



AIDA becomes the new partner of the European Maritime Simulator Network

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Germany's leading cruise line supports the EU research project "Mona Lisa 2.0"

CSMART Rostock, AIDA Cruises's maritime simulation center, is the new partner of the European Maritime Simulator Network (EMSN). The aim of this collaboration is to study the onshore-supported control of maritime transport, analogous to the international monitoring of air traffic in the aviation industry. The members from a total of 10 countries include renowned research institutes such as Fraunhofer CML.

“Within the network, maritime simulators from the various partner countries can be connected up – this is globally unique so far,” states Burkhard Müller, Director of CSMART Rostock. “During regular training sessions, we will in future simulate scenarios in which we can test onshore-supported monitoring and controlling of maritime transport. During a second phase, we will move on to real-world tests on board ships,” Burkhard Müller explains further. The European Maritime Simulator Network is part of the Mona Lisa 2.0 research and development project. In this context, technologies and processes are being investigated and developed to further improve the safety, efficiency, and environmental friendliness of the shipping industry.

About CSMART Rostock:

In 2012, AIDA Cruises opened the first center for maritime simulator training in Germany with its CSMART Rostock center at the AIDA Academy. This simulator training is specifically geared toward the quality requirements in training and continuing education and thus the safety of the cruise industry. The training center's so-called full mission bridge simulator is a replicated bridge of AIDAblu. Various maneuvers can be simulated 1:1 on the bridge's 220 degree panoramic screens. The comprehensive safety concept also includes an engine room simulator based on the Siemens control system on board the AIDA ships, which can be operated independently or linked up to the bridge as required.

About AIDA Cruises:

AIDA Cruises is one of Germany's fastest growing and most financially successful tourism businesses and currently employs around 7,000 people from 40 countries. Of these employees, 6,000 work on board and 1,000 work at the company headquarters in Rostock and Hamburg. With its 10 cruise ships, AIDA currently operates and markets one of the most state-of-the-art fleets in the world. The ships are operated in compliance with the highest international quality, environmental, and safety standards. By 2020, the AIDA fleet will expand to 14 ships.

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