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## **Spills in ports in the limelight for a day**

**What should be done if a spill occurs in a port? How can we prepare for such incidents? Which products and techniques should be used? Which specific challenges do port stakeholders encounter? These questions and many more will be addressed during the Information Day organised by Cedre in Paris on 28th September.**

### **Spills in ports, a common occurrence**

While major oil spills are fortunately increasingly rare, spills in ports are a relatively common occurrence, which call for preparedness and foresight. Such spills may be due to a wide variety of causes: shipping incidents, bunkering operations, accidental bilge water discharge, failure of industrial facilities or port infrastructures, run-off from sewer systems or rainwater drainage pipes, containers falling overboard...

### **Speakers from a variety of backgrounds to address specific issues**

The Cedre Information Day is an excellent opportunity to draw together State players and private companies to focus on a common concern: preparing for and handling spills in ports.

To illustrate the pollution issues relevant to each type of port in practical terms, specialists renowned in their field of expertise will be sharing their experience and engaging in discussions with the audience: Cedre, the French Maritime Affairs Directorate, the Port of Marseille, Dutch firm HEBO Maritiemservice, the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF), Ports of Monaco and the Bas-Rhin fire department.

### **Cedre Information Day, established since 1995**

The Cedre Information Day was first launched in 1995, on the initiative of the Strategy Committee, the body which sets out the association's scientific and technical priorities. This event addresses a given technical focus from a variety of angles. Several internationally recognised experts in the field share their vision and experiences. This year, the 22nd edition will be held at the prestigious venue of the Paris Military School.

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## To attend the Information Day

**Where?** At the Military School in Paris (7th arrondissement)

**When?** On Thursday 28th September 2017, from 9:30 am to 4:20 pm

**How?** Register by sending an email to: [melusine.gaillard@cedre.fr](mailto:melusine.gaillard@cedre.fr)

## Cedre in short

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

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

**Geographical coverage:** France and abroad

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

**Annual budget:** 5 million euros

**Date of creation:** 25 January 1979

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

