

Final Agenda | 9 October 2012

Pollution control and compensation for environmental damage: what role for the Regions, national, European and international authorities in the Mediterranean and in Europe?

08:30 - 09:00	Registration	1
09:00 - 09:15	Chairman's Introduction • Ms. Melanie Steliou, Presenter	
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome addresses by: • Welcome address and introduction by: Mr. Michalis Zanos, Director, Lamaca District Development Agency • Mr. Marinos Ioannou, Marine Engineer 1 st grade, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment - Cyprus	
09:30 - 10:30	SESSION I What synergies between European, national, regional and local levels regarding pollution control? The purpose of this session is to discuss the ongoing development of the action of public authorities at European, national, regional and local level in the field of pollution control. It will address in particular the needs of local and regional authorities in terms of tackling pollution, and how their action can be coordinated with that led by the States and European institutions. Speakers • Ms. Asta Mackeviciute, Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection - Civil Protection Policy, DG Echo - European Commission • Mr. Charalambos Theopemptou, Environment Commissioner, Cyprus • Ms. Mireille Peirano, Vice-President in charge of Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Coastline, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, France • Dr. George Zodiatis, Vice-Director, Cyprus Oceanography Center • Mr. Frédéric Hebert, Director of the REMPEC (Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea) Debate	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	2
11:00 - 11:45	SESSION II The place of pollution control within the macro-regional strategies (strategy, financing) – Shared perspectives between various sea basins Today, there is a strong maritime dimension within the existing official European macro-regional strategies (notably the Baltic and Atlantic, which currently exists as maritime strategy), or those potentially in progress. The development of a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean or its sub-spaces (i.e. Adriatic-Ionian) is the subject of active initiatives by the EU institutions, Regions, and a whole range of actors. In this context, this session aims to address the relationship between pollution control, the role of Regions and the future of macro-regional strategies, from the Mediterranean perspective as well as from the point of view of the other sea basins: how and under what conditions is the development of macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean, or in other European sea basins, useful for improving pollution control? Speakers • Mr. George Alexakis, Civil Engineer, Regional Councilor of Crete, Greece • Mr. Linus Karlsson, Blekinge Region, Sweden (Project Baltic Master II) • Ms. Beate Gminder, Head of Unit 1 -Maritime policy Mediterranean and Black Sea –DG Mare - European Commission Debate	
11:45 - 13:00	SESSION III What support for the compensation of economic and ecological damages resulting from oil spills? The issue of compensation for economic and ecological damage is the focus of current proceedings concerning the Erika and the Prestige. This question is also at the centre of managing the consequences of much less reported pollutions (degassing in particular) which affect maritime Regions. This session will address the issue from the perspective of the role of the Regions, States, European Union and international institutions: what are the challenges at these levels for improving the conditions for meeting the costs of ecological and economic damage resulting from such pollution? Speakers • Mr. Damien Périssé, Director responsible for Maritime Affairs, CPMR, link with the Erika accident • Ms. Garbiñe Ayensa, Head of Unit, Documentation and Scientific Support - INTECMAR (Instituto Tecnológico para o Control do Medio Mariño de Galicia), link with the Prestige accident • Mr. Javier Garcia Garcia, Head of Castellón Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (Valencia), Spanish Maritime Safety Agency • Ms. Cristina Frittelloni, Pollution and fisheries: identification and control of a potential source of pollution: the case of the clams (Marche Region), Italy Debate	3
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00	SESSION IV Introduction to the anti-pollution practical exercises (10/11 October) This session will present the pollution control training session and practical exercises that will take place on 10 and 11 October. Speakers • Dr. Efstratios Georgoudis, Marine Surveyor, Marine Environment Protection Section, Department of Merchant Shipping • Mr. Frédéric Hebert, Director of the REMPEC (Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea) • Mr. Christophe Rousseau, Deputy Manager of the CEDRE (Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution) • Dr. Eudokia Balamou, Manager of the European Projects Team, Lamaca District Development Agency Debate	4
16:00	End of meeting	