GEOILWATCH project
Update, Autumn 2014

- **How has your project progressed and what has been achieved since the most recent Steering Committee meeting.**
  Geoilwatch has completed the state-of-the-art reports on an early warning system for oil spill in the Baltic Sea. On that basis a workshop was held in Helsinki on the 11th of September which was also attended by Captain Valdis Andersons from the Latvian Coast Guard and by Malte Kofoed Søndergaard of the Danish Maritime Authority. The workshop was facilitated by Patrick Corsi on the design requirements for the innovations needed to realize an early warning system. The outcome is an inventory of challenges facing the realization of an early warning system for oils spills in the Baltic Sea. This outcome was used as the start of a workshop for the consortium members on the 17th of October in Stockholm. As a result a first concept of the early warning system has been designed which will be used for a user workshop on the 15th of January 2015 in Tallinn.

- **If relevant, what kind of difficulties has your project encountered since the most recent Steering Committee meeting.**
  The difficulty for the project is to ensure coordination with CleanSeaNet and Helcom and the consortium needs introductions for that.

- **Future activities**
  The consortium is preparing a questionnaire to be sent out to users to test the present concept of the early warning system and to test the interest of users to be part of the future project for the design of the system.

- **If relevant, how can the Priority Area Coordinators help your project to progress further.**
  Introductions to CleanSeaNet and Helcom.
  List of users to which we could send our questionnaire.