



# Enhancing **Blue Growth**

Meridiem makes Finland a harbor for maritime technology

## Meridiem makes more resources available to research on maritime technology

In the future, the key to gaining a competitive edge in the maritime industry is innovation. Our goal is strong Finnish expertise in maritime technology.

The strength of the Finnish maritime industry is based on close cooperation between businesses and research communities, leading to new innovations in the field. Innovations generate growth in the maritime industry—**Blue Growth**.

Meridiem harnesses maritime technology traditions and expertise to drive new growth. It provides its members and businesses from the maritime sector with premises and a network that enable interdisciplinary and innovative research on maritime technology to gain momentum.

Meridiem involves the higher education institutions Aalto University, University of Turku, Turku University of Applied Sciences and Lappeenranta University of Technology. Its partners also include Novia University of Applied Sciences and Åbo Akademi University. Meridiem activities are coordinated by the Machine Technology Center Turku Ltd.



## Innovation through research cooperation

Our main task is to create new forms of cooperation between research and industry.

Meridiem research community implements and coordinates national and international research projects. An essential part of our work is to develop research networks, also at international level.

In our cooperation, our goal is also to produce business-oriented and interdisciplinary theses on topics relating to the maritime industry. International cooperation is promoted, for example, through co-operation agreements on student and teacher exchange programmes with the Brazilian Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE).

Our cooperation networks span out to Europe, such as Germany and Nordic countries, and to Russia, China and Brazil.

The universities' strategic research themes:

- new business and ship concepts
- industry dynamics and clusters
- manufacturing and materials technologies

## Growth through new markets

We support the internationalisation of businesses, for example, with various projects and events. We act actively in extensive and versatile international network.

Enhancing international connections is also vital in profiling expertise in maritime technology and forming cooperation alliances. Our global cooperation with various players equips us to help businesses to network and find the right tools for internationalisation.



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