta Dersten** from the Satakunta University of Applied Sciences participated in the 2017 Helsinki International Boat Show in February.

They observed the visibility of small ports and safety and environment issues and also participated in the EASY SAIL EAST! seminar of Central Baltic 30 Miles project.

## EVENTS

### COMING EVENTS

Summer 2017

1st PortMate sailing in pilot ports

10/2017

Workshop in Rauma

Rauma,  
Finland

ALL project's  
pilot ports

### PAST EVENTS

7.-9.11.2016

Kickoff meeting and benchmarking small ports (Rauma)

Rauma,  
Finland

14.-16.2.2017

Benchmarking small ports (Gävle and Söderhamn)

Gävle & Söderhamn,  
Sweden

Workshop: Small ports – from a safe, environmental and sustainable perspective (Gävle)

Gävle,  
Sweden

18.-20.4.2017

Benchmarking small ports (Kökar and Sottunga)

Kökar & Sottunga,  
Åland

# PORTMATE

## FINANCIER

EU: Interreg Central Baltic Program

## DURATION

1.11.2016–31.12.2019

## BUDGET

EUR 2.7 million

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City of Rauma (Finland)

Municipality of Gävle (Sweden)

Municipality of Söderhamn (Sweden)

Municipality of Sottunga (Åland)

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