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Operational plans and procedures for maritime search and rescue in HNS incidents

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Recent activities

- eLearning material production continues as SOPs are getting ready
- Developer for the chemical data portal has started the work after lengthy tendering procedure
- Chemical data portal will be an easy-to-use way to find relevant chemical databases (CAMEO, MAR-CIS, national databases) and tools (e.g. dispersion models, chemical reactivity sheet, information on PPE)
- SOP Training Day to brief LIVEX units, 6 Sep, Helsinki, FI
- Live Exercise, 13 Sep 2018, Paldiski, EE

ChemSAR LIVEX 13 Sep 2018

- To test the formulated SOPs and Checklists
- Paldiski harbour anchorage area
- M/V Regal Star en route from Tallinn to Kapellskär in Estonian SRR
- A distress call takes place
- After distress call, JRCC Tallinn sent a message to MRSC Helsinki and JRCC Gothenburg

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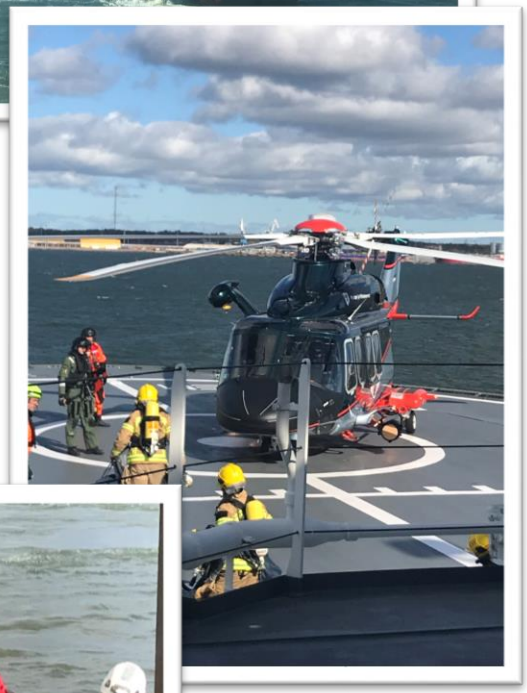
- MRCC Helsinki and JRCC Gothenburg inform that vessels can assist in the SAR operation
- JRCC Tallinn contacted rescue vessels and gave them SAR tasks. Helsinki City Rescue Dept was also alerted.
- Vessels from 4 organisations were involved, namely from the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board, Finnish Border Guard, Swedish Coast Guard, and Tallink Shipping company
- The Estonian Police and Border Guard also engaged its helicopter in the operation.



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Challenges

- ChemSAR has applied for a prolongation of two months to the project period to finalize the chemical data portal, which has suffered from changes in WP leader personnel.
- Prolongation would also benefit the finalization of eLearning materials as they have had to wait for the outcome of other work packages.
- Unlike earlier told, no ChemSAR extension stage project is coming due to lack of human resources at the Finnish Border Guard, which has been in charge of the SOP development work. Continuation would be difficult without them.
- However, the work in implementing ChemSAR outcome in practice, getting feedback, and further developing continues, e.g. in ResQU2.

Next in ChemSAR

- Evaluation report from the Live exercise is expected early November
- Evaluation of the eLearning material and environment is planned for November by an external evaluator already found. A report to follow.
- Chemical data portal is progressing now well
- Partner meeting coming on 20 – 21 November in Karlskrona, SE
- And….

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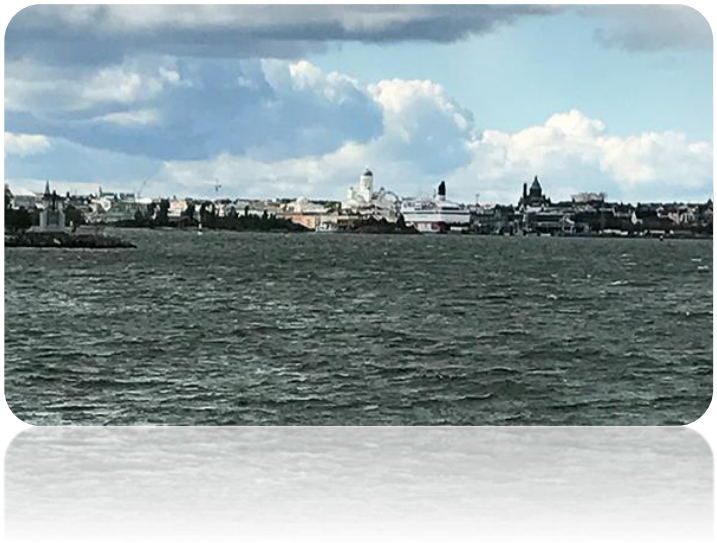

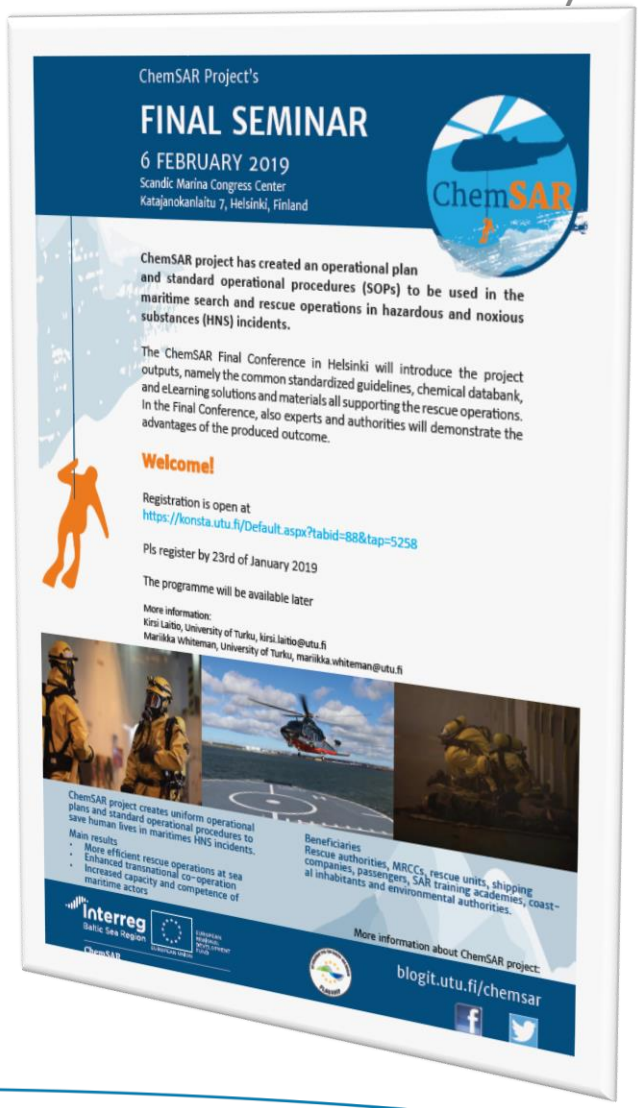

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FINAL SEMINAR

6 FEBRUARY 2019

Scandic Marina Congress Center
Katajanokanlaitu 7, Helsinki, Finland

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ChemSAR project has created an operational plan and standard operational procedures (SOPs) to be used in the maritime search and rescue operations in hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) incidents.

The ChemSAR Final Conference in Helsinki will introduce the project outputs, namely the common standardized guidelines, chemical databank, and eLearning solutions and materials all supporting the rescue operations. In the Final Conference, also experts and authorities will demonstrate the advantages of the produced outcome.

Welcome!

Registration is open at
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Pls register by 23rd of January 2019

The programme will be available later

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ChemSAR project creates uniform operational plans and standard operational procedures to save human lives in maritimes HNS incidents.

Main results
- More efficient rescue operations at sea
- Enhanced transnational co-operation
- Increased capacity and competence of maritime actors

Beneficiaries
Rescue authorities, MRCCs, rescue units, shipping companies, passengers, SAR training academies, coastal inhabitants and environmental authorities.

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