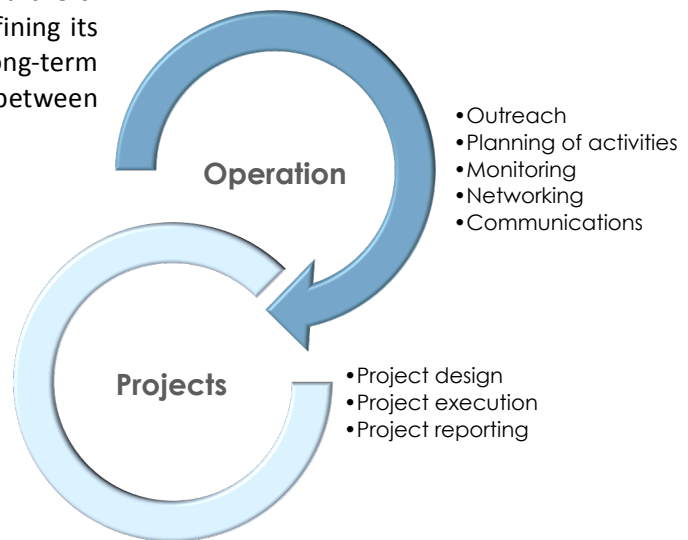


MeRLIN

Networking for Innovation in Maritime Transport and Ports

Description

MeRLIN is a network that aims to improve access to relevant research and development expertise for the maritime industry in order to facilitate and intensify the implementation of R&D projects, both from industrial and academic points of view, thereby promoting greater coordination and ongoing collaboration between partners. The initiative tends to accompany the industry in defining its research and innovation needs and implementing long-term planning tools, while at the same time fostering ties between stakeholders within the maritime community.



About the Technopole Maritime du Québec

Technopole Maritime du Québec (TMQ) is a coordination and networking tool designed to galvanize the players of the maritime industry. It aims to accelerate the development of marine science, technology and biotechnology sectors in Québec by ensuring its national and international exposure and this, while providing value-added services to its members and supporting long-term priority projects. Occupying a neutral and central position at the interface of industry and research, the organization aims to:

- 🔗 Forge ties between industrial players and experts in research, innovation and technologies
- 🔗 Cultivate the emergence of technology-based companies
- 🔗 Support the growth of businesses
- 🔗 Support the development of R&D centres and institutions

Specific Objectives

The objectives of MeRLIN (Networking for Innovation in Maritime Transport and Ports) are the following:

- To oversee coordination and outreach in order to enable a dynamic of collaboration between the industry, the institutional and private research sector;
- To promote R&D expertise as an answer of key industry issues;
- To offer a monitoring service adapted to industrial themes and priorities;
- To promote a flow of information concerning research projects for the benefit of all partners;
- Within the private and academic research community, to bolster visibility of research-related challenges and technological needs for the maritime sector;
- To maximize use of the expertise and public research infrastructures available in Quebec;
- To promote the development of cutting-edge expertise in Quebec;
- To support the economic growth of this maritime industry and the competitiveness of its businesses by means of skills development and the expanded use of R&D and new technologies.

Deliverables

Expertise Mapping

Based on the themes identified by the industry and sector stakeholders, TMQ will identify the expertise accessible to the industry in Quebec and in the wider collaborative networks. This mapping will be used to lay the foundation for the collaborative network as well as for networking and outreach actions. The various research centres, university departments or other scientific resources will be identified as a function of their field of expertise and their ties with industry issues.

Coordination and Outreach

Coordination and outreach activities within the sector aim to bridge the gap between industry and research. These activities also seek to encourage knowledge sharing and the establishment of natural partnerships between all members of the group:

- Visits to universities, colleges and R&D centres to raise awareness of industry priorities and issues as well as opportunities;
- Support of industrial associations in organizing conferences or workshops dedicated to research, development and innovation;
- Project design support to identify partners and secure project financing;
- Assistance for networking activities.

Monitoring

Relevant publications and information as per priority themes will be sought in such a way as to meet the demand of the industry and network partners.

For further details or to be part of MeRLIN, contact us now :

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