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Background

OpenRisk was a two-year project focused on developing risk assessment tools for accidental maritime oil spills. The project continued until the end of 2018. The OpenRisk project had a budget of EUR 0.5 million, and it was co-financed by the European Commission DG ECHO (Civil Protection Financial Instrument).

The Fourth Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment Tools for Pollution Preparedness and Response (PPR) under the OpenRisk project was organized by HELCOM in cooperation with the BONN Agreement. The Workshop was hosted by the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden on 30 October 2018. The Workshop was organized in three different parts: Part I - results of the Baltic Sea case study, obtained using the risk assessment tools of the OpenRisk Toolbox, Part II – introduction of the OpenRisk Guideline, including also the OpenRisk Toolbox, Part III - the needs of end-users and possible follow-up projects.

The Fourth OpenRisk Workshop continued the inter-regional discussions initiated by the previous OpenRisk Workshops in Helsinki, Lisbon and Valletta during 2017 - 2018.

RESPONSE 25-2018 took note of the updates of the OpenRisk project and its main outcomes (document 4-3 and Presentation 1). In this context the Meeting took note of the OpenRisk Guideline for Regional Risk Management to Improve European Pollution Preparedness and Response, and of the Baltic Sea Case Study, which has been published on the HELCOM website.

RESPONSE 25-2018 took note of the offer made by the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA) to make the AISyRISK risk assessment tool available to the HELCOM Response authorities. The Meeting discussed that this tool can be applied also in the Baltic Sea, as long as AIS data and other Baltic Sea parameters (e.g. bathymetry) are fed into the system. The Meeting agreed that the tool would be useful also for the HELCOM Contracting Parties and agreed to invite the Secretariat to request access to the tool from the NCA at this stage. In addition, the Meeting invited the Secretariat to clarify with the NCA the conditions and technical requirements for using the tool. The NCA has confirmed that the tool will be made available to response authorities of both HELCOM and the Bonn Agreement and discussions are currently ongoing with regard to the conditions and technical requirements.

RESPONSE 25-2018 noted that there are resource constraints in most Contracting Parties and that in order to use AISyRISK significant preparatory work may be necessary on a national level. The Meeting agreed that any future projects on risk assessment/management could build on AISyRISK or other existing tools, rather than starting from zero. The Meeting also agreed that the level of ambition for any new project should be carefully detailed in the planning stages.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the OpenRisk Project, and especially of the [OpenRisk Guideline](#) for Regional Risk Management to Improve European Pollution Preparedness and Response, and of the Baltic Sea Case Study – A Practical Demonstration on the Use of the OpenRisk Guideline, published as [Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings No. 165](#).