

## STM Validation – a Best Practice project

*145 projects applied. 34 were chosen. An even smaller number is selected for the nomination process of EPSA (The European Public Sector Award). STM Validation project is among the few still in the running for the award on the European and National level. Sea Traffic Management (STM) is a concept conceived by a public authority and has been successfully defined, developed and validated in three consecutive projects. The project setup with commercial partners creating new and improved services based on an open standardised infrastructure can help change the maritime world.*



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The theme of the 2017 EPSA award is “An Innovative Public Sector in 2017 - New Solutions to Complex Challenges”. STM Validation is a good match as 38 beneficiaries, backed by 50% EU-funding, in 13 countries and 25 associate partners across the world takes on a global challenge to improve information sharing in the maritime transport chain.

Magnus Sundström (Project Manager, Swedish Maritime Administration) says: “The model where public authorities are the innovation driver for commercial solutions is unique and very beneficial since the long term benefits and ideas are not jeopardised by quarterly profit goals.”

Frank Coles (CEO, Transas) adds: “By letting us industry partners drive the standards development, the standards are adopted faster. The long-term vision and endurance of the public partners combined with the focus on commercial value for us and especially our customers, makes STM a concept that rises above other initiatives”

Brian Simpson (Motorways of the Seas-coordinator, EU) finishes: “STM is in line with the top EU priorities for the maritime sector. Increased safety at sea and improved efficiency that will lead to more goods transported on the environmentally friendlier sea.”

The STM Validation test beds will include 300 ships, 13 ports and at least 5 shore centres.

**Seaing is believing!**





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*STM connects and updates the maritime world in real time with efficient information exchange. In the 60s the standardised container revolutionised shipping. The next revolution is the containerisation of information – creating a safer, more efficient and environmentally friendly maritime sector.*



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