

“Co-operation & Co-ordination”

Pollution Response Workshop for Bulgaria & Romania

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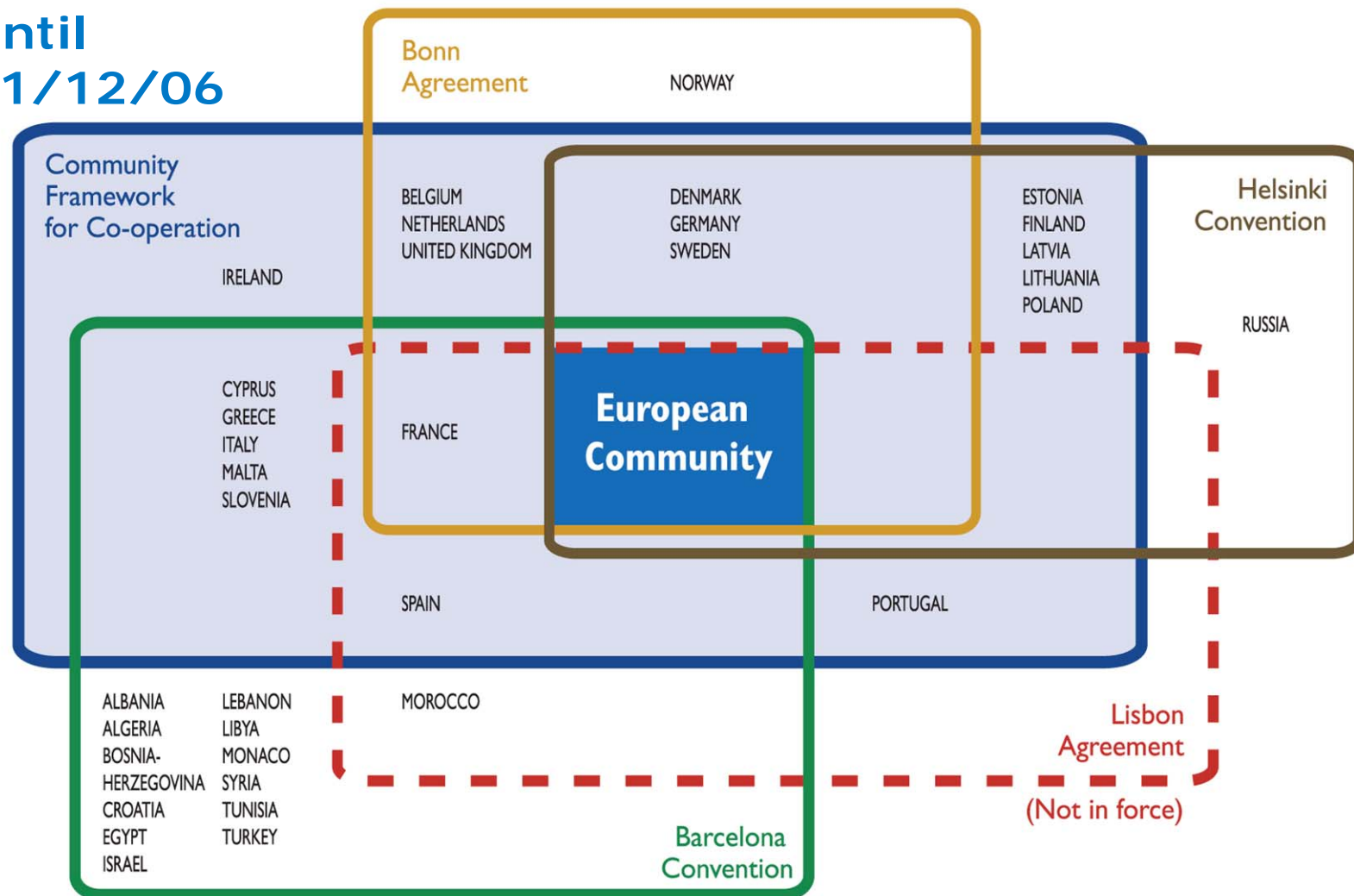


The Action Plan: Overall framework

- **Operational assistance**
 - Network of European Stand-by Oil Recovery Vessels
 - Providing satellite monitoring and surveillance services
 - Experts
- **Co-operation and Co-ordination**
 - Regional Agreements in the field of pollution response
 - Commission (DG Environment)
 - Consultative Technical Group
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 - HNS Action Plan
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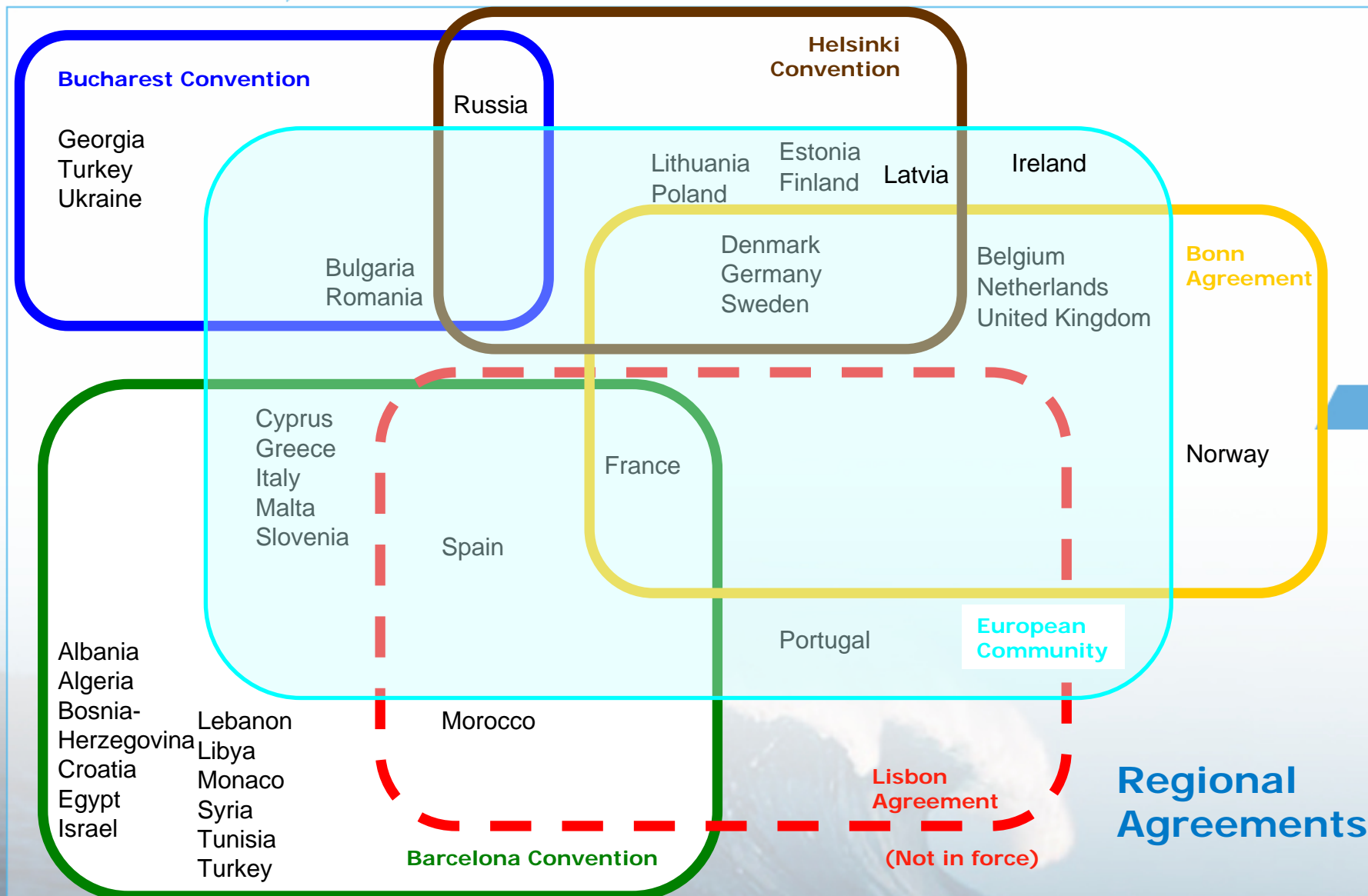
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Co-operation and Co-ordination: Bucharest Convention

- Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution
 - adopted in April '92 & entered into force in Jan '94
 - Includes Bulgaria & Romania
 - Concrete actions to implement this Convention were developed in a Black Sea Strategic Action Plan
- Emergency Protocol –Protocol on Cooperation combating pollution of the Black Sea Marine Environment by oil and other harmful substances in Emergency Situations (April 92).
- Implementation through BSC (Istanbul) & also through ERAC (Varna).



Co-operation and Co-ordination: EC assistance in Black Sea region (1)

- one of biggest contributors to Black Sea Environmental Programme (BSEP)
- European Community is strategic partner to the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (BSC)
- European Commission (DG ENV) on behalf of the European Community has been granted official observer status to the Black Sea Commission meetings (BSC)
- At present EC is not a contracting party to the Bucharest Convention

Co-operation and Co-ordination: EC assistance in Black Sea region (2)

- Strategic support has been provided by the European Commission to the BSC including:
 - Support to the Black Sea Information System
 - direct support to the BSC through both project & information management capacity build up of the Permanent Secretariat
 - European Environment Agency signed MoU (Sept 2002) with BSC

Co-operation and Co-ordination: Strengthening the Response Chain (1)

- Meetings: Regional Agreements; Inter-Secretariat Mtgs.;
 DG Environment
- Dissemination of “Best Practice”:
 Workshops including:
 - Pollution Response Workshop Bulgaria & Romania
 - Operational Manual on the Applicability of Oil Spill Dispersants
 - Satellite Monitoring of Oil Spills over European Waters
 - Ship-sourced Chemical Pollution at Sea
 - Reflections on the Response Chain
 - Dispersants

Co-operation and Co-ordination: Strengthening the Response Chain (2)

Exercises:

- National Contingency Plans
- At-sea Exercises

i.e. Balex Delta 2006 & joint exercises with
Portugal & Spain and others

Co-operation and Co-ordination: Consultative Technical Group

As Community Framework has ended EMSA to cover many of these activities & set-up a Consultative Technical Group (CTG) which will:

- Be composed of MS experts in pollution response
- Meet twice a year
- 1st meeting planned Spring 2007 in Lisbon
- Multi-annual funding to be used for projects
- EMSA will provide the Secretariat
- Rules of Procedure for the CTG will be drafted by EMSA

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Maritime transport is of fundamental importance to Europe and the rest of the world. To put this in perspective, over 90% of European Union external trade goes by sea and more than 1 billion tonnes of freight a year are loaded and unloaded in EU ports. This means that shipping is the most important mode of transport in terms of volume. Furthermore, as a result of its geography, its history and the effects of globalisation, maritime transport will continue to be the most important transport mode in developing EU trade for the foreseeable future.

In this context, European citizens have the right to expect their maritime passenger and goods transport to be safe, secure and clean. So, in support of these goals, and particularly in the wake of the recent *Erika* and *Prestige* oil tanker accidents, the set up of EMSA (under Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 of 27 June 2002) is one of the key EU level initiatives aimed at improving the situation.

Although it has recently been given an operational task in oil pollution preparedness and response, the Agency's main objective is to provide technical and scientific assistance to the European Commission and Member States in the proper development and implementation of EU legislation on maritime safety, pollution by ships and security on board ships. To do this, one of EMSA's most important supporting tasks will be to improve cooperation with, and between, Member States in all key areas. EMSA sits at the heart of the EU maritime network and fully acknowledges the importance of effective collaboration with many different interests and, in particular, with the European and international institutions, Member State administrations and the maritime industry.

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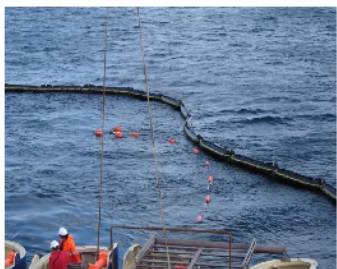


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actions, in co-operation with Member States, to strengthen the current pollution preparedness and response network across a range of issues. The Agency is managing its implementation in accordance with its annual Work Programmes (see [Work Programme 2006](#)).

More specifically, the Agency has the legal tasks:

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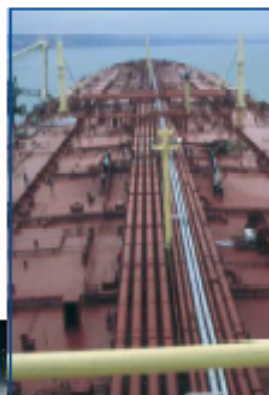
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This report is accompanied by
an Inventory of Member States Oil
Pollution Response Capacity



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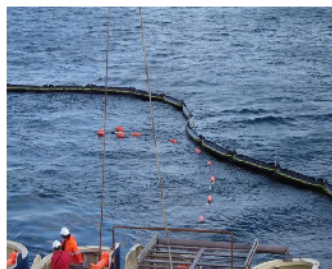
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United Kingdom	London	15 March	Provisional	NEG12007@emsa.europa.eu
Italy	Genoa	16 March	Provisional	NEG12007@emsa.europa.eu
France	Paris	19 March	Provisional	NEG12007@emsa.europa.eu
Spain	Madrid	20 March	Provisional	NEG12007@emsa.europa.eu
Greece	Piraeus	22 March	Provisional	NEG12007@emsa.europa.eu
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Aerial Surveillance Handbook (OTSOPA 2002)
<http://www.bonnaagreement.org/eng/html/welcome.html>

Assessment of the Risk for Oil Spills in the Baltic Sea Area (Helcom, 2002)
<http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/projectsmeetings.html#oilspills>

Australia's National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances (2004)
http://www.amsa.gov.au/marine_environment_protection/National_Plan/Reports-Fact_Sheets-Brochures/National_Plan_fact_sheet.asp

Bonn Agreement Counter Pollution Manual (2004)
http://www.bonnaagreement.org/eng/html/counter-pollution_manual/welcome.html

HELCOM Clean Seas Guide - The Baltic Sea Area (2004)
<http://www.helcom.fi/stc/files/Publications/OtherPublications/CleanSeasGuide-2004.pdf>

European Commission: Communication on improving safety at sea in response to the Prestige accident (2002)
http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/maritime/safety/doc/prestige/com_2002_681_en.pdf

EMSA Action plan for Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response
<http://www.emsa.eu.int/Docs/other/action%20plan.pdf>

EMSA Inventory of EU Member States Oil Pollution Response Capacity
<http://www.emsa.eu.int/Docs/other/inventory.pdf>

EMSA Inventory of National Policies regarding the Use of Oil Spill Dispersants in the EU Member States
<http://www.emsa.eu.int/Docs/opr/dispersants%20inventory%202005.pdf>

Guidelines for Oil Spill Waste Minimization and Management - IPIECA report series (2004)
http://www.ipieca.org/downloads/oil_spill/oilspill_reports/vol12_WasteManagement_FINAL.pdf

Guidelines for the U.S. Coast Guard Oil Spill Removal Organization Classification Program (2001)
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nswfweb/nsfcc/ops/OSRODoc/FinalOSROGuidelines.pdf>

HELCOM Response Manual:
Vol I (Oil) - http://www.helcom.fi/groups/response/en_GB/resmanual/
Vol II (Chemicals) - <http://www.coastguard.se/ra/volume2/start.htm>

IMO/UNEP, Regional Information System-Operational Guides and Technical Documents
"Guide for combating accidental marine pollution in the Mediterranean" (REMPEC, 2000)

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