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ADRIATIC SENSITIVE AREAS PROTECTION - MECHANISM

POLex 2026

Marine Pollution Response Exercise in the North Adriatic

23rd - 24th September 2026,
Koper, Slovenia

AGENDA

The two-day event is being organized within the framework of the ***Interreg VI-B IPA Adriatic Ionian "IPA-ADRION00103- Adriatic Sensitive Areas Protection Mechanism – ASAP Project".***
It will consist of an Opening Ceremony, an International Marine Pollution Response Exercise, a Parallel Accompanying Programme for the observers and Closing Ceremony. The exercise will be conducted in the North Adriatic within the territorial waters of the Republic of Slovenia and will involve Slovenian Civil Protection units together with international support from European agencies (EMSA, EFCA, FRONTEX) and national response authorities from the Adriatic-Ionian region.

Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 at 20:00,
Venue: Grand Hotel Koper - GHK, Pristaniška ulica 3, Koper

A welcome reception for the registered participants, will be organized by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Slovenian Maritime Administration.

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Wednesday, 23rd September 2026 – Day 1

Venue: Pretorian Palace Koper – PPK, Titov trg 3, Koper /Slovenian Maritime Administration – SMA, Kopališko nabrežje 9, Koper/Port View Café – PVC, Belveder 8-1, Koper

Local time	***Agenda item***	***Attendees***
	Morning session	
9:30 – 10:00	*Registration of participants* - *Venue: PPK*	*Registered participants*
10:00 – 12:00	***OPENING CEREMONY*** ***Welcome Addresses:*** ○ *Aleš Bržan, Mayor of Municipality of Koper* ○ *Valdi Pucer, Representative of Municipality of Ankaran* ○ *Jadran Klinec, Director of the SMA* ○ *Srečko Šestan, Commander of the Civil Protection of the Republic of Slovenia* ○ *Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director of EMSA (video)* ○ *Susan Steele, Director of EFCA (video)* ○ *Ivana Pejović, Representative of Central European Initiative – Executive Secretariat* ***Presentation of the POLex 2026:*** ○ *Robert Škrokov, Head of the Coastal waters protection division, SMA* ○ *Rok Kamenšek, Head of Koper Branch office, Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief* ***Logistic information:*** ○ *Mojca Obid, ASAP project manager, SMA* *Organised press corner after the ceremony* - *Venue: PPK*	*Registered participants*
12:00-14:00	*Networking lunch and* ***Study visit of the SMA and the Port Koper passenger terminal*** - *Venue: PPK, SMA and PVC* **Business lunch with director of SMA (by invitation only)*	*Registered participants*
	Afternoon session	
14:00 – 17:00	***Standard Operational Procedures - SOPs testing and CECIS MP 2.0 activation*** - *Venue: SMA (operational level)* ***Parallel programme for the POLex 2026 observers*** ○ *ASAP project presentation, Anna Marconato, Central European Initiative*	*Registered participants*

	○ *Adriatic Oil Spill Risk Assessment and Resource Mapping, Vinko Bandelj, OGS* ○ *Risk Assessment for Maritime Accidents in Slovenian Waters, Peter Vidmar, UL FPP* ○ *Coastal Oil Spill Response: an Introduction to SCAT and Cleanup Procedures, Michela Mannozzi, ISPRA* - *Venue: PVC (observers)*	
18:30 – 21:00	***Social dinner and networking*** *Marezige view point, Marezige 24, 6273 Marezige* **Only for timely registered participants upon ticket presentation*	*Registered participants*
End of Day 1		

Thursday, 24th September 2026 – Day 2

Venue: Slovenian Maritime Administration – SMA, Kopališko nabrežje 9, Koper/
Port View Café – PVC, Belveder 8-1, Koper/The Bay of Koper

Local time	***Agenda item***	***Attendees***
	Morning session	
6:30 – 7:30	Registration of participants *Venue: SMA*	Registered participants – *operational level*
7:00 – 7:30	*Scenario (Venue: Port Koper passenger terminal) and Safety briefing (Venue: SMA)*	*Registered participants - operational level*
7:30 – 8:00	Registration of participants *Venue: PVC*	Registered participants – observers
7:15 – 15:30	***POLex 2026 execution phase*** - *Venue: SMA and POLex areas* **12:00 -13:00 Light lunch, SMA*	*Registered participants - operational level*
8:00 -15:30	***Activities for the POLex 2026 observers not involved in the execution phase*** ○ *Weather forecast, Slovenian Environment Agency (online)* ○ *Presentation of EMSA, EFCA and FRONTEX (video)* ○ *Presentation of REMPEC, Elisa Giangrasso (online)* ○ *Marine pollution incidents and wreck removal, Biserka Vištica, MSTI* _____ ○ *Oil spill and SAR Lagrangian Modeling Tools, Matjaž Ličer, Slovenian Environment Agency (online)* ○ *The MER Italian high-resolution modelling system: focus on the Adriatic Sea and the Gulf of Trieste, Stefano Querin, OGS*	*Registered participants – observers*

	○ *Adr.IA: See the spill before it happens, Exact Lab / PLUS* ***Activities in parallel: Live stream exercise monitoring, Study Visit-Shoreline CleanUp demonstration, Study Visit - Gulf of Trieste from a bird's-eye view*** *Venue: PVC, Gulf of Trieste* *12:30 -13:30 Light lunch, PVC*	
Afternoon session		
15:30 – 16:30	***POLex 2026 Exercise Analysis*** *Q&A Summary* - *Venue: SMA*	*Registered participants - operational level*
15:30-16:30	***Study visit – SMA's marine pollution response vessels***	*Registered participants – observers*
17:00 – 18:30	***CLOSING CEREMONY*** - *Venue: GHK*	*Registered participants*
End of Day 2		

** The programme is subject to change due to weather conditions or force majeure.*

** The role of individual participants may be adjusted based on the organizers' current assessment.*

** Observers please wear appropriate comfortable clothing and footwear for all study visits.*

Please note that the Shoreline Cleanup study visit includes approximately 200 m of walking on a steep incline in both directions, as the site is not directly accessible by vehicle.