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# **POSOW Newsletter**

The project for Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline Cleanup and Oil Wildlife interventions-POSOW II is a two year project funded by the European Commission under the Civil Protection Financial instrument, to improve the preparedness and response to marine pollution in Mediterranean region. POSOW II is a follow-up to the project POSOW I, run in 2012 and 2013 and also funded by DG ECHO. The main aim remains to reinforce the knowledge and skills of volunteers involved in spill response in 7 southern Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.

## **POSOW II partners**

Coordinated by Cedre (*Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution,* France) this 2-year project involves REMPEC (*Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea,* Malta), ISPRA (*Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale,* Italy), FEPORTS (*Instituto Portuario de Estudios y Cooperacion de la Comunidad Valenciana,* Spain), AASTMT (*Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport,* Egypt) and DG-MARINWA (*General Directorate of Maritime and Inland Waters, Turkey*).

## Two new training packages available in English

The training packages (manuals, posters, slideshows) on the 2 themes addressed as part of the POSOW II project – one on fishermen's support for oil spill response produced by FEPORTS and the other on waste management produced by Cedre – is available on the project website since March 2016. This material completes the series of POSOW publications which now comprises 6 manuals, 16 posters, 17 slideshows and 6 train-the-trainer manuals, all available free of charge on the project website.

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## POSOW II training packages available in Arabic and Turkish

The training material (manuals, posters and slide shows) developed as part of POSOW I on the themes of volunteer management, oiled shoreline assessment, oiled shoreline clean-up and oiled wildlife response, has been translated into Arabic by AASTMT and into Turkish by DG-MARINWA. It can be downloaded free of charge from the project website.

Training material on waste management and the role of fishermen developed under the POSOW II project will also be available in Arabic and Turkish in the coming weeks. (The training material produced during POSOW I is also available in Croatian, English, Spanish, French, Italian, Greek and Slovenian).





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#### New communication material available

A new video of presentation and promotion of POSOW (I & II) produced by ISPRA can be watched on the project website.

A POSOW II brochure is also available in Arabic, English and Turkish and can be downloaded on the project website for dissemination.



#### New people trained in Cedre

Two train-the-trainer courses were held at Cedre from 19th to 22nd then from 26th to 29<sup>th</sup> April for 31 trainers from Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. In addition, in order to further increase the exposure of the project, two Portuguese representatives were invited and attended the course. In order to create national synergies and build a national and regional pool of trainers for volunteers, the training teams were composed of representatives from authorities in charge of oil spill response, Civil Protection, regional / local authorities, fishermen's organisations, as well as specialized Non-Governmental Organizations. They have been trained on pedagogical aspects and on the 6 themes of POSOW | and II by FEPORTS, ISPRA and Cedre. The lectures have been illustrated by practical exercises with real oil on the premises of Cedre, Brest, France.

- 1. Shoreline survey workshop
- 2. Riprap clean-up workshop
- 3. Port clean-up workshop
- 4. Oiled bird approach and capture techniques workshop





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### National Pilot Training courses

The participants of the Train the Trainers courses are expected to replicate the trainings in their respective countries with the assistance of the POSOW II partners during the second part of the year 2016, with a view of disseminating the knowledge at national level and establish a pool of trained volunteers to be registered in the POSOW Volunteer Database found on www.posow.org