

Webinar

Improving the Integrated Response to pollution Accident at sea & chemical risk in port

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Speakers' bios

Opening remarks



Mr. Denis ROBIN completed his military service in the Navy in 1986 after graduating from Paris' Institute of Political Studies. The next year, he entered the National School of Administration ("Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité" Promotion) after which he was finally assigned to the French Ministry of Home Affairs' Civil Security sub-directorate in 1989. As part of his prefectural career, he was appointed in metropolitan France and overseas, in particular Gard, Rhône-Alpes region, La Réunion. Between 1997 and 2004, he successively assumed the functions of Deputy Director at the Directorate of Territorial Administration and Political Affairs and Deputy Director of the Prefectural Corps in the same direction. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Denis Robin held the position of

Human Resources' Director of the Paris Police Prefecture. In September 2008, Mr. Denis Robin is appointed Prefect, Government Representative in Mayotte. In July 2009, Mr. Denis Robin became the Cabinet Director at the State Secretariat for Overseas and later at the French Ministry of Overseas. In January 2011, he is appointed Home Affairs' Advisor at the French Prime Minister's cabinet. Mr. Denis Robin is prefect of the Pas-de-Calais department (Lille) from 2012 to 2015. In February 2015, Mr. Denis Robin is appointed Secretary General of the French Ministry of Home Affairs. In January 2019, Mr. Denis Robin is appointed Secretary General of the Sea. Operating within and under the direct authority of the Prime Minister, the General Secretariat of the Sea aims to coordinate maritime policies and to provide adapted answers to the deeply interministerial nature of these guidelines. It involves sovereign functions, safety and security, as much as environmental protection, maritime economy, innovation and research.

Introduction of the project IRA-MAR



Julie RIGAUD is a jurist by training, specialized in Maritime Law (Master Affaires Maritimes, DEAs en Droit international and Droit de l'Environnement). After diverse experience in the public (International Maritime Organization) and private (Bureau Véritas) sectors, she provided support to French fishermen (Producer Organizations) in their transition to sustainable fisheries, for nine years. From March 2018 to February 2022, as part of the Intergovernmental

Oceanographic Commission team at UNESCO, she coordinated the preparatory activities and supported the implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). The Ocean Decade is a convening framework for a wide range of stakeholders to co-design and co-deliver solution-oriented research needed for a well-functioning ocean, in support of the 2030 Agenda. Since March 2022, she has joined le Secrétariat général de la mer to coordinate the project 'Improving the Integrated Response to pollution Accident at sea and chemical risk in port' (IRA-MAR).



Javier Fernández is the Technical Director of ECORYS Espana and has over 20 years of working experience in the field of public policy, regional and local development, maritime related issues and EU programmes management and evaluation.

Since 2018, he is the Project Leader of the WestMED Maritime Initiative Assistance Mechanism and has been involved in quite some projects related to the blue economy. For example, he is currently advising the UfM's blue economy working group for the preparation of the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 Ministerial Declaration

of the blue economy in the Med.

Moderated discussion articulated around the work packages of the IRA-MAR project

Panel 1 – What are the challenges in using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in emergency response?



Lieutenant-Colonel Pascal PITOR is a senior firefighter officer. He works at the Departmental Fire and Rescue Service of Finistère, France, where he is also the Departmental Drone Technical Advisor. For more than thirty years, he has managed numerous crises and in particular pollution at sea, in ports or in inland waters.

Coming from a multidisciplinary background, he notably trained in the field of drinking water treatment and purification and has a specialty in the field of industrial chemistry. He is also a trainer in crisis management and works with town halls and “Etablissements publics de coopération intercommunale” (a French administrative body gathering

several municipalities) as part of municipal safeguard plans.



Lieutenant (Captain) Pascal LASTENNET firefighter since 1990. He spent most of his career in the battalion of marine firefighters in Marseille, France. Holder of level 4 civil security operational management command qualifications (column leader) and level 3 intervention on board ships and boats allowing him to command up to 70 firefighters and 20 vehicles in operations. He practiced crisis management within the operational center of his fire rescue services in the city of Marseille (COSSIM). He has worked in the field of forecasting (decision support), he is now the deputy officer of the Brest marine firefighters company competent in matters of rescue on the Brest naval base and its

attached entities, its warships but also during disasters on board ships crossing the Atlantic from Ouessant to the Spanish border.



Mevric Zammit is presently the Head of Marine Operations and Incident Response within the Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta. Mevric has been involved in the Maritime Sector from 2004 when he joined the Maltese Maritime Institute as an Officer Cadet and later served onboard container vessels and anchor handler tug supply (AHTS) vessels.

In 2010, he joined the Authority for Transport in Malta in the capacity of a Port Officer mainly responsible to oversee marine incidents including oil pollution within the Maltese Harbours and Territorial Waters. During his time at the Authority, Mevric was involved in various incident response operations in the capacity of an on-scene coordinator. Furthermore, he has been involved in several projects

to increase Malta's capabilities to respond to oil/HNS pollution and has represented Malta and the Authority in various meetings at EU level.

Mevric is also in the possession of a Diploma in Marine Investigation from Lloyd's Maritime Academy and has attended various training courses in relation to marine incidents and pollution prevention and response at several EU colleges and institutions.



Luigi Alcaro is a marine biologist with a degree on Natural science. He is a researcher working at ISPRA (Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research) in the staff of National Centre for emergencies and environmental damage (coordinator of Intervention team in marine emergencies).

His activities are linked to marine pollution response and environmental damage assessment following an oil/HNS spill. He was also involved in maritime environmental emergency preparedness phase, participating in several European projects and collaborating in the development of manuals and guidelines for the involved stakeholders.

During its twenty years experience in ISPRA, he has conducted and has been involved in national and international interventions following spills involving oil and/or HNS. In particular, Alcaro has been selected as Technical expert by DG ECHO (European Civil Protection) following relevant maritime incidents causing oil and HNS spill: oil tanker AGIA ZONI II spill, Piraeus 2017; oil spill following Dorian hurricane, Bahamas 2019; Container ship PEARL X-PRESS sinking, Sri Lanka 2021; oil tanker MARE DORICUM spill, Peru 2022.

Panel 2 – How can we build synergies between relevant authorities involved in preparedness and response to marine pollution?



Hugo Nijkamp is a marine biologist by training. In 1990 he started his professional career in the field of sea use policy and management, including fisheries and coastal zone management. Since 1999 Hugo has been developing and leading the Sea Alarm Foundation (based in Belgium), a small but internationally recognised not-for-profit advisor and facilitator in the field of marine wildlife emergency response and preparedness, where he holds the position of Sea Alarm's General Manager (CEO). As a trainer, adviser and programme leader, he has gained 20 years of experience in international capacity building, response planning and management, preparedness

development, training development, exercise design and network building. He has worked with governmental agencies in numerous countries and with main players in the international oil and shipping industries, as well as a myriad of NGOs.



Arnaud Guéna is the Deputy Director of Le Cedre (Centre de documentation, de recherché et d'expérimentations sur les pollutions accidentelles des eaux), in France. After a basic education in marine biology, and a specialisation in hydrobiology, Arnaud Guéna joined the Training Department of Cedre in 1999. He designed, organised and conducted various training courses and developed contingency plans for French of foreign administrations, oil industry, national or international private shipping or oil companies. He was also involved in international projects relating to the pollution of inland and marine waters in various Eastern, Mediterranean and African countries to

improve their response preparedness and capacities.

He has also gained hands-on experience in crisis management and response techniques through his involvement in around 20 oil spill response operations in inland and marine waters in France (i.e. *Erika*, *Prestige*, *Ambes*, *TK Bremen*, *Lubrizol*, etc.) and abroad (Madagascar, Lebanon).

In 2016, he was promoted to Deputy Director in charge of the Cedre's global production management. He is now in charge of co-ordinating the research, tests, training, contingency planning and documentation activities conducted by Cedre.



Pablo Pedrosa Rey has been working in the Marine Pollution Unit of the Spanish Maritime administration for 15 years and he has been head of the unit since 2013. Before his appointment to this unit, he had worked in the Training and Certification Unit and served as Port State Control Officer of the Paris MoU when he joined the Civil Service in 2005. He is Chief engineer of the Merchant Marine and has sailed for more than 20 years in various types of ships (mainly tankers, Chemical Tankers, RoRo Ships, Passenger ships and HSC ships in various positions, from Cadet to Chief Engineer).

Pablo is also IMSAS auditor at the International Maritime Organisation, and has taken part in six twinning projects with the European Union. He has been deployed to deal with three big scale marine pollution incidents abroad, integrating joint team of the United Nations and European Union. He is also officer in the military reserve with the Military Emergency Unit of the Spanish army.

Panel 3 – What are the benefits and how can we facilitate sub-regional cooperation for preparedness and response to marine pollution?



Florent CHAMPION is the Technical Secretary of the RAMOGE Agreement. Working with the Executive Secretariat since January 2019, he supervises the proper implementation of the working programme set by the Agreement's Commission every two years. Responsible for organising and moderating the various institutional meetings, he ensures the coordination of activities between state actors, national agencies and organisations, local authorities, researchers and scientists from each country of the Agreement. He pays particular attention to pollution control activities through the implementation of the RAMOGEPOL Plan. As part of the Barcelona Convention, the RAMOGE Agreement Secretariat is required to share its pilot experience of administrative, technical and scientific cooperation on a Mediterranean scale.



Gabino Gonzalez Deogracia joined the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in June 2006 as Programme Officer and assumed the duties of Head of Office of REMPEC, as from 1 February 2015. He gained twenty (20) years of international experience including eighteen (18) years within the framework of the Regional Seas Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through assignments to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), for three (3) regional implementing bodies in the Wider Caribbean (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles), in West and Central Africa (IMO/IPIECA Global Initiative Project (GI WACAF)) and currently in the Mediterranean at REMPEC, supporting over seventy (70) governments in ratifying, transposing, implementing and enforcing international maritime conventions related to the prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships.



Frédéric Hébert started his professional career in the French Navy. Amongst different positions he was posted at the Department for State Action at sea of the Préfecture Maritime de la Méditerranée, in charge of pollution preparedness. He later joined the Legal Department of the Ministry of Finances where he was Deputy then Head of the Unit for International and Environmental Law, this Unit being also in charge of the recovery of the expenses incurred in the ERIKA, IEVOLI SUN and PRESTIGE incidents.

From 2006 till 2014 he was Director of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency

Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), a Regional Activity Centre of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean. In 2016, he joined the European Maritime Safety Agency where he is currently holding the position of Head of Unit Sustainability.

Wrap-up and next steps



State administrator "hors classe", **Ludovic Schultz** joined the French Prime Minister's office in May 2018 as "Environment-Europe Project Director" at the General Secretariat for the Sea, after having served for three years as "Deputy Director of coastal and marine environments" at the Ministry of Ecological Transition (2015-2018). Prior to that, he worked for three years at the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission (2011-2015). He worked as an officer and then as head of office at the French Ministry of Agriculture (2007-2011), in charge of

conducting international negotiations and finally as deputy director responsible in particular for the definition and implementation of marine biodiversity policies.

During his career, Ludovic Schultz has specialized in maritime policies and international and European affairs, on the themes of fisheries resources management and marine environment protection. He has also developed skills in the field of strategy, evaluation of public policies and change management, which he was able to implement in the context of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. Very attached to the service of the general interest, of which environmental policies are today one of the most obvious forms, he is particularly committed to the world of the sea in its many dimensions and has seen this attachment rewarded by the award of the medal of maritime merit.