

Chair's Report

Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response

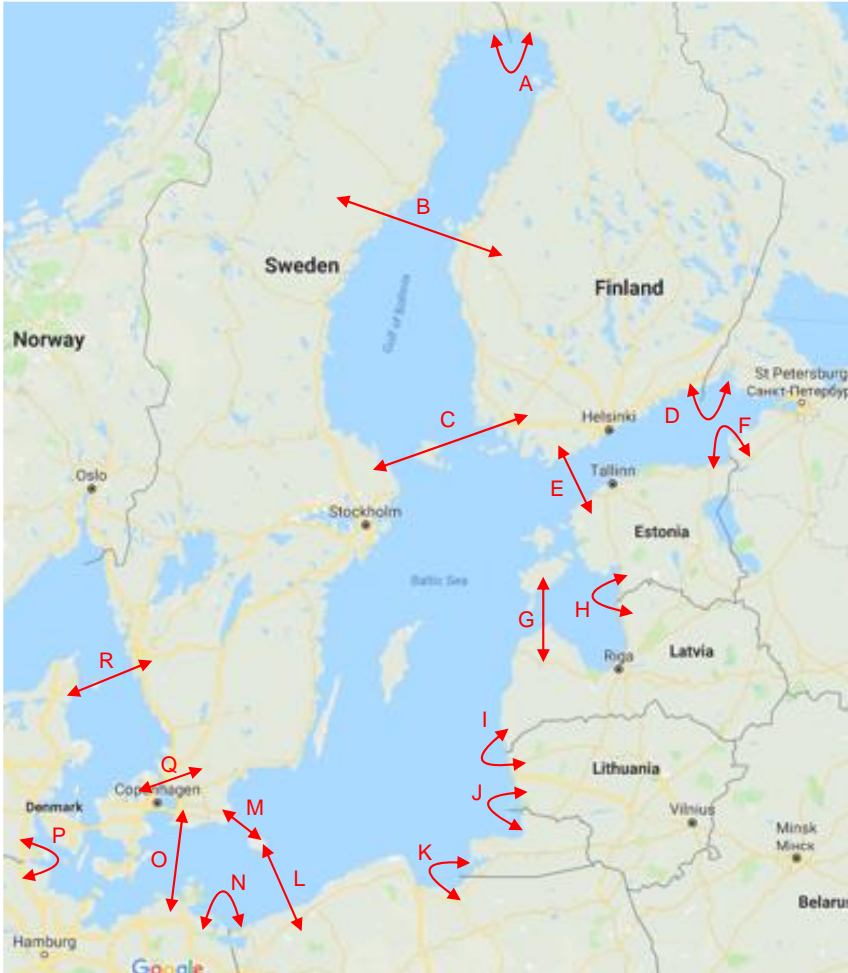
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Overview

- 7-3 Outcome of EWG OWR 17-2021
- Meeting attendance
- 7-2 Draft Terms of Reference of the HELCOM Wildlife Response Group (WILDLIFE) 2022-2023
- 7-2-Add.1 Draft Work Plan of the HELCOM Wildlife Response Group (WILDLIFE) 2022-2023
- 7-4 Report of online seminar on euthanasia
- 7-5 EUROWA-2 project

Outcomes EWG-OWR 17-2021 (7-3)



Graph A: Map of interaction between member states during incidents
(for explanation of letters see adjacent list)

- Denmark updated management plan for marine mammals
- Estonia contract signed between Ministry of Environment and Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF)
- Germany common OWR plan updated
- Latvia expecting adoption of national OWR plan by end of 2021
- Exchange of experience on response to oiled mammals
- Sea Alarm has made the Self Assessment Tool web-based, demo at next meeting

EWG-OWR Meeting Attendance

% CPs	44	33	44	33	55	55	33	33	44	66	55	55	55	55	66	55	55		All	Last 5
# CPs	4	3	4	3	5	5	3	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	5			
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DK	1		1		1	1		1		1				1	1	1	1	10	59	80
EE	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	82	100
DE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100	100
FI	1	1				1	1		1	1	1	1			1	1	1	11	65	60
LV			1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	76	100
LT					1													1	6	0
PL					1				1	1			1					4	24	20
RU																		0	0	0
SE					1						1	1	1	1	1			6	35	60
WWF-FI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	15	88	80
WWF-PL	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		1	1	1	10	59	80
HELCOM-S	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100	100
Chair (SAF)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100	100

- Proposal agreed at HELCOM Response 27 – if 2/3 Contracting Parties not registered, Chair can decide to postpone meeting

ToR HELCOM Wildlife Response Group (WILDLIFE) (7-2, Add.1)

- EWG OWR 17-2021 (Feb 2021)
 - Supported Extension of Terms of Reference to 2022-23
 - Agreed proposal on simplifying name of the Group
 - RESPONSE invited to consider and approve draft ToR incl. name change and Work Plan 2022-23
- Objectives/tasks are unchanged
 - 1. Facilitate development of national OWR plans
 - 2. Regular meetings, training and information sessions
 - 3. Use Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) every year, annual reports of CPs OWR activities, submit to Response for adoption. Results provide support and encouragement to countries with less in place for OWR
 - 4. Arrange training and information exchange activities to support and promote work of the WILDLIFE Group
 - 5. Contribute to involvement of NGOs and private sector in OWR activities
 - Other tasks according to the Group's needs and vision

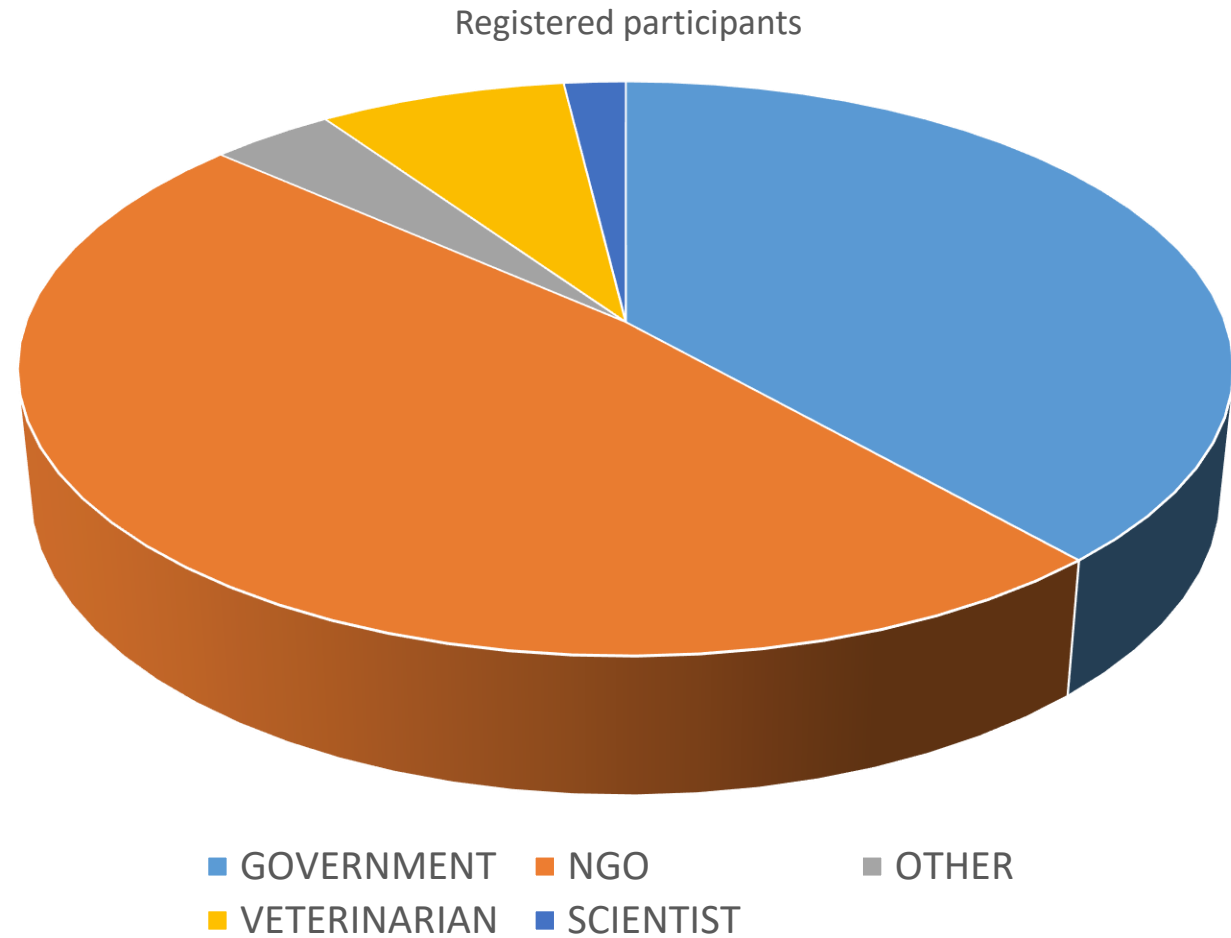
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EWG-OWR Online seminar on euthanasia (7-4)

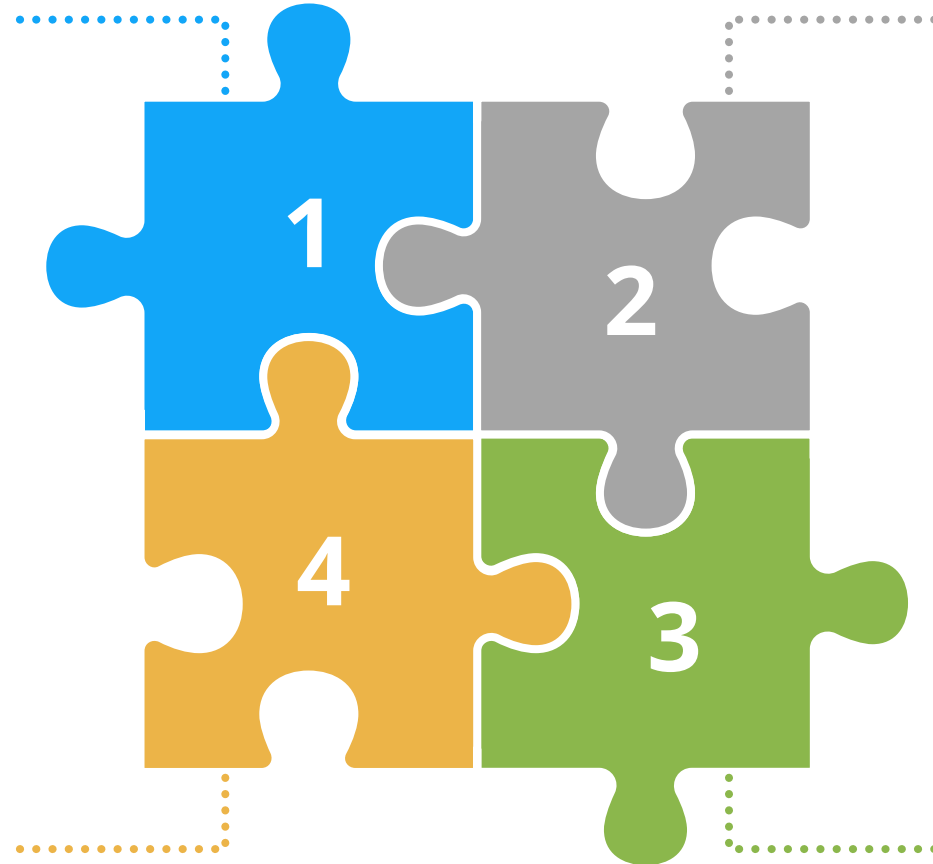
- Online seminar 20 April 2021
(recording available)
- 39 participants
- Chair: Vanessa Ryan, WWF FI
- Aims
 - Present state-of-the-art methods and philosophy around (mass) euthanasia of oiled animals
 - Explore integrated planning and ethical issues, accommodate best practices
 - Provide recommendations, up to date information and guidance for decision-making on (mass) euthanasia as part of OWR planning



EWG-OWR Online seminar on euthanasia (7-4)



Veterinary perspective
Euthanasia methods and animal welfare
(Ian Robinson, independent expert/vet)



Dutch approach
Euthanasia strategy & criteria in the Netherlands national OWR plan
(Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm/Chair of EWG-OWR)



Danish approach
Danish policy and strategies for euthanasia on a large scale (Lars Bruun Hansen), Danish Nature Agency)

Ethical perspective
Ethics of euthanasia issues in response planning
(Liesbeth Feikema, Utrecht University)



ToR HELCOM Wildlife Response Group (WILDLIFE)

- Authorities planning – whatever you do, do it well (rehabilitation or euthanasia)
- Be prepared for varied options
- Potential for HELCOM guidelines on euthanasia in an emergency wildlife response – international resource
- Interest in tabletop exercises on euthanasia, operational procedures



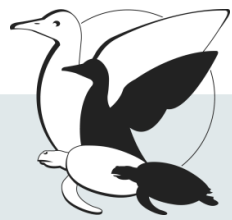
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De Mikke	45	210	80	17
Karel Schot	60	285	20	3
De Wulp	30	135	30	5
Krommenie	15	60	30	7
Vogelhospitaal	70	350	10	2
De Paddestoel	45	220	0	0
Ecomare	30	140	40	10
Fugelhelling	70	350	44	7
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EUROWA-2 Project Update

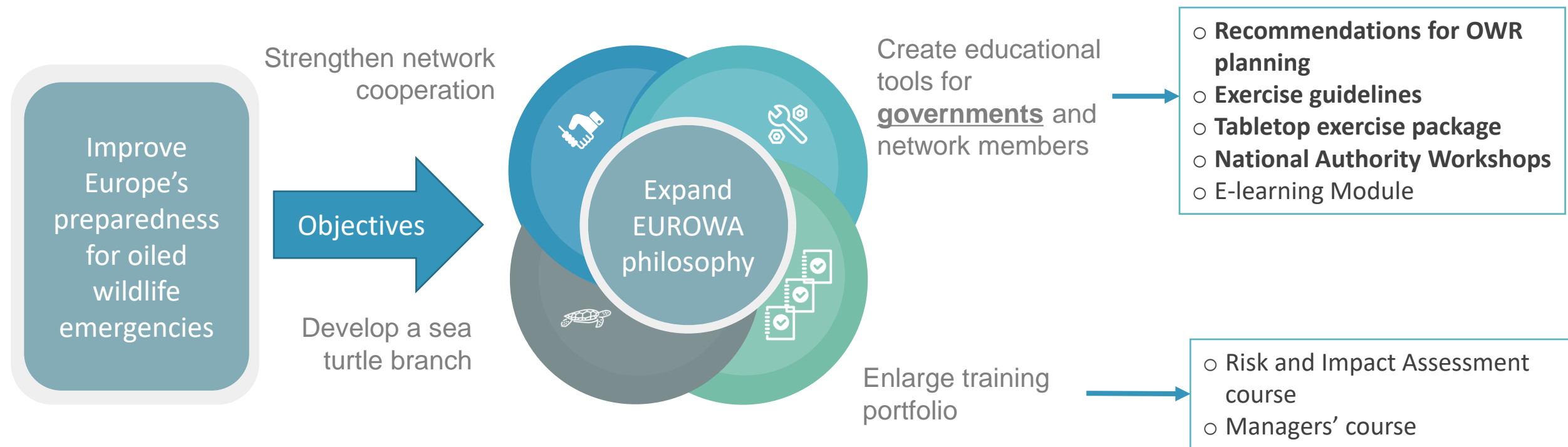


Document 7-5



EUROWA-2 Project

- 2-Year Project (2021-2022)
- Co-funded by the European Union Civil Protection (Total Budget: 710,430 €)
- Partners: Sea Alarm (coordinator), WWF Finland, NIOZ (the Netherlands), Submon (Spain)





Tools being developed

Recommendations on structure & content of an OWR plan

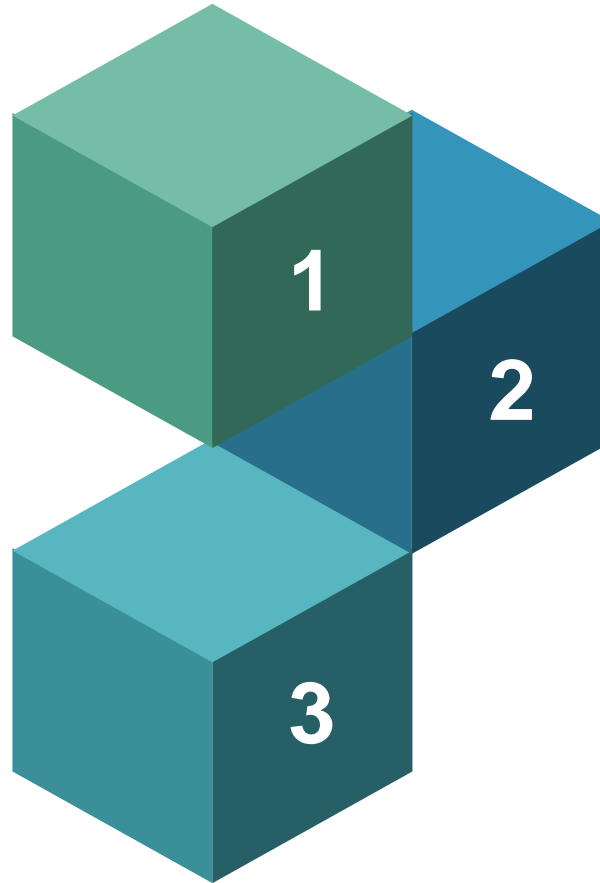
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- Step-by-step guide on what to include in each section of a National OWR plan and why
- Fed by study of existing EU arrangements, case studies & interviews with EUROWA network

Exercise Guideline

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- Guideline for running wildlife exercises at all levels
- Importance of OWR exercises
- Integrating wildlife elements into different exercise types



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Tabletop package

- Fictitious international setting
- Playful 'gamification' approach
- Encourage multi-disciplinary mixing & fact-finding
- Test mobilisation & integration of international response team (EUROWA)





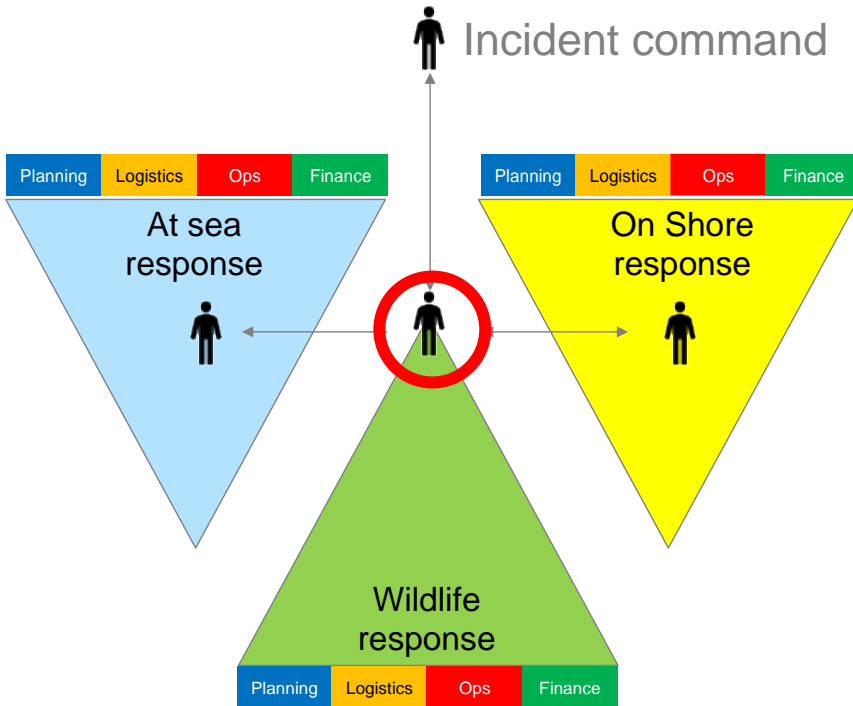
Authority Workshops

- **What?**

- > Roll out of the 3 tools

- **Why?**

- > Understanding need for multiple authorities to be involved in OWR planning and management
- > Tools available for authorities to improve preparedness through an **integrated approach**
- > Supports BSAP Action SN23 **framework for holistic integrated management** of marine pollution incidents
- > Insights from participants on relevance of integrated management, strategy to pass insights onto colleagues





Authority Workshops



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Workshops

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#2, Mar 2022, Spain

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- **Who?** Authorities who deal with
 - > At-sea pollution response
 - > Large-scale shoreline response (oil spills or civil protection)
 - > Design & execution of shoreline response exercises
 - > 'Social aspects' (communication, social media, managing public opinion etc.)
 - > Integrated management
 - > Habitat & shoreline protection
- Invitation circulated to **RESPONSE** contacts by Secretariat



Summary



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1. Decision on ToR and Work Plan (7-2, Add.1)
2. Decision on new name
> HELCOM Wildlife Response Group (WILDLIFE)
3. Please come and join our workshops!



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