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Background

EWG SHORE 10-2015 decided that information on recent national developments, projects etc. related to on-shore response should be compiled in a structured way as part of Task 6 (Lead Country Poland) and that the information should be made available on the HELCOM web page. Previously Contracting Parties have informed the Group on such developments during meetings.

The Secretariat circulated a request to the Contracting Parties on 19 January 2016, and a reminder on 27 January 2016, for reporting on recent developments by filling in a template developed based on the proposal by Poland (c.f. paragraph 3.2 of the [Outcome of EWG SHORE 11-2015](#)).

The attached document contains information submitted by Finland and Poland prior to EWG SHORE 12-2016. Contracting Parties are also invited to inform the meeting orally on recent developments during the meeting.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to

- take note of the information;
- consider the proposal by Poland to include “possible revisions of existing legislation” row 1 “Legal” of the template;
- discuss how the information should be made available on the HELCOM web page and agree on a procedure for keeping the information up to date.

| Country: FINLAND 1 | |
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| Legal (new acts regarding response on the shore) | NONE |
| Operational (new plans and agreements, state and international) | Most of the Rescue Service Districts have updated their contingency plans in spring 2015. Regional plans do not cover on shore response |
| Exercises | Large exercise in Hanko 1.-4.6.2015 (>200 persons) had also on-shore component. Several smaller on shore/coastal exercises in 2015. Tabletop exercise for the Archipelago Sea area Feb 2016 which will continue as coastal response exercise in summer 2016 (exact content not known yet). |
| New equipment and new distribution of the equipment | New equipment is acquired annually, no major enhancement in 2015. |
| New projects | OIL – archipelago sea http://www.tuas.fi/en/research-and-development/projects/development-preparing-oil-spill-prevention-archipe/ Project for volunteer participation in oil spill response |

¹ Relevant information should also be updated in the HELCOM Response Manual Volume III.

| Country: POLAND 2 | |
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| Legal (new acts regarding response on the shore) | Potential revision of existing acts. |
| Operational (new plans and agreements, state and international) | The national contingency plan on response to pollution incidents at sea includes brief description on response on the shore, however this needs to be revised, and the national contingency plan for response to pollution incidents on the shore shall be drafted. The existing agreement on cooperation between Maritime Search and Rescue SAR and State Fire Service will be revised. “Developments of State Fire Service system to respond to chemical and ecological hazards on the shore. New perspective of cooperation with maritime administration” adopted on 28.04.2015 r. |
| Exercises | “Balex Delta 2015” – 10.09.2015, City of Świnoujście and the Bay of Pomerania, a large scale national shoreline response exercise organized and conducted by the Polish State Fire Service with the help of Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) Service and Maritime Office in Szczecin. Other institutions that were involved in the exercise: Westpomeranian Voivodship Office, and Voivodship Fire Service in Szczecin, Municipal Fire Service, local specialized operational troops of Fire Service, Police forces, Polish Army, Voivodship Inspectorate of Environmental Protection. |
| New equipment and new distribution of the equipment | The document “Developments of State Fire Service system to respond to chemical and ecological hazards on the shore..” provides a guidance on developments of national response system on the shore (overview of essential equipment for territorial government services to support operations of response to chemical and ecological hazards on the shore as well as equipment for State Fire Service; 5 potential depots of equipment along the coastline; State Fire Service support local capacities with forces and equipment). |
| New projects | The revision of “Developments of State Fire Service system to respond to chemical and ecological hazards on the shore. New perspectives of cooperation with maritime administration” is planned based on the experience from Balex Delta 2015 exercise. |

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