



Emergency Response to coastal Oil, Chemical, and Inert Pollution from Shipping.

Project Aims

The recent major incidents of Erika (1999) and Prestige (2002) highlighted a need for a coordinated trans-national response to pollution events affecting the Atlantic shores. The main aim of the EROCIPS Project is to add value to local and regional shoreline response through sharing best practise with our European neighbours.

Irish Sea Shipping Routes



EHS, 2006

Project Outcomes

The results from the EROCIPS project will:

- Provide added value to existing local and regional response arrangements through improved resources, technology and instruments.
- Provide guidelines and systems to help improve response to coastal incidents.
- Raise awareness of the local marine environment and its value to the area.

Erika incident



Marine Nationale, 1999

Why?

Shipping is one of the most important and growing modes of transport in Europe. Our busy waterways and ports mean a growing risk of accidental pollution.

Prevention and preparation are the best “cures” for pollution. In the unfortunate event of an incident, a coordinated and well planned response to pollution clearance is vital for mitigating the effect of environmental damage and economic loss.

Sunset Coral



Hiscock, 2005



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