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# Regional workshop on Cooperation and Response to Marine Spills,

## Regional Cooperation in the Northern Europe

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# IMO – OPRC Convention – OPRC HNS Protocol

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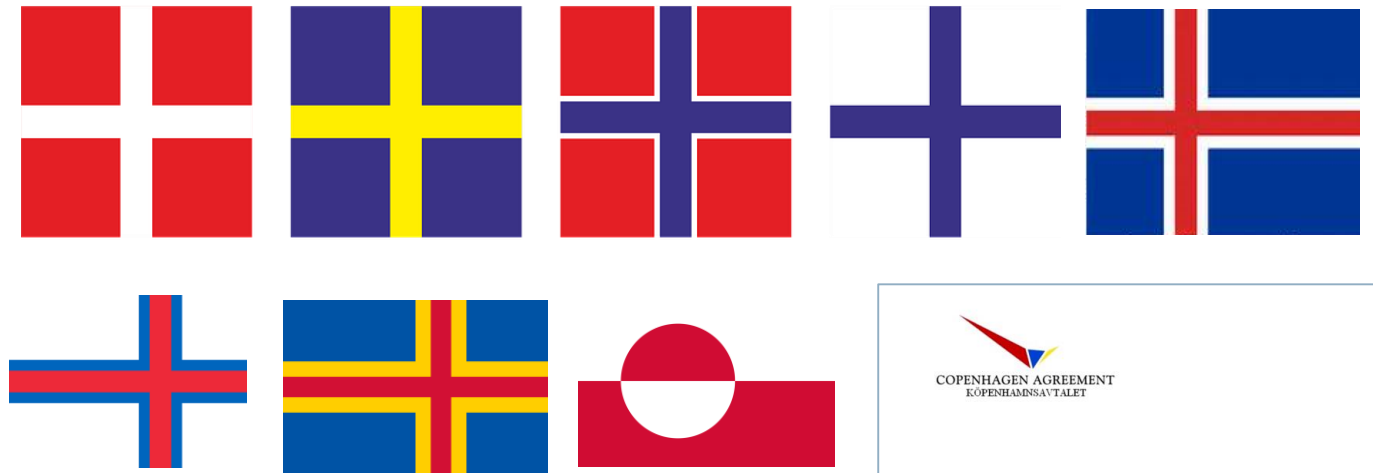
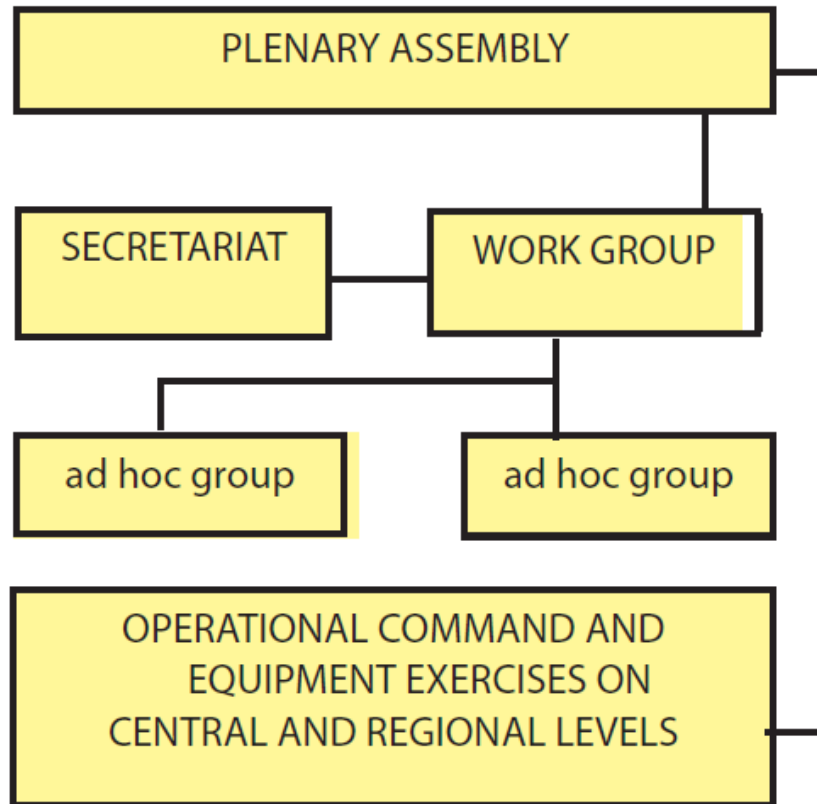
- **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION, 1990**
  - Parties to the OPRC Convention are required to establish measures for dealing with pollution incidents, either nationally or in co-operation with other countries.
- **PROTOCOL ON PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-ORDINATION TO POLLUTION INCIDENTS BY HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES, 2000**



Photo: MCA



# Copenhagen Agreement



# Bonn Agreement



- Signed in 1969
- Meeting of the Contracting parties
- Working group on Operational, Technical and Scientific questions concerning counter Pollution Activities (OTSOPA)
- Manual
- Projects



+ Spain

## OBLIGATIONS TO STATES

- keeping their zones of responsibility under surveillance for threats of marine pollution, including coordinating aerial and satellite surveillance;
- alerting each other to such threats;
- adopting common operational approaches so that they can rely on each other to achieve the necessary standards of prevention and clean-up;
- supporting each other (when asked to do so) in response operations;
- sharing research and development;
- carrying out joint exercises.



# NORBRIT-plan (UK – Norway)

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- The objective of the Plan is to establish procedures to be followed during joint Norway/United Kingdom counter-pollution operations at sea. The Plan largely applies to spills resulting from major incidents involving offshore installations, such as blow-out and damage to submarine pipelines.
- North Sea south of N 63° 38' 10.68" and along the median line included 50 nautical mile on each side



# Bilateral Agreement Norway-Russia in the Barents Sea

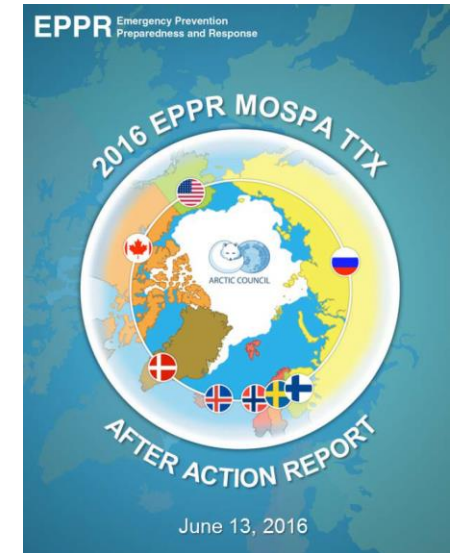
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- Signed by the Norwegian minister of Environment and the Russian minister of Transport in April 1994
- Bilateral cooperation on OSR since 1991
- Joint Oil Spill Response Plan attached to the Agreement
- Area of cooperation: Barents Sea



# Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic

- Signed in 2013
- Means by which cooperation and mutual aid is facilitated to prepare for and respond to an oil pollution incident.
- Highlights:
  - Provides for contact points
  - Promotes joint exercises and training
  - Promotes exchange of information
  - Companion piece to existing Bi-national and multinational agreements





## HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION

European Commission > Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

### Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cecis/firstScreen.jsp>



### The Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS)



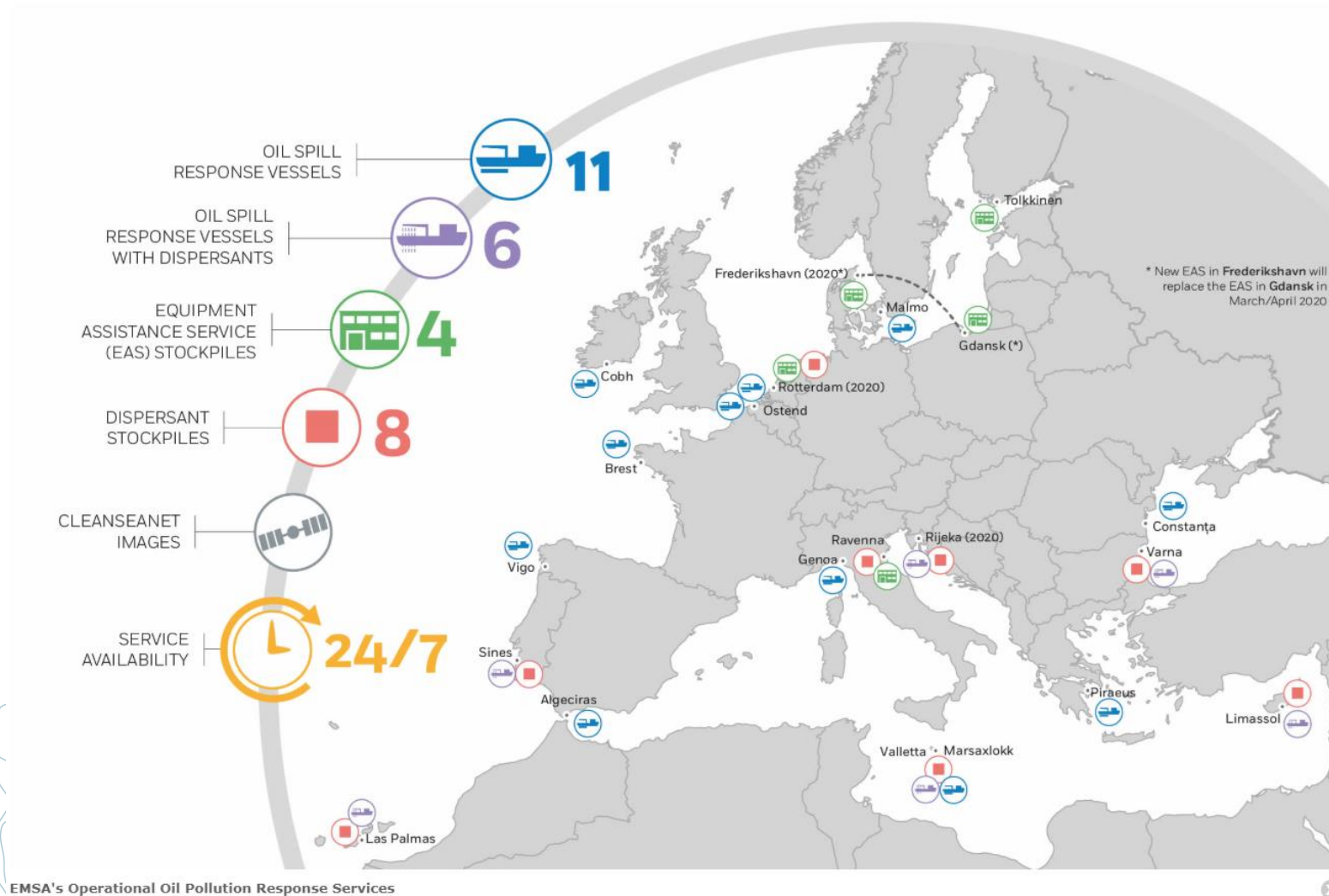
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- Offers a range of services to help coastal States around Europe respond quickly, effectively and efficiently to oil or chemical marine pollution incidents from ships and oil and gas installations.
  - Oil Spill response service (vessels, equipment)
  - Clean Sea Net
- Support the affected coastal States in the response to incidents involving chemicals or hazardous and noxious substances (HNS)
  - MAR-ICE
  - MAR-CIS



# EMSA Oil Spill Response Services



# Conclusions

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- One country can be member of several agreements or instruments for cooperation
- Important to be notified about a spill that might threaten the territorial waters
- Procedures for assisting each other
- Joint exercises important
- Sharing of knowledge and expertise useful and beneficial
- The agreements mentioned do not establish regional centers with equipment stockpiles





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