



OIL SPILL

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Online Partner Meeting

11 June, 2020

WELCOMING ADDRESS *Lauri Ojala, UTU*

PROJECT OVERVIEW *Lauri Ojala & Jarmo Malmsten, UTU*

Summary of activities and achievements thus far

Possible prolongation of the project duration due to COVID-19

COMMUNICATION *Minna-Liina Ojala, UTU*

Partner Introductions on OIL SPILL website

E-Survey: Communication & interaction within consortium

OVERVIEW OF PAST AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES BY WPs and GoAs*

GoA 2.1. Institutional and organisational cooperation

Agni Kaldma, Ministry of Environment of Estonia

GoA 2.2. Legal and liability issues

Jorma Rytönen, Finnish Environment Institute

GoA 3.1 Exercise execution & staff exchange

Miikka Toivonen, Southwest Finland Emergency Services

GoA 3.3. NGO educational activities in cooperation with CA's

Heta Hyvärinen, Finnish Red Cross

GoA 3.4. Maritime simulation training

Kadi Kasepõld, Estonian Maritime Academy

Sergej Suzdalev, Klaipeda University

Activities in Latvia

Aleksandrs Pavlovičs, Latvian Maritime Academy

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS *Lauri Ojala, UTU*

END OF MEETING



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11 June, 2020

at 10.00–12:00*

**Finnish time*

AGENDA



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Activities and achievements thus far (1/2)

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WP2: Horizontal & Vertical Cross-Border cooperation

- *Mapping existing situation in partner countries in progress*
- *Conducted and planned WP2 workshops (e.g. Tallinn, EE)*
- *WP2 questionnaire and forthcoming report on current operational procedures*
- *Planned activities with other projects (incl. [BALTREP](#), [SIMREC](#) and [ACBR](#))*



Activities and achievements thus far (2/2)

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WP3: Joint Exercises & Educational cooperation

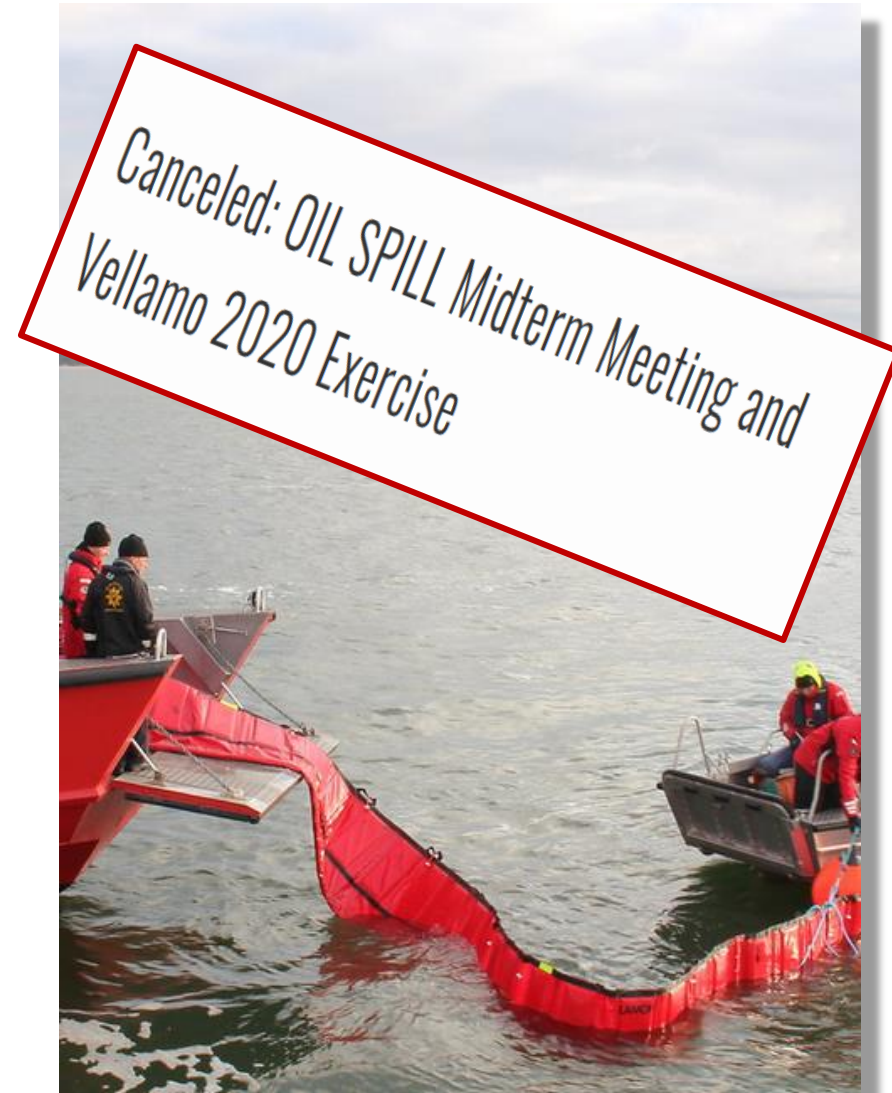
- *Conducted exercises (incl. Mērsrags, LV and Konrad, SE)*
- *Training activities (Competent Authorities and NGOs) in the pilot area (SW Finland)*
- *Preparation and planning of forthcoming exercises and trainings*
- *Forthcoming report on oil spill combating training with maritime simulators*



Effects of the COVID-19 situation for OIL SPILL

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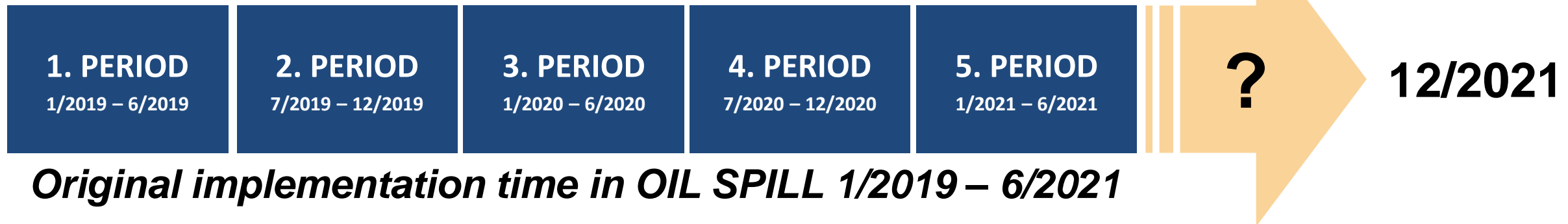
- Several postponed face-to-face meetings and workshops incl. *OIL SPILL Midterm Meeting*
- Several postponed exercises incl.:
 - *KOPOS 2020 (Klaipeda)* and
 - *Vellamo (Turku)*
- Need for alternative working methods (e.g. online meetings and virtual trainings)
- Challenges in planning of exact next steps



Possible prolongation of the project duration due to COVID-19

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In relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the projects can ask for a prolongation of six months** in addition to their regular implementation time fixed in their subsidy contracts.



Possible prolongation: the pros and cons

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- Prolongation time would help projects to carry out and finalise postponed project activities
- Possibility to conduct project activities in the autumn of 2021 as well
- On the other hand, no additional budget will be granted for the prolonged implementation time



Possible prolongation and the closure of the project

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- ***Project*** may complete the project implementation **before the six months are over**
- ***Individual Project Partners*** may complete their project activities **before the end of the project**
- ***Final Progress Report*** will not be submitted until the project implementation is over at the whole project level; monitoring and final payment will start right after the submission of the final progress report



Timetable for a prolongation request

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– Project Office will handle the administrative work

- If the project applies for prolongation, the MA/JS* has to be informed **by the end of June 2020**
- Official request for prolongation to be submitted **by the end of August 2020**
- Other changes in the project set-up are not possible until the prolongation is approved and application form updated
 - *These will be done in cooperation with Partners and the Project Office*



*) Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat (based in Rostock) of Interreg Baltic Sea Region



OIL SPILL aims to promote
co-operation in oil spill
response.



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