

**Workshop: “Minimisation of environmental damage in case of marine pollution”  
September 2006, Bremen, Germany**

**Information for Participants**

**Framework and objectives of the workshop**

The workshop is carried out by the Institut für Kreislaufwirtschaft GmbH (Institute for Recycling and Environmental Protection), in cooperation with the BLG Consult, Bremen, Germany. It is co-funded by the European Commission, DG Environment and is carried out within the framework of community cooperation against accidental or deliberate marine pollution.

The aim of the workshop is to analyse short, medium and long term environmental impacts of previous oil and chemical spills in order to produce guidelines on organisational and practical aspects of minimisation of environmental damages in case of marine pollution, focussing on:

- Monitoring
- Assessment
- Intervention techniques
- Health and safety aspects (working with volunteers)

A major aim is to analyse the behaviour and fate of oil, HNS and dangerous goods emitted at sea in past incidents, exercises and experiments in order to prepare a code of good practice of incident monitoring as well as for consideration of health and safety aspects. With regard to assessment of the environmental impacts instruments and techniques suitable for detecting and mapping of these pollutants on the sea-bed are of interest.

The resulting guidelines shall cover the review of past experiences and lessons learned:

- Identification of benefits and existing problems,
- Identification of solutions and best practices,
- Formulation of recommendations and identification of further actions

The guidelines will be the result of the workshop. The participants have the opportunity to actively contribute their professional expertise, experiences and lessons learned from the management of past oil and chemical spills. There will be visits to sites of interest with regard to the set focus of the workshop. On the last day of the workshop the participants are asked to get involved in a simulation exercise, which shall stimulate the discussion, and in the compilation of guidelines within the framework of a moderated session.

The workshop will offer the chance for the participants to benefit from a selection of lectures from nationally and internationally recognised professionals working in this area, and discussions arising between the participants from many maritime EU member countries and/ or the lecturers.

The final guidelines will be made available to the European Union, all member states and to the public, and can be used as a basis for facilitating actions taken by the responsible authorities.

### **Suggested preparation of the participants before the workshop**

The success of the workshop and the quality of the guidelines will largely depend on the contributions of the participants. Therefore the organisers would like to suggest that the participants prepare themselves in advance to this workshop and provide:

- A short written summary on the own countries approach, problems and solutions/best practices
- Facts about case studies of previous incidents/experiments in the own countries (if applicable)

	<b>Own countries approach</b>	<b>Problems</b>	<b>Solutions/Best Practices</b>
Monitoring			
Assessment			
Intervention Techniques			
Health and Safety Aspects			