

EUROWA – what is it and how it can help

Oil Spills and Wildlife protection

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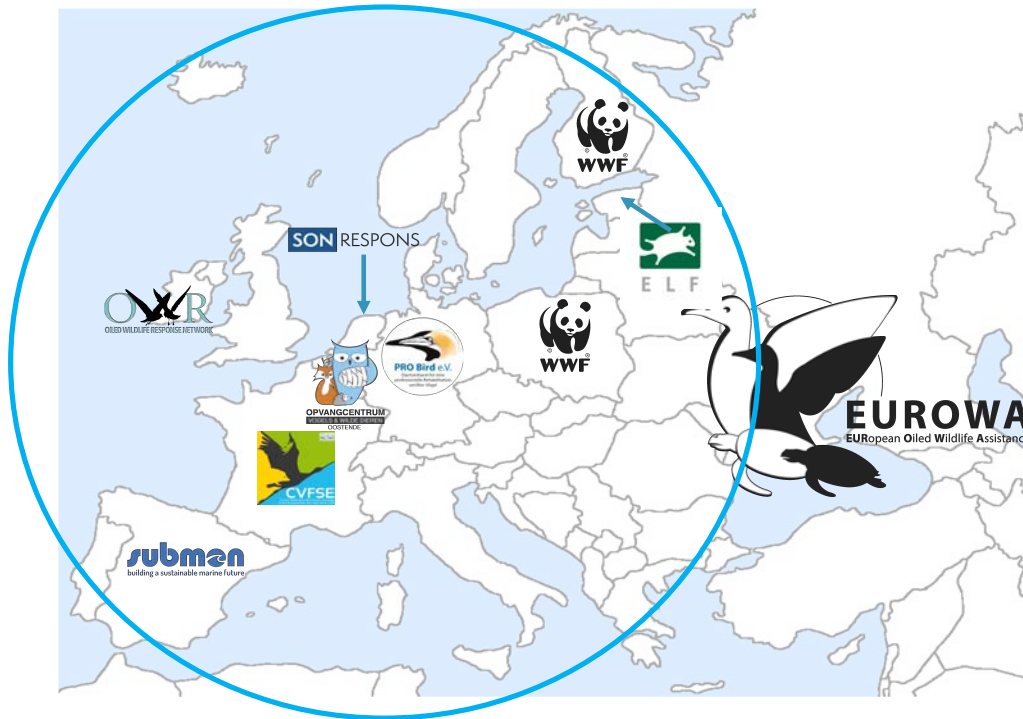


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2. How is EUROWA setup
3. What does EUROWA envisage, what are the needs
4. Relationship model
5. What can EUROWA provide
 - A. Pool of expertise
 - B. Training
 - C. Best practice standards
6. EUROWA-2 project intro



1. What is EUROWA?



- 9 Network Members in 9 countries
- Initiated in 2015
- Equipment stockpile (Belgium)
- Secretariat provided by Sea Alarm
- Governance Committee + technical subcommittees
- More information www.eurowa.eu

Mission: to support and empower EU authorities, NGOs and polluters in dealing jointly with oiled wildlife using agreed international standards.

Aim: Representation in the Network of all EU Coastal Countries.



2. How is EUROWA setup?

- Organised around a Charter signed by all members
- EUROWA positioned as European solution for mutual assistance and integrated management of wildlife pollution incidents
- Charter calls on governments to participate
 - Adopt EUROWA nationally
 - Develop national preparedness
 - Support EUROWA internationally
 - Via the Regional Agreements (HELCOM, Bonn, REMPEC)



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| EUROWA-European Oil Wildlife Assistance | |
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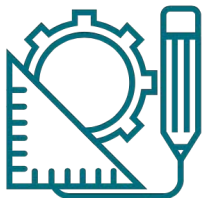


3. What does EUROWA envisage?

National Wildlife Response Plan



Multi-annual preparedness programme / project



Prepared Country

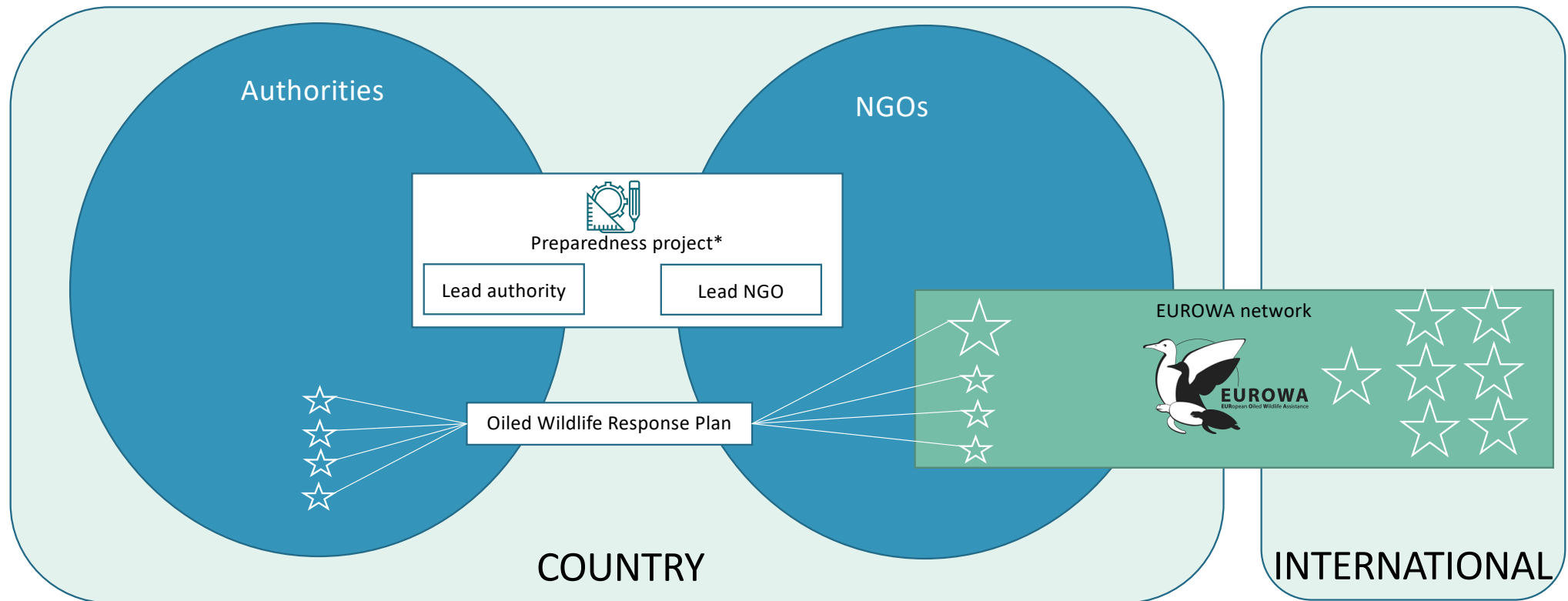


Wildlife training and exercising of different actors of the Wildlife Plan





4. Relationship Model



*Preparedness Project / Multi-year Programme includes EUROWA



5. What can EUROWA Provide?

A. Pool of expertise



To SUPPORT a European Incident **integrating** with the National / regional / local response teams

B. Best Practice - EUROWA Standards



To provide authorities and wildlife experts with a set of guidelines representing European standards of oiled wildlife response

C. EUROWA Training

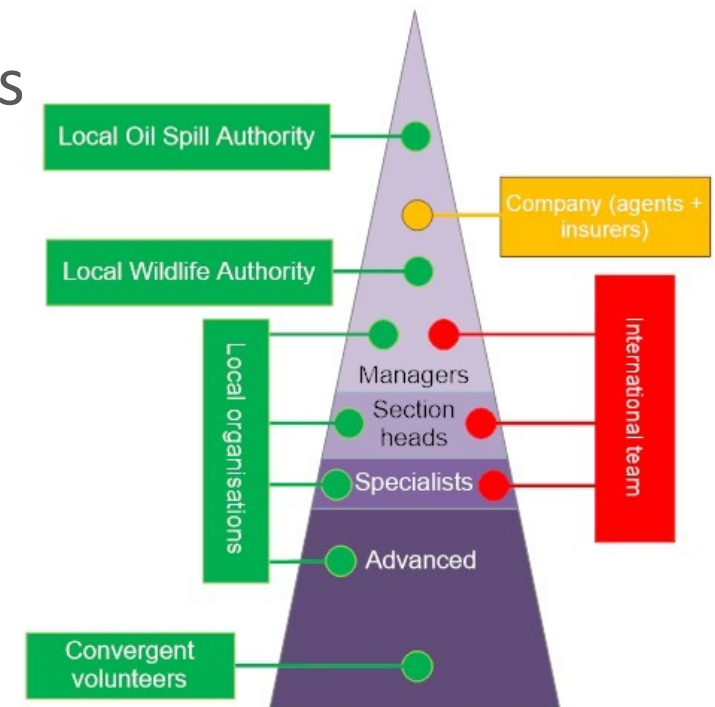


To get wildlife expertise trained Nationally / Regionally / Locally and be better prepared for an incident



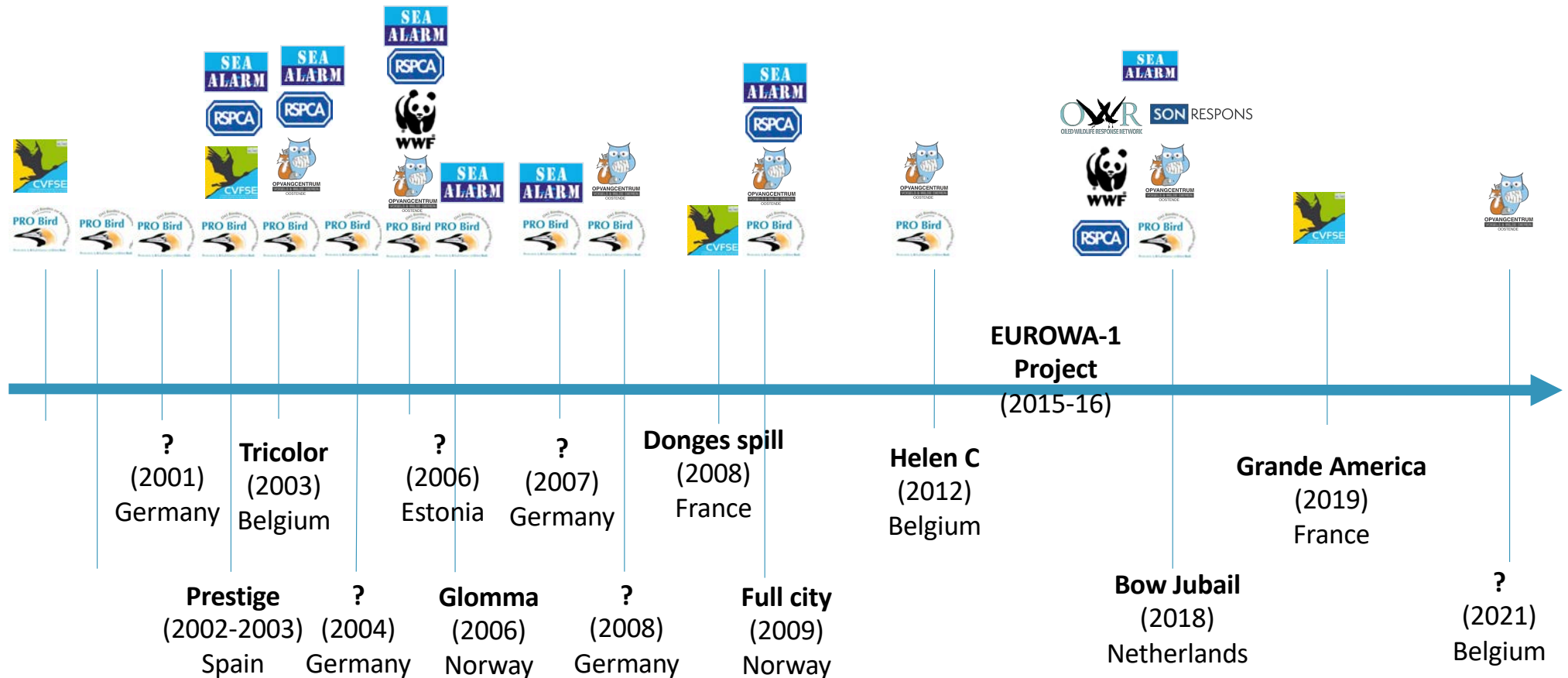
A. Pool of expertise

- EUROWA can assist European authorities during emergency situations
- Activated via EU Civil Protection Mechanism
- Qualified EUROWA experts form Tier 3 international team, that provides support to and integrates with :
 - local first response teams (Tier 1)
 - national experts (Tier 2)





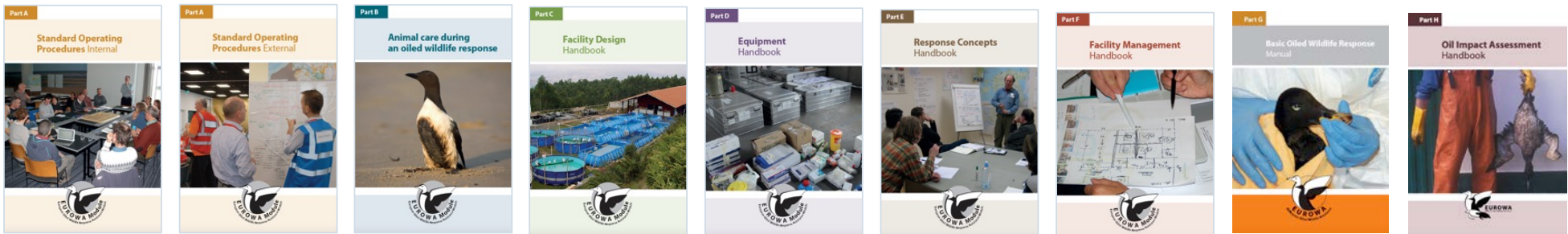
EUROWA involvement in European spills



? = Mystery spills



B. Best Practice - EUROWA Standards



- Part A – Standard Operating Procedure (External)
- Part A – Standard Operating Procedure (Internal)
- Part B – Animal care during an oiled wildlife response
- Part C – Facility Design Handbook
- Part D – Equipment handbook
- Part E – Response Concepts Handbook
- Part F – Facility Management Handbook
- Part G – Basic Oiled Wildlife Response Manual (formerly POSOW)
- Part H – Oil impact assessment Handbook



<https://euowa.eu/resources/documents/>



C. EUROWA Training

- EUROWA Training Portfolio with 6 qualification levels
 - Hands-on levels
 - 1. BASIC
 - 2. ADVANCED
 - 3. SPECIALIST (includes VETERINARIANS)
 - Management levels
 - 4. SECTION HEAD
 - 5. MANAGER
 - EUROWA specific levels
 - 6. EUROWA TEAM
- Courses combine lectures, hands-on training, skill labs, exercises & evaluation of individual skills
- Based on a train the trainer system
- Sea Alarm keeps a central register of all accredited individuals
- Training qualifications allow you to follow specific training paths.

New EUROWA-2 Trainings launched in 2022 :

- Risk and Impact Assessment
- Turtle BASIC / ADVANCED

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Training Events
organised



578

Responders Trained



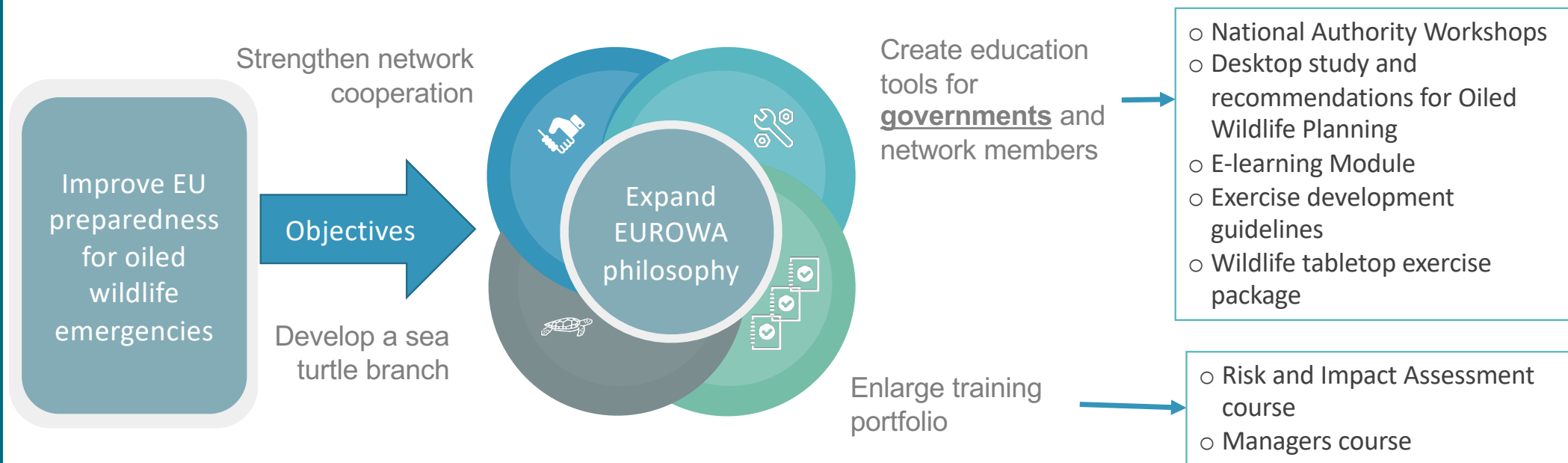
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Countries with
trained responders



6. EUROWA-2 Project

- 2-Year Project (2021-2022)
- Co-funded by the European Union Civil Protection (Total Budget: 710,430 €)
- Partners: Sea Alarm, WWF Finland, NIOZ (the Netherlands), Submon (Spain)



Thank you! Any Questions?

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