

The MarTEL Plus ICT System

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Abstract

MarTEL and MarTEL Plus are transnational projects in the field of English language testing for the maritime industry, funded by the EU Leonardo Lifelong Learning Programme. The MarTEL tests (Maritime Tests of English Language) are designed to assess the English language proficiency of cadet officers, officers and senior officers. The tests are available in four stages: Phase 1 for cadets, Phase 2 for junior officers, Phase 3 for senior officers, and Phase R for ratings. MarTEL tests are computer based, online tests, implemented using Moodle and Flash. The MarTEL Plus is a continuation of the earlier MarTEL project and will bring new features to it, including a mobile phone application to provide practice tests, and an enhanced oral evaluation with an accompanying ICT application for storing interviews and facilitating the grading of candidates. This paper provides an overview of the MarTEL and MarTEL Plus products, and describes how the project consortium has developed an efficient system for transferring technical specifications between the test designers and software developers.