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## **Cedre receives G7 Parliamentary Speakers**

**Under the auspices of the Maritime Prefecture for the Atlantic and in collaboration with the French Navy and CEPPOL, Cedre received a visit from the G7 Parliamentary Speakers at its headquarters in Brest.**

### **A high-ranking delegation**

The delegation included 6 Parliamentary Speakers and Presidents:

- Mr Richard Ferrand, President of the National Assembly of France
- Mr Roberto Fico, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy
- Mr Bruce Stanton, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada
- Ms Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America
- Mr John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom
- Ms Mairead McGuinness, First Vice President of the European Parliament;

One ambassador, Her Excellency Teresa Castaldo, Ambassador of Italy in France;

And three distinguished local institutional figures:

- Mr François Cuillandre, Mayor of Brest
- Mr Pascal Lelarge, Prefect for Finistère
- Mr Jean-Louis Lozier, Maritime Prefect for the Atlantic.

### **Insight into spill response activities and facilities**

Invited by Mr Richard Ferrand to explore the question of ocean preservation, the attendees gathered for a presentation of French State action at sea and of the work of Cedre and CEPPOL. The delegation was then taken on a tour of Cedre's premises with a particular focus on the laboratory, the Polludrome® – Cedre's flume tank which was operating at the time – and the spill response equipment showroom. CEPPOL gave a presentation of offshore oil spill containment and recovery. The attendees then watched a demonstration of offshore boom deployment and skimming and pumping with French Navy equipment and personnel at Cedre's technical facilities.

### **An expert image**

In addition to its contribution to the local scientific and maritime landscape, this visit from high-ranking guests once again reinforces Cedre's image as a national and international expert organisation and key partner to the authorities.

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## Cedre snapshot

**Field of work:** advice and expertise in the management of accidental water pollution.

**Activities:** response support, contingency planning, training, testing, research, documentation.

**Geographical coverage:** France and worldwide

**Workforce:** 50 including nearly 30 engineers, researchers and technicians

**Annual budget:** €4.5 million

**Date of creation:** Thursday 25 January 1979

**Location:** 715 rue Alain Colas, Port du Moulin Blanc, Brest, France



### Cedre AT A GLANCE

**Based in BREST for 40 years**

**50 staff**

**€4.5 million budget**

**60 training courses annually**

**20 countries visited**

**60 contingency plans delivered in the past 10 years**

**75 oils studied in 12 years**

**150 emergency activations each year**

**20+ multipartner projects in 10 years**

**Recognised documentary resource centre with 22,000 references**

**INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

Marine waters / Inland waters / Oil  
Chemicals / Microplastics / Litter  
Authorities / Private organisations

**Emergency hotline (24/7)**  
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The infographic includes several small images: a crane at sea, a group of people, a boat, a person in a boat, a person in a boat, and a person in a boat. The background features a large image of a red oil spill containment boom on the deck of a ship.