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## **Spill response: Cedre plays host to 35 future trainers for volunteers from 7 southern Mediterranean countries**

**Under the European project POSOW II, Cedre is organising two theory and practical training sessions from 19th to 29th April at its facilities next to the Moulin Blanc marina in Brest. The aim? To enable the 35 people trained to organise a national pilot training course for spill response volunteers in their home countries.**

### **A major European project**

The two-year project POSOW II is funded by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (DG ECHO). As suggested by the expansion of its acronym – Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline Cleanup and Oiled Wildlife interventions – this project aims to boost the knowledge and skills of the volunteers involved in oil spill response in the Mediterranean region. It is against this backdrop that Cedre will be running the course scheduled from 19th to 29th April.

### **35 future trainers for volunteers from 7 southern Mediterranean countries**

The 35 people taking part in this course work for the civil protection, authorities and NGOs of seven south Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. Once trained, they will be tasked with organising a national pilot training course for spill response volunteers in their home countries. To do so, they will be able to draw upon the training materials developed as part of the project that are available in their language.

### **Hands-on training with real crude oil**

Two four-day training sessions are scheduled at Cedre's facilities next to the Moulin Blanc marina in Brest, France. Six themes will be addressed: volunteer management, shoreline surveys, shoreline clean-up, oiled wildlife response, mobilisation of fishermen and waste management. In addition to the theory lectures, a practical session with the release of real crude oil will be run on Cedre's man-made beach. A workshop on oiled birds with the use of a bird cleaning robot, one-of-a-kind in Europe, will also be run. This course offers the 35 participants the chance to address the six training topics in a practical, hands-on approach.

## Cedre in short

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

**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



## POSOW II project partners

The POSOW II is funded by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (**DG ECHO**). Coordinated by **Cedre**, it involves five other partners: the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (**REMPEC**) in Malta, the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (**ISPRA**), the Port Institute for Studies and Cooperation (**FEPORTS**) in Spain, the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (**AASTMT**) in Egypt and the Turkish Directorate-General of Maritime and Inland Waters Regulation (**DG-MARINWA**).



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