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IMPROVE Project

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IMPROVE (Design of Improved and Competitive Products Using an Integrated Decision Support System for Ship Production and Operation) is a three-year research project which started on the 1st October 2006. It is supported by the European Commission under the Growth Programme of the 6th Framework Programme.

The project consortium consists of 18 complementary partners from 9 member and 2 candidate member states; 4 ship owners/operators, 4 universities, 3 shipyards, 2 ship design companies, 2 engineering companies, 2 software companies, a classification society and an International Association of universities.

The main objective of the IMPROVE project is to develop three new ship generations in an integrated multiple criteria decision making environment by using the advanced design synthesis and analysis techniques at the earliest stage of the design process, which innovatively considers structure, production, operational aspects, performance, and safety criteria on a concurrent basis. The product types focused on this project are new generations of LNG gas carriers and chemical tankers, and an innovative concept of a large Ro-Pax vessel.

Further information about the project can be found at <http://www.improve-project.eu/>

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