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Cedre hosts European pilot training course on response to marine chemical pollution

From 12th to 14th September, Cedre is running a training course at its premises to test the training methods and materials designed through the European MARINER project. The course will comprise plenary sessions, the presentation of an e-learning tool and a response demonstration by the Finistère fire brigade on Cedre's man-made beach.

Combining theory and practice

The aim of this course is three-fold: to review existing response procedures and equipment, to disseminate good practices and to present feedback from past incidents. To do so, various methods will be applied: plenary sessions, e-learning tool and a response demonstration on a container on Cedre's man-made beach.

The target audience of this training course will ultimately be: agents liable to be involved in command posts set up in the event of an incident, personnel identified in contingency plans as being directly involved in response in the case of a spill affecting the shoreline, as well as environmental organisations.

Distinguished participants from across the globe

All the participants attending this pilot course are recognised specialists in this field. With profiles ranging from field operators to officers in charge of regulations, they each provide their expertise and critical opinion based on their own experience and specialisation. This pilot course has a strong international focus, with 12 countries represented: Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

A European project geared towards regional cooperation

Funded by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the MARINER project aims to strengthen regional cooperation in terms of preparedness to respond to chemical spills.

Coordinated by CETMAR (*Centro Tecnológico del Mar*), this project also involves six European partners: INTECMAR (*Instituto tecnológico para el control del medio mariño de Galicia*), the University of Vigo, Action Modulers (*Consultoria de Segurança*), CIIMAR (*Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental*), PHE (Public Health England) and Cedre.

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Cedre in short

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

Activities: response support, contingency planning, training, analysis and testing, research, documentary resource centre.

Geographical coverage: France and abroad

Workforce: 50 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

