

ADAPTING THE EMSA POLLUTION RESPONSE CAPACITY TO A NEW CHALLENGE: OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS ACCIDENTS

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1. Introducing EMSA

- Post Erika incident (2002): EMSA was established
- Post Prestige incident (2004): new task was given to EMSA (i.e. Pollution Preparedness & Response)
- Organisational structure: Decentralised agency of the European Community
- Legal basis: Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002

2. EMSA's field of competence

- Maritime safety
- Maritime security
- Prevention of pollution caused by ships
- Response to pollution caused by ships
- Response to pollution caused by oil and gas installations (as of March 2013)

3. EMSA's new mandate

- Revised Founding Regulation as of March 2013
- Provision to EC and MS of technical and scientific assistance for pollution caused by oil & gas installations
- Provision of support, with additional means, in a cost efficient way, for the pollution response actions in case of marine pollution caused by oil & gas installations
- Implementing an Action Plan for addressing the new mandate

4. EMSA's Action Plans addressing the pollution response services

- Action Plan for Oil Pollution Prevention & Response (2004);
- Action Plan for Hazardous and Noxious Substances (2007)
- Action Plan for Response to Pollution from Oil & Gas Installations (2013)

5. Action Plan for Response to Pollution from Oil & Gas Installations

- Addresses the amended EMSA Founding Regulation that includes new tasks
- Does not address the Offshore Safety Directive 2013/30/EU

6. Action Plan for Response to Pollution from Oil & Gas Installations

- Adopted by Administrative Board in November 2013
- Defines framework for implementation of new tasks
- Confirms the 'top-up' philosophy
- EMSA offers the toolbox, MS decide how to use the resources

7. Adaptation of existing services / tools

- Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels
- Experts (on-site / office-based)
- CleanSeaNet and illegal discharges

8. Network of SOSRVs

- Technical adaptation
- Contractual adaptation
- Geographical adaptation

9. Map with the current distribution of EMSA's oil spill recovery vessels

10. Monitoring & evaluation tools

- Relocation of available images if requested by MS (no extra satellite images)
- More info on location of oil & gas installations
- Information more accessible to relevant authorities

11. Provision of additional pollution response services / tools

- Limited quantities of dispersant
- Seaborne dispersant application services
- Airborne dispersant application services
- Stand-alone equipment

12. Provision of dispersant and application systems

- Limited quantities of dispersant
- 2-3 vessel dispersant spraying arrangements
- 1-2 aerial dispersant application arrangements

13. Latest developments with regard to dispersant

- 2 operational vessel dispersant spraying arrangements and one more arrangement in preparation (operational in Q1 2016)
- 2 operational dispersant depots, 200 tonnes each, and one depot in preparation (operational in Q1 2016)

14. Provision of specialised equipment

- Growing interest of MS for access to stand-alone equipment
- Technical definition undertaken with MS experts
- Volume of equipment dependent on available financial resources

15. Latest developments with regard to equipment

- Equipment assistance service currently being set-up
- One ongoing tender for storage, maintenance and mobilisation of purchased equipment

16. Latest developments with regard to equipment

- One ongoing tender for purchase of specialised equipment not often available in/to MS

17. EMSA's pollution response toolbox

- Overview of EMSA's latest pollution response capabilities

18. Framework for provision of EMSA's pollution response services

- 'Top-up' of MS capabilities
- European tier of resources
- Mobilisation by EMSA following request of EU/EFTA MS or the Commission
- Mobilisation channelled through 'EU Community Mechanism'
- Under 'operational control' of the requester, EMSA only offers the toolbox

19. Framework for provision of EMSA's pollution response services (latest developments)

- Updated 'EMSA Mobilisation User Guide' (more user-friendly, better addressing use of EMSA's toolbox)
- Development and phasing-in of the EMSA 'Guidelines for authorising the use of EMSA's pollution response services by a Responsible Party': granting access to EMSA's toolbox to ship owners, oil and gas industry operators or their contractors
- Development and phasing-in of the EMSA 'Guidelines for authorising the use of EMSA's pollution response services by a Third Country'

20. How to request EMSA services: Key actors

- Presentation of the mobilisation diagram

21. How to request EMSA services: Communication tools

- CECIS
- Other means of communication available to 'third countries'

22. Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

- Overview and contact details of DG ECHO's ERCC centre for the countries participating in the Civil Protection Mechanism

23. EMSA's Support Service (MSS)

- Overview and contact details of EMSA's MSS centre for maritime emergencies

24. Areas of interaction with the oil & gas industry

- Joint exercises on pollution response
- Exchange of information, best practices and know-how
- Support with pollution response services/tools in case of an emergency