



The **Western Mediterranean Region Marine Oil & HNS Pollution Cooperation project-West MOPoCo**(2019-2020):

- supports **Algeria, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia** in collaboration with Monaco;
- strengthens their cooperation in the field of preparedness for and response to oil and Highly Noxious Substances (HNS) marine pollution and improves the quality and interoperability of their response capacities.

## A WORD FROM THE COORDINATOR



The Mediterranean Sea, being enclosed and densely covered by an intense maritime activity, is particularly vulnerable to marine pollutions. Communication and cooperative structures amongst Coastal States are already in place in the Western Mediterranean region to enable effective and timely response to pollution incidents. West MOPoCo is an ambitious project to gather the experiences and skills present in the region to go even further and increase our collective capacity to protect the marine environment and the coastal communities that depend on it, with the potential to be exemplary and benefit the entire Mediterranean.

*Rear-Admiral Patrick Augier, Deputy Secretary General for the Sea*

## INTERNAL KICK-OFF MEETING

13 March 2019 - SGMer, Paris, France



The project **West MOPoCo** was officially launched on 13 March 2019 in Paris, France, where representatives from 11 Beneficiaries were gathered for the first project coordination meeting at the **Secretariat general for the sea (SGMer, project Coordinator)**. With the financial support of the **European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (DG ECHO)**, West MOPoCo will bring together for two years experts and officers operating in the field of marine pollution preparedness and response from **IMO (REMPEC)**, **Cedre**, **ITOPF**, **ISPRA**, the **Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)** for the Baltic sea and the **Bonn Agreement** for the North Sea, collaborating with and providing technical support to the relevant administrations of Beneficiary countries, **Algeria** (Commissariat National du Littoral), **France**, **Italy**, **Malta** (Transport Malta), **Morocco** (Sectrariat d'Etat chargé du Développement Durable), **Spain** (Ministerio de Fomento) and **Tunisia** (National Environment Protection Agency).

All twelve Beneficiaries will collaborate towards a safer marine environment in the Western Mediterranean, aiming to extend the benefits from the project outcomes to the entire Mediterranean and other sea basins.



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