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enhancing cargo handling operators' cyber risk sensitivity and management through a maritime/port-dedicated cyber risk management qualification

the challenge

Cargo handling is now using a wide range of cyber-physical assets. Cyber attacks are therefore a threat to cargo handling operations, and safety.

Unlike other supply chain members, ports are networks' actors which are themselves networks of actors. Cyber risk management strategies are therefore more difficult to design and implement as they require a proper alignment of a great variety of local stakeholders' financial and technical resources, as well as of cultural approaches of cyber security issues.

Along the whole process of cyber risk identification, assessment and mitigation, people's understanding of the, especially port-specific, dangers associated with cyber attacks, and their cyber risk mitigation capabilities are of the utmost importance for the global efficiency of this process.

Education and training programs fully dedicated to port cyber risk management can therefore usefully contribute to the enhancement of local operators' cyber risk sensitivity and management capabilities, ultimately improving cargo handling resilience and safety.

the innovation

The purpose of MAPO-CYM (MAritime & POrt CYber risk Management) curriculum is to train managers to:

- understand the challenges and specificities of cyber risk in maritime and port organizations;
- carry out audits of maritime and port processes, design and manage action plans;
- conduct risk analyses, identify vulnerabilities;
- apply methods and tools to anticipate, detect and mitigate cyber risks;
- define business continuity plans / disaster recovery plans;
- lead safety / security management within a maritime and port environment.

The program can be offered to professionals such as cyber risk professionals looking to extend their operation to the maritime, port industry and maritime professionals looking for education in cyber risk management. It can be used for people with no pre-knowledge both of the topic and of the industry, though some level of experience in risk management will be required.

The program is made of 5 modules:

- Marine industry

- Port communities
- Driving digital transformation in the maritime and port sectors
- Design and conduct a cyber risk management project in the maritime and port sectors
- Securing maritime transport and port transit operations and infrastructure

how it was implemented

The 1-year, 288-hr program can be operated on a hybrid mode: pre-recorded modules + online live sessions + 1 week on-site (participants who cannot attend on-site session will attend live online); modules can be validated separately with a specific certification; full certification is obtained when all modules are validated.

what was the result

MAPO CYM is an ongoing project, benefiting by the contribution and support of professional institutions and individuals to its design and operation.

conclusion

MAPO CYM is intended to open Q4 2026.



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