

POSOW II Newsletter

The project for Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline Cleanup and Oil Wildlife interventions-POSOW is a project co-funded by the European Commission under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, to improve the preparedness and response to marine pollution in the Mediterranean region. POSOW II is a follow-up to the project POSOW I, run between 2012 and 2013. The main aim remains to reinforce the knowledge and skills of volunteers working in civil protection services, in municipalities and in NGOs and involved in spill response. After the European Union coastal countries targeted in POSOW I (namely Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia and Spain), POSOW II targets 7 Southern Mediterranean European Neighborhood Policy Countries and Enlargement Countries namely: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.

POSOW II partners

Coordinated by **Cedre** (*Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution*, France, www.cedre.fr/en) this 2-year project involves:

- ▶ **REMPEC** (*Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea*, Malta, www.rempec.org);
- ▶ **ISPRA** (*Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale*, Italy, www.isprambiente.gov.it);
- ▶ **FEPORIS** (*Instituto Portuario de Estudios y Cooperacion de la Comunidad Valenciana*, Spain, www.feporis-cv.org);
- ▶ **AASTMT** (*Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport*, Egypt, www.aast.edu/en/); and
- ▶ **DG-MARINWA** (*General Directorate of Maritime and Inland Waters*, Turkey, www.ubak.gov.tr).

POSOW II new themes



Local fishermen assistance



Oil Spill Waste Management

In addition to the themes volunteer management, oiled shoreline assessment, oiled shoreline clean-up and oiled wildlife response addressed in POSOW I, two new themes will be covered under POSOW II: waste management and response with local fishermen

assistance: using small vessels of opportunity. Guides, posters, PowerPoint presentations and manuals will be produced for these two themes in English by Cedre and FEPORIS and will be translated in Arabic by AASTMT and Turkish by DG-MARINWA.

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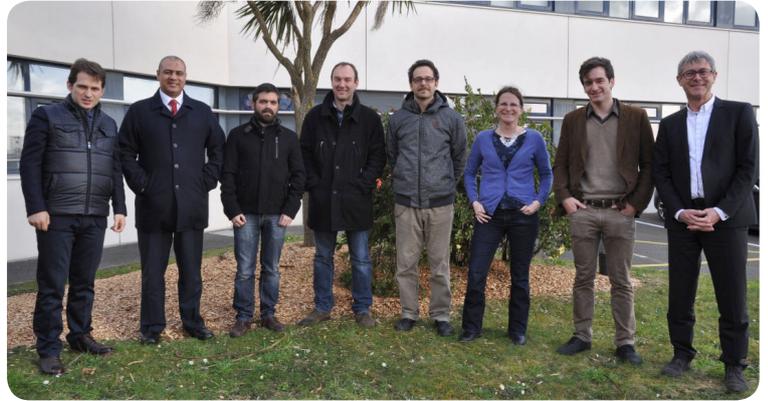
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POSOW II Kick-off Meeting

The technical partners of the project met at the Cedre in Brest, France, for a kick-off Meeting on 3rd and 4th March 2015. Several representatives of Cedre attended the Meeting together with one representative of each POSOW II partners: Mr Clément CHAZOT, REMPEC; Mr Valerio SAMMARINI, ISPRA; Mr Koray KUCUK, DG-MARINWA; Mr David INCERTIS, FEPORTS and Mr Mohammed YOUSSEF, AASTMT.



POSOW used as a model in other EU projects

The Strengthening common reaction capacity to fight sea pollution of oil, toxic and hazardous substances in Adriatic Sea (HAZADR) project is cofunded by the EU instrument for pre-accession assistance and is designed to assist Adriatic States, Regions and Counties in taking actions to improve the prevention, reduction, and reaction against the pollution by oil and toxic material spilled at sea. The training courses organized for volunteers in this framework in May and June 2015, in Zadar (Croatia), Ancona (Italy), Piran (Slovenia) and Durres (Albania) were based on POSOW training material. These trained volunteers should be integrated in the POSOW Volunteer database.

Promotion of POSOW

POSOW II was promoted through the Cedre Newsletter in French and English in 109 countries and through the Bulletin d'information du Cedre in 105 countries in Europe and worldwide. During the Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Exercise in Zarzis, Tunisia, from 26 to 28 May 2015, co-organised by the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG), REMPEC agreed to disseminate to MOIG's members POSOW II material for potential use by the oil industry. POSOW was also promoted by REMPEC during its Eleventh Meeting of the Focal Points in Attard, Malta from 15 to 17 June 2015, by DG MARINWA during the 24th Black Sea Commission Meeting in May 2015, by DG-MARINWA, by ISPRA and AASTMT in other projects and by FEPORTS in the press.

Upcoming

- ▶ Translation in Arabic and Turkish of POSOW I training material available by January 2016 on www.posow.org
- ▶ Local fishermen assistance and waste management manuals (English) available in April 2016
- ▶ Train the Trainers courses: 18-22 and 25-29 April 2016, Cedre, France

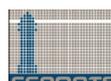


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