



**LET'S KEEP  
OUR SEAFARERS  
SMILING!**



## ABOUT THE PROJECT



The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and German trade union ver.di have been enjoying fruitful and mutually-beneficial cooperation for as long as 20 years. During this time and within the Memorandum signed by the parties, there has been implemented a large number of social projects designed for the benefit of Ukrainian seafarers.



In all its activities, the MTWTU aims to change the life of seafarers for better regardless of where they are, at sea or on shore. Research conducted by the MTWTU on the needs of Ukrainian seafarers has shown that one of the key needs at the moment is quality medicine, and especially dental care.



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In the open seas, a sudden toothache can disrupt all work plans, and a seafarer cannot count on an emergency dentist. After all, for example, a small spot on a tooth noticed while on shore and ignored can turn into a painful cavity that usually takes much longer to heal. That is why it is extremely important to make sure your teeth are in good condition before a seafarer leaves for the contract.

Concerned for the health and well-being of seafarers, the unions have launched a joint 'Union Dent' project providing access to free onshore dental services to Ukrainian seafarers working onboard the vessels of German shipowners, which are covered by the ver.di collective bargaining agreements.



## PROJECT LAUNCH



The start date of the 'Union Dent' is October 18, 2021, when the partners officially inaugurated the project in Odessa, Ukraine.

The project is run in cooperation with a reliable and professional partner 'Orthognathics' dental clinic, headed by MD Natalya Borchenko. It is also supported by the 'Mortrans' Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport.



During this time 44 trade union members became participants of the project: they received many different dental services of various complexity: from dental examination and sanitation of the oral cavity to prosthetics.



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## FEEDBACK



Project participants note the high quality of dental treatment, the professionalism of medical professionals and an individual approach to scheduling treatment.



Captain Dmitry Lukyanchenko was one of the first to take advantage of the 'Union Dent' project: "It's great to be a part of such a modern program. I really appreciate what the Union organizes for us. I thank the MTWTU and ver.di and declare my willingness to participate in their future projects."



Captain Igor Mironchenko also appreciated the service received: "I would like to mention the well-organized pre-registration process at a convenient time for me. Upon arrival at the clinic I was greeted by friendly staff. The modern equipment and techniques available at the clinic gave me confidence in the success of my medical procedures. Young educated specialists provided me with maximum care and painless treatment. I would like to thank doctor Anastasia and her assistant for their professional and accurate approach to work. After the initial examination and cleaning of the oral cavity from calculus, a plan of further visits was made. All the planned treatment was carried out in the agreed time, without delay or hurry. Recommendations were also made to improve oral hygiene practices using modern techniques.»



Another project beneficiary – Stewart Kostyantyn Stankov also commented to the services he received: "I applied for dental care as part of the trade union project: the service I received was super, the equipment was at a high level, the staff was very attentive – I was very pleased with the results, thank you very much."

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE?



It is important to emphasize that the 'Union Dent' project is open **EXCLUSIVELY** to seafarers, members of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, working on the ships of German shipowners covered by the ver.di agreements.

## Step 1



**Call the MTWTU to verify your data and to schedule the appointment at the dental clinics at**

**38 (050) 336 44 57  
38 (048) 242 99 01**

## Step 2



**Come at the appointed time with the following documents:**

- **MTWTU Membership Card**
- **Seaman's Book**
- **Seagoing Service Record Book**
- **Internal Passport**
- **Tax Identification Number**

## Step 3



**Sign the appropriate service agreement.**



## Step 4



**See a doctor and get your treatment plan (if necessary).**

**Get healthy!**

**Please distribute this information to the managers who recruit Ukrainian seafarers, so that as many seafarers as possible can benefit from the 'Union Dent' project!**



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