



POSOW

Preparedness for oil-polluted
Shoreline cleanup and
Oiled Wildlife interventions



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Introduction

In May 2013, two Train the Trainer Courses were convened in Brest, France as a part of the Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline cleanup and Oiled Wildlife interventions (POSOW) project (Task E)

POSOW 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.

In order to create this regional synergy and build regional task forces of trainers, a training team (Civil Protection, regional / local authorities and specialized wildlife response NGO) received a dedicated Train the Trainer Course on Volunteer management, Oiled Shoreline Assessment and Cleanup and Oiled Wildlife Response.

National Training

Following the Train the Trainer Courses, a 3-day National Pilot Training Course was organized in each of the eight beneficiary countries. (Task F)

Volunteers from regions of each country were invited to participate in the course, with the contribution of the trainers previously trained during the Train the Trainer Courses. The course was attended by one representative of the project to support the regional entities involved.

The National Training in Cyprus was organized by the Civil Defense in cooperation with the NGO Terra Cypria, The Cyprus Conservation Foundation. Thirty-five (35) participants from different organizations (e.g. Civil Defense, NGO`s, institutes etc), as listed in **Annex I** of the present report, attended the training course.

The program of the training reported in **Annex II** was spread over 2 days, without practical exercise. All material except for the manuals was previously translated into Greek. The presentations were delivered in Greek, except for the presentation on the overview of the project POSOW introduced in English by the Sea-Alarm partner.

The presentation by the Department of Fisheries about the National Response System was welcomed by the participants who get familiarized with the system in place. For many participants, this was a unique opportunity to discuss about the national contingency plan of their country and the required preparedness measures.

Upon completion, all participants were provided with a certificate and a USB Key containing all the material published by the POSOW Project.

The training course was held at the Cleopatra Hotel, Nicosia. During the breaks, all participants were given the opportunity to register on the POSOW volunteer database.

Evaluation of the training

After the last session on the second day, the participants were requested to fill in an evaluation sheet, reproduced in **Annex III** of the present report.

The following table summarizes the evaluation provided by 29 participants out of 35. The rating is based on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being bad and 5 being excellent.

Title of the presentation	Content adequacy mark	Presentation mark
Volunteer management	4,72	4,62
Oiled shoreline assessment	4,79	4,76
Oiled shoreline cleanup	4,83	4,79
Oiled wildlife response session 1	4,86	4,83
Oiled wildlife response session 2	4,90	4,83

The more recurrent comments were:

- request for more practical examples or field and table tops exercises;
- Expect follow-up from the competent authorities on a better communication and collaboration between the acting parties;
- Need for further clarification on the role and type of volunteers in Cyprus.

The high interest of participants was demonstrated by numerous discussions and interactions between speakers and participants. Participants emphasized that it was the first time that environmental NGO`s cooperated with the Civil Defense. A marine NGO is already interested to organize a second edition on the South coast of Cyprus

Annex I – List of Participants

<u>C/N</u>	<u>Participants</u>		<u>C/N</u>	<u>Participants</u>
293	Andreou Elena		309	Kyprianou Michalis
294	Andriotis George		310	Liassides Panayiotis
295	Arampatzis Anastasios		311	Maroulis Lampros
296	Charalambous Daniel		312	Metaxa Aleka
297	Demetriou Demetris		313	Michaelidou Georgia
298	Demosthenous Andreas		314	Neophytou Yiannos
299	Dias Petros		315	Orthodoxou Demetra
300	Economou Nicole		316	Papatheodoulou Athina
301	Egkomitis Demetris		317	Pelendridis Giannos
302	Giasemi Eirini		318	Pieroudis Demetris
303	Ierides Michael		319	Platrides Marcus
304	Kameris Petros		320	Prodromou Menelaos
305	Kitsou Rodothea		321	Rouvas Michalis
306	Kontonikola Zacharias		322	Savva George
307	Koutsifta Panayiota		323	Stylianou Skevi
308	Koutsouri Mirca		324	Theodorou Chrystalla
327	Xiari Monica		325	Victoras Marios
			326	Vouris Polychronis

ANNEX II - Program of the POSOW Training Course

Time	Day 1	Day 2
09.00-09.30	Opening-Registration	Opening-Registration
09.30-11.00	Welcome Note-Claude Velter-Sea Alarm Foundation	National Response System- Marinos Ioannou-Department of Fisheries and Marine Research
	Overview	
	Volunteer Management-Logistics -Mikaella Mala-CCD	Oiled Wildlife Response –Introduction- Lefkios Sergides-Terra Cypria
	Volunteer Management-Chain of Command Mikaella Mala-CCD	Oiled Wildlife Response -Health and Safety - Lefkios Sergides-Terra Cypria
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	Coffee break
11.30- 13.30	Volunteer Management-Roles and Duties for Volunteers- Mikaella Mala-CCD	Oiled Wildlife Response -Search and Collection I- Lefkios Sergides-Terra Cypria
	Oiled Shoreline Assessment- Lefkios Sergides-Terra Cypria	Oiled Wildlife Response - Search and Collection II- Lefkios Sergides-Terra Cypria
13.30-14.30	Lunch	Lunch
14.30-16.00	Oiled shoreline cleanup- General principles of cleanup Techniques- Demetris Christou-CCD	Oiled Wildlife Response- Transport Facilities for oiled wildlife-Panayiotis Klonis-Terra Cypria
	Oiled shoreline cleanup-Worksite organization- Demetris Christou-CCD	Oiled Wildlife Response -Stabilisation-Setting up-Panayiotis Klonis-Terra Cypria
16.00-16.20	Coffee break	Coffee break
16.20-17.20	Oiled shoreline cleanup- Cleanup techniques-Demetris Christou-CCD	Discussion-Evaluation-Certificates
17.20	End of Day 1	End of Training

Annex III - Evaluation sheet of the training course

Title of the conference/presentation/exercise	Content adequacy mark (from 1 to 5**)	Presentation mark (from 1 to 5**)	Observations
Friday 6 december 2013			
Volunteer Management			
Oiled shoreline assessment			
Oiled shoreline cleanup			
Saturday 7 december 2013			
Oiled Wildlife Response			
Oiled Wildlife Response			

* Principle of evaluation: rating from 1 to 5: 1=bad, 2=poor, 3=average, 4=good, 5=excellent