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28 January 2018, Brussels (Belgium)*

PROJECT DATA AND CONSORTIUM

Duration of the project: 24 months (2019-2020)

Estimated Budget: € 868,416.39

Max Grant Amount (75%): € 651,312.30

Consortium: 12 Beneficiaries

Countries

Project Coordinator

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Algeria



France



Italy



Malta



Morocco



Spain



Tunisia



Secretariats

REMPEC



HELCOM



OSPAR/Bonn Agreement



Institutions

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

To support **Algeria, France, Italy, Malta, Monaco***, **Morocco, Spain and Tunisia** in strengthening their collaboration and cooperation in the field of **preparedness for and response to oil and chemical marine pollution by :**

Increasing the efficiency of assistance provided to pollution emergencies in the Western Mediterranean region in cooperation with the civil protection, the maritime and environment administrations and international experts.

Developing a harmonised methodology to **improve the quality and interoperability of response capacities and plans.**

Gradually improving the framework of cooperation at the national level and **establish synergies between the existing Sub-regional plans** and between **the Secretariat of Regional Seas Programmes (REMPEC, HELCOM and OSPAR/Bonn Agreement).**

Legal Framework:

- Barcelona Convention and IMO Conventions (OPRC 1990, OPRC-HNS, etc.)
- 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol

Strategic Framework:

- Mediterranean Action Plan
- Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021)
- Union Civil Protection Mechanism
- EMSA Action Plans
- WestMED Initiative

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Update of decision support tools

Inter-regional HNS Response Manual between REMPEC, HELCOM and the OSPAR/Bonn Agreement

Update of the maritime Integrated Decision Support Information System on Transport of Chemical Substances (**MIDSIS TROCS**) according to the new inter-regional manual guideline

Assessment of national oil spill contingency planning

Development of the Mediterranean **Manual** and Readiness Evaluation **Tool** for Oil Spills (**MedMRetos**)

Assessment of National oil spill contingency plans followed by gap and performance analysis using the Tool

Emergency procedures

Development of **national mechanisms** for the mobilisation of response equipment and experts in case of emergency

Synergy established between the existing **Sub-regional agreements/plans** in the western Mediterranean

Workshops and trainings

Workshop on the use of the Common Emergency **Communication and Information System (CECIS)** and the Mediterranean Emergency Reporting System (**MedERSys**)

TENTATIVE DATES AND PLACES OF MAJOR EVENTS

| Work packages | Tentative dates | Major events | Places |
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| WP 1: Management and Coordination of the Action 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020 | 28 January 2019 | Kick-off meeting | Brussels (Belgium) |
| | Early March 2019 | 1st Steering Committee meeting | Paris (France) |
| | November 2020 | Closure Meeting* | Monaco |
| WP 3: Update of Decision Support Tools 1 Avril 2019 – 30 September 2020 | June 2019 | Inter-regional HNS Response Manual, 1st Draft | Valletta (Malta) |
| | February 2020 | Inter-regional HNS Response Manual, 2nd Draft | Helsinki (Finland) |
| | May 2020 | Inter-regional HNS Response Manual, Final Draft | London (UK) |
| WP 6: Workshops and Training 1 Avril 2019 – 30 November 2020 | April 2019 | Sub regional training on MedMRetos | Valletta (Malta) |
| | September 2019 | Sub regional workshop on CECIS and MedERSys | Brussels (Belgium) |
| | April – July 2020 | National workshops on oil spill contingency planning improvement programme | Algeria, France, Italy Malta, Morocco, Spain Tunisia |
| | November 2020 | Workshop to enhance Sub regional Cooperation* | Monaco 6 |

PROJECT CONTINUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

- **Duplicate the project concept** to other Mediterranean Sub regions (Adriatic, Central, Eastern)
- **Adoption of the Interregional HNS Response Manual** by the Coastal States of the respective regions (Baltic, North Sea, Mediterranean) and follow up at international level (IMO-PPR)
- Sustain and enhance the interconnection between **CECIS and MedERSys** for a better coordination of emergency response
- Use by all Mediterranean Coastal States of the developed tools: **MedMRetos, mechanism** for the mobilisation of response equipment and experts in case of emergency

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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