

*Webinar*

*Improving the Integrated Response to pollution Accident at sea & chemical risk in port*

*8 July 2022 (10:00 to 12:00 a.m. CEST)*



Marine pollution response requires a continuous adaptation to the evolution of threats and response capacity and involving relevant agencies. In addition, experience shows that regional cooperation ensures a more effective prevention and preparedness in response to pollution events resulting from disasters.

The project "*Improving the integrated response to pollution accident at sea and chemical risk in port*" (IRA-MAR) aims to support the countries from the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic regions (France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia) in improving preparedness for marine pollution events through an integrated approach to response, both at sea, on the shoreline and in ports. It will also support beneficiary countries in better planning and preparation for chemical risks in ports.

Although focusing on the Mediterranean and Atlantic basins, IRA-MAR activities are expected to be applicable in other regions.

Convened by the Secrétariat général de la mer, project coordinator, on 8 July 2022, the webinar will gather a wide range of stakeholders involved in marine pollution preparedness and response (private sector, governmental agencies, scientific community, coastal communities and public) in order to inform them about the objectives and expected outcomes of the IRA-MAR project. It will provide an exchange platform to strengthen dialogue between relevant stakeholders and discuss how they can develop a methodology to reinforce the land-sea interface in response to marine pollution. The participants will also explore how they can improve preparedness to disasters related to the traffic in ports of hazardous and noxious substances. The webinar will enable the beneficiary countries to highlight the benefits of regional cooperation in marine pollution preparedness and response.

This online session will encourage a wide participation of experts and give visibility to IRA-MAR to achieve a greater impact of the project.

## Agenda

- 10:00-10:15** Opening remarks, **Denis Robin**, *Secrétaire général de la mer*
- 10:15-10:35** Introduction of the project IRA-MAR, **Julie Rigaud**, *Project coordinator, Secrétariat général de la mer*
- 10:35-10:45** Joining forces to increase maritime safety and security in the Mediterranean: the contribution of the IRA-MAR project to maritime strategies at sub-regional level (WestMED Initiative), **Yasmin Scinasi Romeu**, *DG MARE, Sea-Basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation & Maritime security*
- 10:45-11:00** Q&A session
- 11:00-11:45** Improving the Integrated Response to pollution Accident at sea & chemical risk in port (a moderated discussion around the work packages of the IRA-MAR project)
- **Panel 1** – Using Best Available Technologies in response to maritime pollution: what are the challenges in using Unmanned Aircraft Systems in emergency response?
    - **Lieutenant-Colonel Pascal Pitor**, *Senior Firefighter Officer & Departmental Drone Technical Advisor, and Lieutenant de vaisseau Pascal Lastennet*, *Deputy officer, Fire Brigades of Brittany*
    - **Mevric Zammit**, *Head of the Marine Operations and Incident Response, Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta*
    - **Luigi Alcaro**, *Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)*
  - **Panel 2** – Developing a framework for a holistic and integrated approach in emergency response: how can we enhance the land-sea interface in emergency response?
    - **Hugo Nijkamp**, *General Manager, Sea-Alarm*
    - **Arnaud Guéna**, *Deputy Director and Production Manager, Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre)*
    - **Pablo Pedrosa Rey**, *Head of Maritime Pollution Unit, Directorate General Marine shipping, Spanish Ministry for Transports, Mobility and Urban Planning*
  - **Panel 3** – Pooling and deploying national resources and expertise: how can we strengthen and facilitate sub-regional cooperation for preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents?
    - **Florent Champion**, *RAMOGE Agreement Secretariat*
    - **Gabino Gonzalez**, *Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)*
    - **Frederic Hebert**, *Head of Sustainability and Technical Assistance Unit, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)*
- 11:45-12:00** Wrap-up and next steps, **Ludovic Schultz**, *Conseiller « Europe-Environment », Secrétariat général de la mer*

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