
PROGRAMME

Seminar on Maritime Environmental Crimes NSN¹-OTSOPA²

29-30 November 2023
Brussels, Belgium
Chaired by Ewald Brandt

Wednesday 29 November 2023

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee	
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Session 1: Setting the stage

09:30 – 09:45	Welcome	Ewald Brandt & Chair of OTSOPA (Asta Mackeviciute)
09:45 – 10:15	Overview of international regulation on maritime pollution offences (MARPOL, SECA/ECA, UNCLOS). Issues and potential future amendments	IMO (speaker TBC)
10:15 – 10:45	European legislation on maritime pollution offences. Revision of the Ship Source Pollution Directive	EU-DG MOVE (Anna Marczak)
	Revision of the Environmental Crime Directive	EU-DG JUST (TBC)
10:45 – 11:15	Regulations for emissions from shipping	Belgium (speaker (TBC))
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break	
11:45 – 12:15	EMSA's support of the enforcement chain	EMSA (speaker TBC)
12:15 – 12:30	Recommendations of the 2018 Seminars on Violations of MARPOL Annexes II and VI	The Netherlands (Michiel Visser)
12:30 – 12:45	NSN activities: North Sea Manual on Maritime Pollution Offences and Database	Secretariat (Olle Åkesson)
12:45-14:00	Lunch (offered by the host)	

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² Working Group on Operational, Technical and Scientific Questions Concerning Counter-Pollution Activities

Session 2: Violation of MARPOL Annexes		
14:00 – 14:20	Legal term of significant pollution/major damage	Spain (Hernán del Frade de Blas)
14:20 – 14:40	ÖLARVI project “Defining environmental criteria for the assessment of the severity of oil discharges”	Finish Environment Institute SYKE (Kirsten S. Jørgensen)
14:40 – 15:00	The different court decisions on the Bosphorus Queen case	Finland (Eeva Havas)
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion	
15:15-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 – 17:30	Case studies of MARPOL Annexes. Relevant cases for investigations and court hearings.	
	MARPOL Annex I case: Da Dan Xia	Denmark (Inger Corydon-Petersen & Eva Olesen)
	MARPOL Annex I case: Guardians	France
	MARPOL Annex I case detected by satellite	Spain (Loreto Soto & Berta Blanco)
	MARPOL Annex I case: Foinaven FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading)	United Kingdom (Sarah Mclean/Ian Wright)
	MARPOL Annex II Persistent floaters	The Netherlands (Ron Faber)
	Jolly Palladio case	France
	Discussion	

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Session 2: Violation of MARPOL Annexes		
09:00-09:15	Wrap up from Day 1.	Ewald Brandt
Session 3: Cross-border enforcement cases		
9:15 – 09:45	Global marine pollution crimes	INTERPOL (Michale Viale)
9:45 – 10:30	Dealing with cross-border enforcement cases (handover of cases between coastal and port states)	
	Case on MARPOL Annex IV violation	Denmark (Inger Corydon-Petersen) and Germany (TBC)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	

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Session 4: Publicity of investigations & convictions		
11:00 – 11:20	Norway approach. Regulation and case study	Norway (TBC)
11:20-11:40	German approach. Regulation and case study	Germany
11:40-12:00	Overview of regulations of press releases for maritime pollution offences (outcome of the NSN questionnaire)	Secretariat
12:00 – 12:30	Conclusion and recommendations Closure of the seminar	Ewald Brandt
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (offered by the host)	
13:30	End of seminar	

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