



COASTAL OIL POLLUTION PARTNER REGIONS' ORGANISATION

NEEDS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2014-2020

MAREMED QUESTIONNAIRE INTENDED FOR PARTNER REGIONS

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1. Is there a national or regional law or other legal framework or a contingency plan that specifies the role and responsibilities of regions and municipalities in the event of accidental coastal pollution in your country?

If so, please specify.

Yes. National law on sea pollution n. 979 of 31/12/1982 which assign the competence on the issue. Moreover Regions could make laws on the theme (not tampering with National Regulation and competences).

In the case that pollution has consequences on the coastal area Regions have direct competences, instead if the oil pollution is on the sea the Regions could support State Intervention.

Moreover there is a National Emergency Intervention Plan for the protection from oil pollution and other harmful substances caused by sea accident approved by decree of President of the Council of Ministers on the 04/11/2010.

At local level:

- A) Marche Region with Regional Committee Resolution n. 832 on the 11/06/2012 approved the “Regional Guide Lines for provincial planning of emergencies caused by oil pollution or other harmful substances caused by sea accident.
- B) The study and the proposition of a regional law on sea safety and protection in under construction

2. Is the coastal spill response organisation consistent on a national scale or are there differences between the various regions of your country?

NO. Regions have the possibility to make laws on the theme supporting the State Intervention.

3. Which organisation is in charge of on site response in the event of coastal pollution in your region?

In the Regional System of Intervention, in the event of coastal pollution, the organisation in charge of on site response is the Civil Protection at different level:

- Municipal
- Provincial
- Regional (Sea Protection Unit – is specialized at regional level in this theme)

4. Is action taken in your region, provinces, counties or municipalities to prepare for accidental coastal pollution?

Yes. According to the new Regional Committee Resolution n. 832 on the 11/06/2012 Local Authorities are obliged to adopt a contingency plan.

4.1. By producing contingency plans?

Yes, Local Authorities are obliged.

4.2. By establishing response equipment stockpiles?

- **Personal protective equipment**
- **Protective response equipment (such as booms)**
- **Shoreline clean-up equipment**
- **Waste storage and treatment equipment**

The plan foresees that Local Authorities detect provisional waste and polluting substances storage. Local Authorities could buy personal protective equipment and protective response equipment (such as booms) but they are not obliged by law.

4.3. By training personnel?

4.4. By taking part in exercises?

The above mentioned Regional Committee Resolution foresees training activities and exercises for the Local Authorities staff. Each Local Authority have the possibility to organize training course and exercise but they are not obliged by law.

Resolution foresees that the Regional Authority organize training and informative events for the drafting of the operative plans.

If so, please specify for each aspect which organisation is in charge of these activities.

Municipalities and Provinces should mainly (but not exclusively) inform/train citizens and local volunteers. Region should mainly (but not exclusively) inform and train the staff of Local Authorities and support them in the drafting of the Operative Plan.

5. To which budget are the following allocated?

5.1. Spill response preparedness

5.2. Purchase and maintenance of response equipment

Marche Region and Local Authorities are obliged to take action in case of oil pollution in the coastal area but they have problems to foresee dedicated budget for this.

Local Authorities own minimum response equipment useful for Civil Protection actions, some of them could be used also in case of oil pollution in the coastal area having inter-sector use.

6. Do you share equipment, expertise...

- **with other regions?**
- **between municipalities/communities?**
- **within the same bay?**

There is not a Regulation or Law which foresees the share of equipment, there is instead a strong mutual solidarity system at all administrative level: municipal, provincial and regional.

7. Do you collaborate with your country's Government or another authority in terms of response to accidental coastal pollution?

If so, please specify (training, exercises, documentation, sharing of experience, etc.)

Yes, the Region collaborate in the emergency management with the Government. With other Local Authorities there is not obligation but a solidarity system. There is an Agreement between Region and State which establish cooperation methods and promote a permanent Technical Table among the different actors involved in the activities management (data Exchange, training activities, know-how Exchange, etc...).

8. In the event of pollution, do you have access to technical assistance from the Government, a specialised centre, an NGO, or some other body?

If so, is this assistance available 24/7?

Yes, the Government is always available with:

- National Department of Civil protection (24/24 and 7/7)
- Maritime Local Direction 24/24
- National Fire Department 24/24
- National and Regional Agency for Environmental Protection (ARPA/ARPAM) 24/24

9. What are your main requirements in order to be better prepared to manage a medium-sized (tier 2) spill yourselves or to take part in a response effort organised by your Government in the event of a major (tier 3) spill?

Crisis management/field response training

Contingency planning/Procedures/Emergency response sheets specifying your responsibilities in case of emergency

Operational guides/manuals to help you organise operations

Participation in crisis simulation exercises or field exercises, alert chain tests

Establishment of response equipment stockpiles

Consultation with neighbouring regions of your own country or transboundary action

- A) Is it fundamental the direct knowledge of the management systems of the different structures at National, Regional and Local Level and the related competences planning.
- B) Build up an efficient prevention system and a efficient alert chain.