



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Second Inter-regional Workshop on
Risk Assessment Methods for
Pollution Prevention and Response

Lisbon, Portugal, 12 October 2017



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Methods for Maritime Risk Assessment on Accidental Spills
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Second Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment Methods for Pollution Prevention and Response (12 October 2017, Lisbon)

- Available tools for assessing the risk of spills at sea

Date and time: Thursday 12 October (9:30-18:00)

Venue: Ministério do Mar, Praça do Comércio, 1100-038, Lisbon, Portugal

Maritime risk assessments are vital to promoting risk-based decision-making in preparedness and response. Current practices, however, must be improved. Recent national and regional risk assessments have been successful, but largely one-off, projects. This one-off nature does not allow following how the risks of accidents, and pollution, develop over time and in space - or how efficient the measures have been.

New approaches enabling high frequent risk assessments with a low cost are greatly needed to unleash the full potential of risk assessments within regional intergovernmental PPR organizations.

The HELCOM-led OPENRISK Project (2017-2018, <https://openrisk-ppr.org/>, DG ECHO PREV/2016/26) will take the first steps in drafting an optimized and open method toolbox for such frequent regional PPR risk assessments.

Invitation to the second workshop and to join the OPENRISK Process

You are warmly invited to join the OPENRISK process by attending the Second Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment Methods for Pollution Prevention and Response in Lisbon October 12 2017 which continue the inter-regional discussions initiated by the first OPENRISK Workshop to be held 13-14 June 2017 in Helsinki.

A series of four workshops (13-14 June 2017 Helsinki, 12 October 2017 Lisbon, spring-summer 2018 Malta and Autumn 2018 venue tbc) aim to gather regional pollution preparedness and response (PPR) organizations, Risk Assessment experts and other stakeholders in order to ensure that the OPENRISK project will deliver successful outcomes.

The second OPENRISK workshop, organized in cooperation with the Lisbon Agreement, will focus on available open source risk assessment tools and also explores the possibilities to improve their features in the context of end-user needs. The output of this workshop will be a recommendation on tools for different parts of risk assessment and suggestions to improve their features.

The event will be organized 12 October 2017 in Lisbon, back-to-back with the 5th International Workshop on Nautical Traffic Models and IMAM conference. Please register by 12 September 2017 and arrange your accommodation as soon as possible using the instructions below. A provisional programme will be provided by mid-September.



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How to register:

Please register to the workshop by answering the [Participation Survey](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that first you need to [sign up](#) to the Meeting Portal. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

Accommodation:

Regarding to the accommodation in Lisbon, corporate prices are available for following hotels close to the venue at Ministério do Mar (Praça do Comércio, 1100-038, Lisbon, Portugal).

- Hotel Britânia | Rua Rodrigues Sampaio, 17, 1150-278 Lisboa | hotel-britania.com | <https://goo.gl/maps/feuVfrua1Bu> | Tel. + 351 21 315 5016 (price 98€ standard room with breakfast)
- Hotel Lisboa Plaza | Tv. Salitre 7, 1269-066 Lisboa | lisbonplazahotel.com | <https://goo.gl/maps/ekAKLvZBcxK2> | Tel. + 351 21 321 8218 (price 98€ standard room with breakfast)
- Heritage Avenida da Liberdade Hotel | Av. da Liberdade 28, 1250-145 Lisboa | heritageavliberdade.com | <https://goo.gl/maps/urFtBZNQx2M2> | tel. + 351 21 340 4040 (price 135€ standard room with breakfast)

When booking, mention the corporate price for the Ministry of the Sea – DGPM. Please make your reservations as soon as possible as the above prices are guaranteed **only for a very limited number of rooms**. Otherwise, please feel free to consider also other accommodation options as there are many hotels close to the venue.

Background for the OPENRISK Project:

Accidents do not necessarily respect borders. Larger spills, for instance, may extend beyond national areas, requiring responses from several countries. Due to this, dedicated intergovernmental organizations on joint regional action on pollution prevention and response have been established in numerous “regional seas” worldwide, including the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Mediterranean.

In Europe these organizations include for example HELCOM for the Baltic Sea, BONN Agreement for the North Sea, REMPEC for the Mediterranean, Black Sea Commission for the Black Sea, Lisbon Agreement for the SW Europe and Copenhagen Agreement for the sea areas of the Nordic countries.

Within these regional frameworks the participating countries concretely apply and further elaborate the global framework given by IMO agreements such as the 1990 International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC). For EU member countries the regional organizations are also important to consider regional aspects of EU action in the field.

Recently regional risk assessments have been carried out within these regional organizations to ensure adequate response capacity. These have been carried out via EU funded projects and complementary activities.

The OPENRISK Project aims to build on the outcomes of these successfully completed projects for coherent and improved risk assessments across European Seas.