

# 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.

## Launch of POSOW Website



The partners of the Project launched the POSOW website: [www.posow.org](http://www.posow.org) aimed at disseminating all material produced under the project and at providing update on its development.

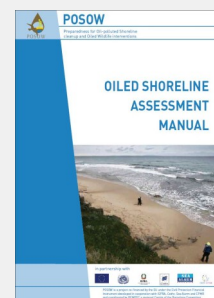
## Upcoming

- All manuals will be available by 28 February 2013
- Videos, Posters, Power Point Presentations
- Train the trainers courses: 21-23 and 28-30 May 2013, *Cedre*, France
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- All the news on [www.posow.org/news](http://www.posow.org/news)

## The POSOW Oiled Shoreline Assessment Manual is now available!

The Oiled Shoreline Assessment Manual, developed under the POSOW Project is now available for download. The manual has been prepared by *Cedre* in collaboration with all project partners. This document is designed to help teams of volunteers to understand and be able to undertake shoreline surveys to provide key information for authorities during the first or 'reactive' phase of the response.

This manual is one of 4 manuals produced in the framework of the POSOW project. The others address the Oil Spill Volunteer Management, Oiled Shoreline Cleanup and Oiled Wildlife Response, and will be available early 2013. The manual can be downloaded from the [Manual Section in Documentation](#).



## Promotion of POSOW in various events

In the last three months, POSOW project has been introduced during several events. First in Cyprus during 2 events organised by the district of Larnaca under the auspices of Cyprus EU Presidency and in cooperation with MAREMED EU Project and CPMR : seminar on maritime safety, 9 October 2012, and shoreline cleanup training course, 10-11 October.

The Project was also introduced at the Maritime Safety Conference "10 years on from the sinking of the prestige", organised by Surfrider Foundation, held in Biarritz (France) from 22 to 23 November 2012. At last, POSOW was also presented on 30 November during the "Knowledge sharing and Communication seminar" organised by the ITAC (Industry Technical Advisory Committee) in Southampton. The general presentation used to introduce the project is [available on POSOW website](#).

## Manual Tested

The POSOW oiled shoreline assessment manual has been used during two training courses held in Normandy (France). During these courses, 40 participants coming from local authorities have been trained to fill the "oiled shoreline assessment form" and to use other tools available in the manual.

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