



# PROJECT DIRECTORY 2012



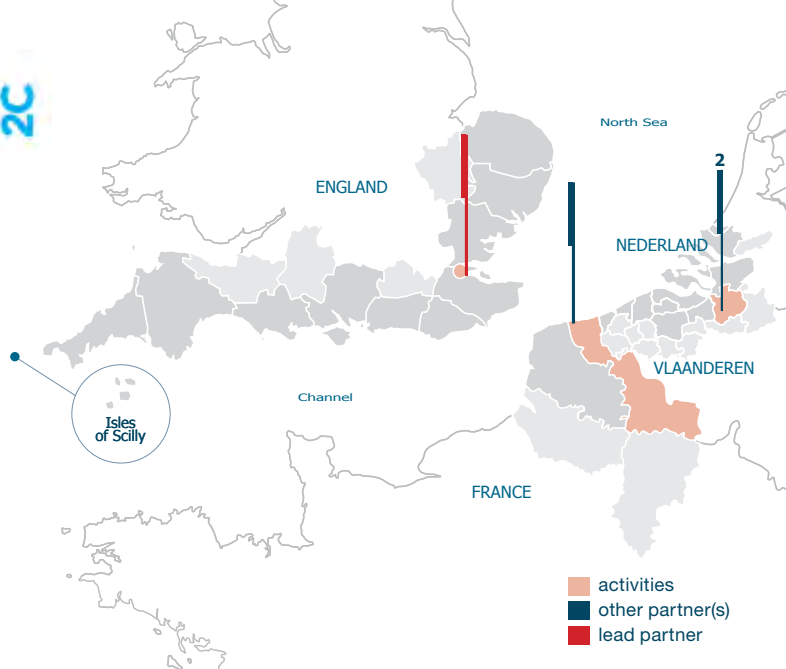
# HEROES 2C HEROES2C

## Heroes of the Two Sea and Heroes to see

Heroes 2C is a project which blends the interests of maritime heritage and social inclusion, by using three ships at different stages of reconstruction to raise the interest and develop skills of the community in the maritime sector.

The three partners involved in boat restoration are joined by a fourth partner specialised in employment and training aspects. The Medway Queen, the Jean Bart and the New Belgica used to have different purposes (war, commercial and research) and will be restored by professional ship-builders and newly trained socially-excluded people.

During the course of the project, the partners will open their doors to young people by developing educational and training activities to pass on their technical knowledge and share their fascination for the Maritime sector with students and trainees. To enhance tourism, the partners will also open access to the actual reconstruction so that the public can witness the workers in action and learn about the history in the visitor centres.



<b>Lead Partner</b>	New Medway Steam Packet Company Ltd (UK)	
<b>Other Partner(s)</b>	(3): Association Tourville (FR), De Steenschuit vzw (BE), VDAB (BE)	
<b>Location of the activities</b>	Medway (UK), Nord (FR), Arr. Antwerpen (BE)	
<b>Total Budget</b>	€ 4,998,871	
<b>ERDF</b>	€ 2,499,435 (50%)	
<b>Duration</b>	42 months (01/01/2010-30/06/2013)	
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## Heroes2c: a European partnership.

De Steenschuit in Flanders, Medway Queen Preservation Society (MQPS) in the UK and Association Tourville in France are three independent organisations, specialised in the reconstruction of vessels that belong to the maritime heritage of the countries and regions. Together with the Flemish VDAB they participate in the Heroes2c-project, part of the Interreg IV a 2 Seas program. This partnership focuses on the reconstruction of historic vessels to increase the social inclusion of jobseekers and apprentices. In the same time the partners make efforts to raise the awareness on maritime heritage on a larger scale.

For the next 3 years the Heroes2c partnership - with MQPS as lead partner and general promoter - has different main objectives to work on:

- Realise social inclusion of disadvantaged groups on the labour market by means of specific training skills
- Raise awareness to a large public on the reconstruction of the ships and replicas and their added value to the countries' maritime heritage
- Create access to cultural heritage and develop visitors' centres that are museum and shipyard at the same time.
- Contribute to the awareness of the promotion that is made by the European Commission to realise international partnerships that are financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

## Visit the 3 projects

**Medway Queen  
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Western Arm  
Pier Approach Road  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1RX  
United Kingdom  
[www.medwayqueen.co.uk](http://www.medwayqueen.co.uk)

**Association Tourville  
Le Jean Bart**  
Route du Calais  
59820 Gravelines  
France  
[www.tourville.asso.fr](http://www.tourville.asso.fr)

**De Steenschuit  
New Belgica**  
Noeveren 26  
2850 Boom  
België  
[www.steenschuit.be](http://www.steenschuit.be)



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## De Steenschuit

Ship: The New Belgica



De Steenschuit links long-term unemployed to the maritime heritage, ship repair and the construction techniques of vessels. De Steenschuit and the VDAB developed together a training project where low skilled job seekers learn the specific construction techniques as well as work attitudes. People who follow these trainings in construction and renovation of vessels are often more motivated to look for more sustainable employment.

The Steenschuit was recognized by the VDAB as a training centre for classical ship construction. The efforts of the Steenschuit focus on the target groups of job seekers that have a greater distance from the labour market. Our expert instructors teach the trainees skills in wood, metal and painting. Thanks to their improved skills these job seekers are helped to find their way to a job in the regular labour market.

The Steenschuit also operates within a European partnership. The Heroes2c project enables us to exchange knowledge and skills about ship construction techniques. Through this unique partnership, people are offered new career chances. In the same time maritime heritage and traditional ship building techniques are kept alive.



## Association Tourville

Ship: The Jean Bart



The Tourville Association was founded in 1992. Its objective is to build a first rank liner of the 17th century, armed with 84 guns and a length of 57 m. The ship will be christened 'The Jean Bart, in honor of Jean Bart, pirate and a great naval officer of the Sun King. Once built, the ship will be docked in order to be exploited as a new attraction in the historic park and recreation of Gravelines (FR).

Since 2006, the Tourville Association started an integration project with the provision of trainees by the Association AGIR (Mission Locale) of Gravelines. The recruitment is done in stages, as the recruitment can only be done in case there is enough work on the shipyard. In 2010, the Tourville Association hosted, 8 to 10 people on the Tourville site, for a period of 1 or 2 years. The integration project has the goal of socialization through work, group work, the notions of rules and hierarchy ...

The Tourville Association is a partner in the European project Heroes2c. This partnership allows to significantly increase the associations' communication and reputation through peoples' exchange (supervisors, trainees, volunteers ...) to be carried out in co-operation with the British and Belgian partners.



## Medway Queen Preservation Society

Ship: Medway Queen



The Medway Queen Preservation Society aims are to rebuild the Medway Queen for future generations, to commemorate her war-time role at the evacuation of Dunkirk during which she rescued 7000 men, and the personnel who served on her. We also aim to raise awareness of the role of such vessels in WW2 as mine sweepers and anti-aircraft platforms. Also their role pre and post war in the social and economic life of coastal towns in the UK.

A very important aspect of the project is social inclusion, which means that the MQPS is committed to passing on the skills needed to re-build the ship, the project will be providing apprenticeships for young people in the trades needed to re-fit the ship at the society's base at Gillingham Pier, Kent.

The MQPS is the Lead Partner in the Heroes 2 C project which will enable us to fund the apprentice scheme along with the instructors, and to give them the opportunity to exchange knowledge and skills with our partners. We will also be able to exchange volunteers between the shipyards to promote greater awareness of our common European maritime heritage.