



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Third Inter-regional Workshop on
Risk Assessment Tools for
Pollution Prevention and Response

Valletta, Malta, 24-25 April 2018



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Date and time: 24-25 April 2018 (9:30-17:00)

Venue: REMPEC, Maritime House, Lascaris Wharf, Valletta VLT 1921, Malta

Maritime risk assessments are vital to promoting risk-based decision-making in Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR). Several PPR authorities have expressed the interest to improve current practices. Recent national and regional risk assessments have been successful, but largely one-off, projects. This one-off nature does not allow following, how the risks of accidents and pollution develop over time and in space enabling the execution of a more frequent risk assessment process at a low cost.

New approaches enabling high frequent risk assessments at a low cost are greatly needed to unleash the full potential of risk assessments within regional intergovernmental PPR organizations.

The HELCOM-led OpenRisk project will take the first steps in drafting an optimized and open method toolbox for such frequent regional PPR risk assessments*.

Invitation to the Third Workshop and to Join the OpenRisk Process

You are warmly invited to join the OpenRisk process by attending the Third Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment Tools for Pollution Prevention and Response in Valletta 24-25 April 2018, which continues the inter-regional discussions initiated by the previous OpenRisk Workshops in Helsinki and Lisbon in 2017.

A series of four workshops (13-14 June 2017 Helsinki, 12 October 2017 Lisbon, 24-25 April 2018 Malta and Autumn 2018 venue tbc) aim to gather regional PPR organizations, Risk Assessment experts and other stakeholders in order that the OpenRisk project will deliver successful outcomes.

The Third OpenRisk Workshop, organized in cooperation with REMPEC, will focus on practical testing of open source risk assessment tools. This includes new tools that have been developed during the project, and tools commonly used for risk assessments. In addition, the aim of the Workshop is to present the ISO 31000:2009 standard based guideline for PPR risk management in order to get feedback for finalization.

* OpenRisk 2017-2018/DG ECHO PREV/2016/26 (<https://openrisk-ppr.org>)



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How to register:

Please register to the Workshop by answering the [Participation Survey](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that first you need to [sign up](#) to the Meeting Portal. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

Accommodation:

Regarding to accommodation, from the link below you can find hotel options from 23 to 26 April 2018, that are at a walking distance from REMPEC offices, and suggested for the participants.

- Link to hotels: <https://goo.gl/uFZbsP>

There are some accommodation offers available, but due to several events taking place in Valletta as part of "Valletta 2018 – the European Capital of Culture", during that week, you are advised to book early to get the accessible rooms with corporate prices.

Background for the OpenRisk Project:

Accidents do not necessarily respect borders. Larger spills, for instance, may extend beyond national areas, requiring responses from several countries. Due to this, dedicated intergovernmental organizations on joint regional action on pollution prevention and response have been established in numerous "regional seas" worldwide, including the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Mediterranean.

In Europe these organizations include for example HELCOM for the Baltic Sea, BONN Agreement for the North Sea, REMPEC for the Mediterranean, Black Sea Commission for the Black Sea, Lisbon Agreement for the SW Europe and Copenhagen Agreement for the sea areas of the Nordic countries.

Within these regional frameworks the participating countries concretely apply and further elaborate the global framework given by IMO agreements, such as the 1990 International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC). For EU member countries the regional organizations are also important to consider regional aspects of EU action in the field.

Recently regional risk assessments have been carried out within these regional organizations to ensure adequate response capacity. These have been carried out via EU funded projects and complementary activities.

The OpenRisk project aims to build on the outcomes of these successfully completed projects for coherent and improved risk assessments across European Seas.