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Welcome to the latest EUROWA newsletter. The initial project, intended to create an oiled wildlife response Module of experts and equipment, has finished but the training packages developed continue to be utilised in various situations and the process of integrating that Module into EU Civil Protection mechanism is underway. This newsletter highlights uses of the EUROWA training package in various situations and reports on progress on the integration process.

## **EUROWA Courses used during oiled wildlife preparedness training in Arctic Russia**



*A team attempts to capture Roboduck during an Arctic Russia field exercise*

A pilot project to begin the integration of wildlife rescue into oil spill response in Arctic Russia included a two-day EUROWA Basic Responder Course, took place in Russia in August 2017. The course, originally developed under the POSOW project ([www.posow.org](http://www.posow.org)) and further refined during the EUROWA project, was attended by a mixed group of oil company managers, authorities regulators and NGO representatives. [Read more...](#)

## **Management training for authorities:**

### **A new addition to EUROWA training suite**



*Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) hosts first Oiled Wildlife Response Authority Managers course*

Sea Alarm has developed a one-day Oiled Wildlife Response Managers training course and included it in the EUROWA suite of courses. The course will be provided in mid-October in Helsinki to the attendees of the Baltic Responder Meeting organised by HELCOM (Helsinki Commission) Response's Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG-OWR). This new course will be made available to other countries and regions outside the Baltic Region upon request. [Read more...](#)

### **Oiled wildlife response exercise in the Wadden Sea**



*Dutch wildlife responders participate in Wadden Sea exercise*

Elements from the EUROWA Basic Responder Course were used during a large scale exercise organised in the Dutch Wadden Sea in early September 2017. Claude Velter of the Wildlife Response Centre Ostend led the wildlife component of this exercise, assisted by Monique de Vrijer of the Karel Schot Wildlife Centre in Rotterdam. [Read more....](#)

## **EUROWA capacity in the EU**



*Hands-on training is an important part of the EUROWA Module*

The European Commission has recently given its final technical and financial approval of the EUROWA project, marking the completion of an important first stage in developing international oiled wildlife response capability in Europe. Capacity to assist an affected country in response to oiled wildlife was created during the EUROWA project (2015-16) and consists of a team of oiled wildlife response experts and equipment that can be mobilised internationally in Europe via the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism. [Read more...](#)

## Further information

[www.oiledwildlife.eu/euowa](http://www.oiledwildlife.eu/euowa)



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