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On 11.08.2015, 12.08.2015 and 13.08.2015, consulting sessions were held with **authorities and trade unions organization** as well as with relevant **stakeholders from port sector**, with the topic of port labor force and their required competencies.

These consulting sessions were organized within **WP2 – Labor market research in port sector and WP3 – Setting up a supportive environment for port labour force competence- TRAINING4PORT project – Building Competency-based Training for Port Sector Labour Force in a supportive environment.**

Consulting sessions were held in all three project partners countries, respectively in Izmil – Ukraine, Cahul – Republic of Moldova and Galati – Romania.

Main objectives of these consulting sessions were focused on debates regarding **market research** carried out by the consulting company in on current trades from ports and competences as well as investigating employer’s requests on competences required for labor in ports and employees expectations from port sectors regarding professional careers. Information collecting was based on a Questionnaire, distributed on-line by stakeholders, authorities and trade union organizations identified within WP1 – Establishing a stakeholder database within port sector, of the project.

Debates on collected information by questionnaire were constructive for the consulting company as well as for participants who realizing the importance of professional training of port personnel in a technological development perspective of inland ports.

Authorities as well as trade union organizations want for port sector personnel to be trained through a harmonized professional training system in order to achieve required skills for port based activities and also for future activities from a technological development perspective of ports and including them in intermodal logistic chains.

Participants in these consulting sessions were representatives of project teams, consulting company, authorities and trade unions organizations and main stakeholders form port sector of all three countries partners within the project.

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