



VELLAMO 2021

Joint Baltic Coastal Oil Spill Exercise

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Multilevel and multishaped large scale exercise where shallow water oil spill response was trained, asking and receiving of international assistance was tested and cooperation between national and international professionals and NGO's in large scale oil catastrophe

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Main oil spill response exercise of SWFES

OILSPILL

International rescue cooperation in shallow waters and beach cleaning together with sector volunteers (VAPEPA).

HOST NATION SUPPORT

Receiving of International help and support of incoming formations

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Testing of the processes of Rescue Service and the Ministry of the Interior in asking of international help via EU help mechanism



Stakeholders

SWFES	Ministry of the Interior	Boarder Guard	Rescue Services Academy
Vapepa	Customs	Port of Turku	Turku Airport
Neste	Turku Fair Center	University of Turku	Räddningstjänsten Östra Götaland (SE)
	Beredskabsforbundet (DK)	Fire and Rescue Service of Lithuania (LT)	

Harjoituksen kohderyhmät ja resurssitarve pelastuslaitoksella

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Target group:

Oil spill response capacity of SWFES and human resources

Resource needs:

10 – 12 boats

40 – 50 persons

OilSpill & Table Top

Target group:

Operational Fire Officers, Sub-Officers and Fire Fighters

Resource needs :

30 persons

IT- and communication equipment

HNS & Table Top

Target group:

Fire Officers, Sub-Officers and crew from all SWFES branches

Resource needs:

15 persons

IT- and communication equipment

Aims of the exercises

- Sharing and updating of the common situational picture
- Leading of the third sector volunteers
- Starting of the support activities of third sector volunteers
- Spontaneous volunteers and controlling of them
- Cleaning of beaches and birds
- Asking for international help via EU help mechanism
- Alarming, receiving and coordinating the incoming assistance
- Virtually "playing" with the international troops



Exercise results (Oil Spill)

- Fire Officers of SWFES received better understanding of the third sector resources
- Alarming of the volunteers went well and the system worked (Merlot)
- Cooperation between Rescue Service and volunteers became better
- Sharing of the common situational picture went well
- In large scale accident where third sector volunteers are working, presence of liaison officer from the volunteer organizations in Rescue Services leading centre is a unquestioning
- Volunteers received a lot of information how the leading centre of Rescue Services work and Rescue Service received a lot of information about the resources of the organizations in a large scale accident

Exercise results (HNS)

- Guidelines developed through HNS project were functional in practice – they strongly lean on existing knowledge of our employees.
- Operational procedures are working well but further development is needed
- Resource lists are important! What, where, how do we get material resources
- Billing procedures are important to know
- Phonebook is important and needs to be up to date
- Cooperation modules need further development – There were not existing models before
- More exercises and training -> include these measures also in other type of exercises when possible
- Utilizing the HNS procedures also in domestic accidents e.g. large scale wildfires

Exercise results (SaaMe)

- Cooperation between professional and volunteer fire brigades worked well
- Laying oil booms should go as easy as spreading hoses on dry land (SOP under development)
- In this exercise we were working in Swedish speaking part of SWFES area and more training in Swedish is needed



Thank You!

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