

POSOW Newsletter

The project for Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline Cleanup and Oiled Wildlife interventions – POSOW is a two year project funded by the European Commission under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, to improve the preparedness and response to marine pollution in the Mediterranean region. The project aims at establishing a regional cooperation synergy through the enhancement of knowledge and capacities of operators (professionals and volunteers) in the field of marine pollution, in European coastal countries of the Mediterranean Sea namely Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia and Spain.

POSOW Training Packages completed in May 2013

The POSOW team is pleased to announce that the training packages on Oiled Shoreline Assessment and Cleanup, Oil Spill Volunteer Management and Oiled Wildlife Response, to be used during trainings, and to ensure wide knowledge dissemination of information gathered during the project, are now available on POSOW website. The training packages consist of:

- 4 manuals providing detailed guidance and information;
- 11 posters designed to be used in the field, summarizing and illustrating key messages to be considered by response operators (professionals or volunteers) when responding to an oil spill;
- 15 Power-Point Presentations to facilitate the delivery of training courses at national level;
- 7 languages: [Posters](#) and [Power-Point presentations](#) (upcoming) translated into Croatian, English, Greek, French, Italian, Slovenian and Spanish to facilitate the understanding of the local trainers.



Train the Trainer Course in Brest

Participants from Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Slovenia, attended the first Train the Trainer Courses of the POSOW Project, held between the 21 and 23 May 2013. The second training was held between the 28 and 30 May 2013. Participants from Greece, France, Malta, and Spain attended the Course.

Theoretical and practical exercises were organised to allow the future trainers to replicate the trainings in their respective regions, during the second part of the year 2013.

Facilities and equipment from Cedre were used to practice the shoreline assessment and cleanup techniques.

Photos of the training are available on the [Project Facebook Page](#)

The Training Reports can be downloaded [here](#).



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Promotion of POSOW in various events

In 2013, the POSOW project has been introduced and will continue being promoted during several events:

- 1st NEREIDS Scenario Workshop, 23-24 April 2013, Nicosia, Cyprus ;
- 15th IMO OPRC-HNS Technical Group Meeting, 7-10 May 2013, London, UK;
- Second Adriatic Spill Conference (ADRIASPILLCON 2013), 14-16 May 2013, Opatija, Croatia;
- 3rd Joint workshop between DG ECHO and EMSA on Coordinated at-sea and shoreline pollution response, 12-13 February 2013, Lisbon, Portugal;
- CPMR General Assembly, 26-27 September 2013, Saint-Malo, France;
- A Poster will be presented during the International Oil Spill Conference, 5-8 May 2014, Savannah, Georgia, USA.

National Training Courses

Following the Train the Trainer Courses, a 3-day National Pilot Training Course will be organized in each of the eight beneficiary countries. Volunteers and professionals from regions of each country have been invited to participate in the course, with the contribution of the trainers previously trained in Brest, France. The course will be attended by one representative of the project to support the regional entities involved.

Country	Region	Place	October		November		December	
Croatia								
	Split - Civil Protection HQ				9-10			
Greece								
	Heraklion, Crete - Civil Protection HQ						9-10	
Italy								
	Ancona, Marche - Civil Protection HQ			29-31				
Slovenia								
	Ljubljana - Civil Protection HQ				21-23			
Cyprus								
	Nicosia - Civil Protection HQ						5-7	
Malta								
	Xrobb-I-Ghagin - Nature Trust Malta HQ		4-5	12				
France								
	Marseille, PACA - Surfrider HQ			23-24				
Spain								
	Barcelona - Civil Protection HQ					27-29		
	Valencia - Civil Protection HQ					25-27		

Promotion tools: Introduction Video and Brochure

In order to promote the POSOW project in various events, a brochure and a video summarizing the objectives and outcome of the Project have been published.

Access to the [Brochure](#) and [Video](#)



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