

Success Stories from the Atlantic



ARCOPOL Platform



The ecological value of the Atlantic Area coastline is often put at risk by spills of hydrocarbons, toxic and hazardous substances. The main objective of the ARCOPOL Platform is to improve the preparedness, response and mitigation capabilities of local and regional responders to accidental coastal pollution; specifically against oil, Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) and inert spills (containers, timber, etc.).

By providing intervention protocols and support decision tools, an 'ARCOPOL web viewer' displaying information such as static data from coastline, model results (winds, currents and spills) as well as guidelines for compensation claims for environmental and socio-economic damages, ARCOPOL helps local governments before, during and after such events. The ARCOPOL Platform therefore contributes to the improvement of maritime safety, sustainable management and protection of the resources of marine spaces, natural areas and coastal zones in the Atlantic Area.

Outcomes of the project

ARCOPOL Platform has produced several tools to assist shoreline response to HNS pollution from shipping, including:

- operational guides and manuals;
- datasheets for 10 top priority substances;
- a manual for waste management;
- the HNS prioritisation software, providing users with a tool to produce risk based prioritisation of HNS transported within their region/port.

Interact with the project

Website



Social media

