

## **OpenRisk II Mid-Term Conference on Maritime Risk Management and Piloting in the Baltic Sea Region**

Day 1, 26-27.3.2025 Tallinn, Estonia

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## **Introduction to the event**

#### Anneliis Kõivupuu, University of Tartu Jakub Montewka, Gdansk University of Technology

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## Agenda Keynote speakers

12:00 – 12:30 Registrations and coffee table with snacks

12:30 – 12:45 Introductions / Context of the event

- Anneliis Kõivupuu, University of Tartu
- o Jakub Montewka, Gdansk University of Technology

12:45 – 13:45 International and EU approaches and needs for new risk management tools

- Omar Frits Eriksson, Deputy Secretary-General, IALA
- Víctor Díaz Seco, Senior officer, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

**13:45 – 14:15** National and regional approaches in managing hybrid threat in current situation on the Baltic Sea

o Jaak Viilipus, Head of the Maritime Affairs Department, Ministry of Climate (Estonia)

14:15 – 14:45 "Chairmans summary" of the keynotes

o Sakari Kuikka, University of Helsinki

14:45 – 15:30 Coffee Break

## Agenda OpenRisk II project presentations

- 15:30 15:45 Overview of OpenRisk II project and key points from the Kick-off Conference
  - o Mirka Laurila-Pant, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom
- 15:45–16:45 Presentation of the OpenRisk II tools

AISyRisk Baltic & Ice module

- o Jon-Arve Røyset, Norwegian Coastal Administration
- o Osiris Valdez Banda, Aalto University
- o Jakub Montewka, Gdansk University of Technology

Environmental sensitivity decision support tool

o Jonne Kotta, University of Tartu

R-Mare & Risk quality method for tendering process

- Valtteri Laine, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom
- o Hermanni Backer Johnsen, Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics Secretariat
- 16:45 17:00 General discussion about OpenRisk II tools
- **17:00 17:05** Wrap-up of the day
  - Anneliis Kõivupuu, University of Tartu
- 17:05 18:30 Free time

18:30 – ca. 20:30 Dinner at F-Hoone (Telliskivi street 60a, 10412 Tallinn; covered by the project)





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## **Keynote Speakers**

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## **Chairman's summary**

#### Sakari Kuikka, University of Helsinki

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## **Overview of OpenRisk II project and key points from the Kick-off Conference**

#### Mirka Laurila-Pant, Traficom

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## **OpenRisk II**

Better Maritime Risk Management for the Baltic Sea Region



Interreg **Baltic Sea Region** 



Co-funded by the European Union

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Duration: November 2023 - October 2026

Total budget: 2 M EUR

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#### **Project consortium**





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## **Background & OpenRisk II Project Overview**

The Baltic Sea's maritime risk environment is dynamic and uncertain, necessitating innovative joint risk assessment initiatives for safety and spill response.

**OpenRisk II** delivers user-focused risk assessment and risk management tools aimed at preventing maritime accidents, minimizing their impact, and improving risk management.

These tools are designed for national maritime authorities, intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders.







## **AISyRISK Baltic together with module on ice**

- **AISyRISK Baltic** presents the risk picture in the Baltic Sea through interactive maps and graphs accessible online.
- A new **risk assessment module on ice navigation** will be developed, with potential applications extending beyond the Baltic Sea Region.
- The tool is primarily designed for long-term planning and risk mitigation purposes.





## **EcoSensitivity tool**

- **EcoSensitivity** is a web-based decision support system designed to evaluate the consequences of oil spills on the marine environment.
- It covers all stages, from defining accident specifics to modelling oil distribution and ecological impacts.
- It predicts oil spill dynamics, assesses environmental risks, and provides actionable guidance to enhance decision-making and response efficiency.



#### Article

#### Towards Resilient Marine Ecosystems: EcoSensitivity as an Operational Model for Strategic Oil Spill Management

MDPI

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## **R-Mare Matrix & a risk quality method for tendering process**

- **R-Mare matrix** is an online tool that enables maritime administrations to assess their current risk management performance and identify areas for improvement, guiding them towards higher maturity levels.
- A risk quality method for the tendering process ensuring that maritime risk studies meet high standards, delivering reliable and actionable results.

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## Work plan overview and the progress

challenges.

Work Package 1: Preparing Solutions

Work Package 2: Piloting and Evaluating Solutions

 Focuses on piloting, evaluating, and refining the solutions to ensure they meet the desired objectives.

• The goal is to develop and prepare

solutions to address the identified

Work Package 3: Transferring Solutions

• The finalized solutions will be communicated and transferred to the target groups for implementation

# Experiences from the OpenRisk II Kick-off Conference in March 2024

Work Package 1: Preparing Solutions

Work Package 2: Piloting and Evaluating Solutions

Work Package 3: Transferring Solutions The conference gathered national and international end-user needs for the risk assessment and management tools under development, shaping the OpenRisk II project plans for real-world applicability.

End-user workshops provided detailed feedback on the three main project products, including tool-specific needs, requests, and user experiences, guiding the refinement and development of the tools in the next phase.

## The aim of the OpenRisk II Mid-Term Conference

Work Package 1: Preparing Solutions

Work Package 2: Piloting and Evaluating Solutions

Work Package 3: Transferring Solutions

#### **Current Status: Technology Testing and Validation**

Engaging national and international end-users to gather valuable feedback, refine, and validate the initial versions of risk assessment and management tools.





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## AlSyRisk Baltic & Ice module

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#### **AISyRisk a strategic risk tool**

- The AISyRisk including the new ice module is a strategic planning tool for use in:
  - Maritime administration, government, research and development
    - Maritime spatial planning
    - Oil spill contingency and response planning
    - Traffic regulation
    - Evaluating the need for new measures on macro level (high level).
    - Other tools like for example IWRAP is normally used to analyse on a smaller scale.

AISyRisk, including the new Ice module, is not a tool for operational voyager planning.

Strategy	Tactics
Planning	Doing
Large Scale	Smaller Scale
Why	How
Difficult to Copy	Easy to Copy
Long Time Frame	Short Time Frame

#### **Background and objective**

#### What is AISyRISK?

 AISyRISK is a method for automated estimation of risk. It is also a system for presenting the estimated risk in a dynamic and understandable way.

#### Why do we do it?

- Objective: The aim of the risk model is to assist the different users in their risk management activities related to maritime traffic.
  - Create an accurate and transparent system for monitoring trends related to frequency of accidents, including identifying high risk areas
  - Enable the users to regularly deliver information about risk level trends etc. for use in transport planning and risk planning processes, including risk planning processes on local and regional level



#### **Risk assessment with traditional manual processing and models**





#### **AISyRISK input data at present**



#### **Existing framework developed for Norwegian Coastal Administration 3 integrated modules**



## Ice module development

Scale: Locke

## **AISyRISK**

Collision (crossing) Collision (head on) Collison (overtaking) Drift grounding Power grounding (close to shore) Power grounding (critical turn) Fire/explosion Foundering

## **AISyRISK Ice module**

Collision (crossing) Collision (head on) Collison (overtaking) Drift grounding Power grounding (close to shore) Power grounding (critical turn) Fire/explosion Foundering Collision under assistance Ice damage **Besetting in ice** 



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#### What shall we calculate?

Accident Types in Ice
Collision - Over taking Collision - Crossing) Collision - Head on
Drift Grounding
Powered Grounding (close to shore)
Powered Grounding (missed turn)
Foundering due to ice
Fire / explosion
Besetting in ice
Ice damage
Collision under assistance
= Existing accident type
= New accident type

The frequency / probability of an accident occurring is dependant on the operation mode of the ship and the ice conditions the ship operates in.

I.e. the frequency needs to change if certain operations modes or conditions are detected.

#### Consequences

Expected Fuel Spill Volume

Expected Cargo Spill Volume

Expected Fatalities

Cost? No

Time lost? No

#### **Operation modes (TRUE/FALSE)**

- 1. Operating in ice
- 2. Independent operation in ice
- 3. Vessel following icebreaker
- 4. Vessel under tow
- 5. Vessel getting cut loose by icebreaker
- 6. Vessel sailing in convoy
- 7. Vessel sailing in an ice lead
- 8. Pressure ridges in ice regime
- 9. Glacier ice in ice regime

10. Vessel operating with positive Risk index

11. Vessel operating in remote areas

12. Operating in "light"/"harsh" ice conditions Something representing the risk if ice navigation better then POLARIS. Representing the speed of the vessel through ice might be an option? Ice accidents database



Ice accident risk indicator



#### We are always one step ahead of the curve

Analysing risk associated with ship traffic

With our many years of experience in the marine industry and our expert staff, we have developed AISyRISK to do advanced analysis of risks associated with ship traffic.

AISyRISK is a method for automated calculation of risk in Norwegian waters, and presents the risk in graphs that you can interact with.

**Open AISyRISK** 

#### 20+

Types of vessels

X

Natutical miles calculated

120 m

6

Risk type calculations



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# Environmental sensitivity decision support tool

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Human induced pressures become more intense and diverse and result in the loss of habitats





## Baltic Sea is a transboundary ecosystem with large watershed area

Lithuania

HEAT Integrated

Classification

Status

BAD POOR

MODERATE

GOOD

HIGH



Complex system: human activities and related pressures in the Baltic Sea

J- HELCOM	HUMAN ACTIVITIES		PRESSURES	
	Land claim	N 1	Input of nutrients	
PHYSICAL RESTRUCTURING	Coastal defence, flood protection		Input of organic matter	
	Offshore structures Restructuring of seabed morphology		Input of hazardous substances	SUBSTANCES
EXTRACTION OF NON-LIVING RESOURCES	Extraction of minerals Extraction of oil and gas		Input of litter	
	Renewable energy generation and infrastructure Non-renewable energy production		Input of sound	
OF ENERGY	Transmission of electricity and communications Fish and shellfish harvesting		Input of other forms of energy	ENERGY
EXTRACTION OF LIVING RESOURCES	Fish and shellfish processing Marine plant harvesting		Input or spread of non-indigenous species	
CULTIVATION OF LIVING RESOURCES	Hunting and collecting for other purposes Aquacuture - marine		Input of genetically modified species, translocation of native species	
	Agriculture Forestry		Input of microbial pathogens	BIOLOGICAL
TRANSPORT	Transport infrastructure Transport – shipping		Disturbance of species	
URBAN 6 INDUSTRIAL	Transport – land Urban uses		Extraction of species or mortality/injury to species	
	Industrial uses Waste treatment and disposal		Physical disturbance to seabed	1
TOURISM &	Tourism and leisure infrastructure Tourism and leisure activities		Physical loss of seabed	PHYSICAL
SECURITY & DEFENCE	Military operations	4		
EDUCATION & RESEARCH	Research, survey and educational activities	K	Changes to hydrological conditions	

# Assessing cumulative impacts → informing management → data and knowledge driven environmental decisions

**Cumulative impacts**: Impacts on the environment that result from pressures of several human activities acting together, as caused by past, present or any possible foreseeable future actions



### **ANALYSIS AND COMMUNICATION CHALLENGE**

Need for **data and analysis** demanding assessment schemes

There are **disconnections of** flow from **science** (too specific) to **policy** (too large scale).













The Baltic Sea Action Plan A new environmental strategy for the Baltic Sea region



Helsinki Commission Battic Marine Environment Protection Commission

## **PW4B: Simple-to-use web tool**

The PlanWise4Blue tool quantifies cumulative human impacts on key ecosystem elements at 1 km2 spatial scale.



## Key building blocks of the tool

- Updated maps of nature assets
- Any scenario involving a combination of human activities
- Innovative algorithm predicting environmental impacts


## Knowledge inventory: solid data and expert assessment



The tool **integrates current empirical evidence through meta-analysis to quantify the effects** of human pressures on nature assets.

### **Innovative algorithm: GIS perspective**





## Map layers: human pressures

#### Develop your own scenario



## Map layers: abiotic environment

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#### PW4B - Estonia 🔹 PW4B - Baltic Sea

#### 🔍 Home 🛛 💄 msp 🗸



### Map layers: nature assets

#### PW4B - Estonia PW4B - Baltic Sea



## Workspace view (defining workspace)

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Input Layers	6	Scenario 4	
Workspaces		Overview the Human pressures Include assets Include	
Scenario 4	+		
Workspace	Timestamp	How to prepare and run model	
Scenario 1	20.04.2021 12:40:50	One can prepare and run several human impact scenarios. Scenario consists of lists of human pressures and nature assets. To prepare a new scenario user can create a new workspace on the left s	ide pane. With selected workspace user can start preparing
Scenario 2	25.05.2021 08:07:47	the lists of human pressures and nature assets on the corresponding tab page.	
Scenario 3	25.05.2021 11:05:19	Please select existing workspace from the left side pane or create a new one.	
Scenario 4	26.09.2021 16:41:51		
Current workspace's layers		Workspace name Timestamp	
		Description	
		Model inputs for current scenario	
		Human pressures  Nature assets  Human impact calculation	

## Workspace view (results)



## Addressing the Complexity of Oil Spill Impacts

- > Oil Spills Are Highly Specific Events:
  - > Vary by location, oil type, spill volume, and environmental conditions.
  - Require real-time response to minimize immediate damage.
  - ➢ Have long-term cumulative effects on marine ecosystems.
- > Need for Integrated Response & Impact Assessment:
  - > Existing models often lack real-time specificity and cumulative impact analysis.
  - > Decision-makers need fast, data-driven tools for effective spill management.
- EcoSensitivity A New Web Tool:
  - > Combines oil spill dynamics with cumulative impact assessments.
  - > Integrates real-time spill data, drift modeling, and ecosystem vulnerability.
  - > Helps authorities prioritize response actions and long-term restoration.

#### Seatrack Web



#### ADSAM module



#### PlanWise4Blue: human pressures (oil spill)

#### **Selection of nature assets**





# PW4B: Calculating impacts(Environmental Sensitivity Index)





#### Seatrack Web calculation parameters $\times$ Select current scene Substance Calculation type ~ new scene... Oil classes $\sim$ Substance State of oil Time and position Medium oils (100-1 ¥ Fresh ~ Forward O Backward Discharge Date and time range Q 2024-10-16 11:05:56 - 202 Instantaneous Continuous Outlet depth (m) Amount / Rate 0 100 m3 ٧ Duration 24 hours ¥ **Calculation options** Simulation process status Add uncertainty which depends on uncertainty Creating workarea: in the weather forecast, hindcast Adding to a run queue: Calculation mode ○ Fast Starting up model: Normal Process steps: Final status: O Detailed Saving to GIS Server Buffer size (saving settings) 0.0005 Error: WORKAREA Save to GIS Server Run the model





## **Future actions**

Advancing knowledge on new fuel types (Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel Oil, ULSFO) and their environmental behavior.

- Developing predictive models for fuel dispersal and impact assessment.
- Other elements critical to response actions should be incorporated.
  Engaging stakeholders to identify specific requirements (tomorrow's workshop).



# **R-Mare & Risk quality method for** tendering process

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# **Risk maturity models**

- Risk maturity models are conceptual models that an organization can use to evaluate and improve its ability to manage risks.
- The models have proven to be useful to evaluate organization's current level of maturity, identify realistic targets for improvement, and produce action plans for developing or enhancing its risk capacity.



# **Description of model elements**

Attributes	Maturity levels					
	L-1. Inadequate	L-2. Reactive	L-3. Compliant	L-4. Proactive	L-5. Optimal	
1. Ethics and integrity	L1/A1	L2/A1	L3/A1	L4/A1	L5/A1	
2. Leadership and commitment	L1/A2	L2/A2	L3/A2	L4/A2	L5/A2	
3. Design	L1/A3	L2/A3	L3/A3	L4/A3	L5/A3	
4. Integration	L1/A4	L2/A4	L3/A4	L4/A4	L5/A4	
5. Resources	L1/A5	L2/A5	L3/A5	L4/A5	L5/A5	
6. Communication and consultation	L1/A6	L2/A6	L3/A6	L4/A6	L5/A6	
7. Continuous improvement	L1/A7	L2/A7	L3/A7	L4/A7	L5/A7	
8. Risk terminology	L1/A8	L2/A8	L3/A8	L4/A8	L5/A8	
9. Definition of context	L1/A9	L2/A9	L3/A9	L4/A9	L5/A9	
10. Data and information	L1/A10	L2/A10	L3/A10	L4/A10	L5/A10	
11. Tools and techniques	L1/A11	L2/A11	L3/A11	L4/A11	L5/A11	
12. Hazard identification	L1/A12	L2/A12	L3/A12	L4/A12	L5/A12	
13. Risk analysis and evaluation	L1/A13	L2/A13	L3/A13	L4/A13	L5/A13	
14. Risk control measures	L1/A14	L2/A14	L3/A14	L4/A14	L5/A14	
15. Cost-benefit assessment	L1/A15	L2/A15	L3/A15	L4/A15	L5/A15	
16. Recommendations	L1/A16	L2/A16	L3/A16	L4/A16	L5/A16	
17. Decision-making	L1/A17	L2/A17	L3/A17	L4/A17	L5/A17	
Score	1	2	3	4	5	

## A-2. Leadership and commitment

- Top management should ensure that risk management is integrated into all activities of the maritime administration, while considering also the ethical, national, and economic aspects of shipping
- They should allocate adequate resources for this purpose and establish robust communication channels with internal stakeholders (e.g., ministry and sister organizations) and external stakeholders (e.g., private sector and intergovernmental bodies)
- They should focus on creating safe working conditions and an environment of trust for the administration and its stakeholders
- They should demonstrate willingness and commitment to continuously improve the risk management performance of the administration in both the short and long term

## Level-3: Compliant

### The risk management of the maritime administration is *compliant*.

There is a basic risk management framework in place, and risk assessments are conducted in accordance with the legislative requirements, using the IMO FSA guidelines or corresponding procedures. There is still room for improvements in the quality of risk-related information, processes for continuous improvement, and risk and crisis communication. The Flag State is on the White list or a corresponding rank in the international Port State Control system. The general performance of the administration is compliant with all legal requirements.

### Leadership and commitment - inadequate

Top management is not showing interest in risk management and has only a limited knowledge of this area.

They are not trusted among the staff and stakeholders, and set a bad example for everyone.

### **Leadership and commitment - reactive**

Top management is showing interest in risk management after an undesirable event such as a maritime accident leading to acute environmental damage.

They react to the identified problems rather than trying to prevent them.

### Leadership and commitment - compliant

Top management aims to ensure that the risk management considers and meets all legal requirements.

They supervise that all mandatory tasks are conducted and aim to provide necessary resources for this purpose.

### **Leadership and commitment - proactive**

Top management aims to ensure that the risk management is integrated across the administration and considers its internal changes.

They supervise that standard procedures are in place for e.g. continuous improvement and risk acceptability.

### Leadership and commitment - optimal

Top management aims to ensure that in the risk management, the ethical and financial aspects are balanced in optimal way.

They motivate staff through visible endorsement, create an environment of trust and set a good example for everyone.

# Use of model

Attributes	Maturity levels					
	L-1. Inadequate	L-2. Reactive	L-3. Compliant	L-4. Proactive	L-5. Optimal	
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13. Risk analysis and evaluation	L1/A13	L2/A13	L3/A13	L4/A13	L5/A13	
14. Risk control measures	L1/A14	L2/A14	L3/A14	L4/A14	L5/A14	
15. Cost-benefit assessment	L1/A15	L2/A15	L3/A15	L4/A15	L5/A15	
16. Recommendations	L1/A16	L2/A16	L3/A16	L4/A16	L5/A16	
17. Decision-making	L1/A17	L2/A17	L3/A17	L4/A17	L5/A17	
Score	1	2	3	4	5	

# **Reliability of the model**

#### **Internal consistency reliability test results Inter-rater reliability test results** ICC (3, k) Round $\alpha$ value $\Omega$ value Interpretation Round Interpretation 0.93 0.92 Almost perfect 1 0.73 Moderate 0.85 - 0.97 0.87 - 0.98 95% CI 95% CI 0.51 - 0.89 Almost perfect 2 0.96 0.96 2 0.75 Moderate/Good 95% CI 0.92 - 0.98 0.93 - 0.96 95% CI 0.53 - 0.89

# **R-Mare matrix application**





## Dr Backer, can you help us?



# What is Quality of Maritime Risk Assessments?

- "Quality" is typically highlighted as important –e.g. when commissioning or using risk assessments
- But what is quality in a maritime risk assessment (RA) context?
- Explicit definitions/conceptions of RA quality are needed if it is used as a criterion for selecting a service provider -or assessing the validity of a completed study in the framework of Goal Based Standards (GBS).



# Public procurement (of risk studies)

- Procurement = structured purchasing of goods or services (such as the delivery of risk analyses) from suppliers
- a core activity of both public and private organizations
- public procurement need to follow specific rules to ensure good use of public funds upholding principles of quality, transparency, fairness, and cost-effectiveness



# **Quality in Procurement Processes**

- Quality is typically highlighted as a key award criterion in procurement processes of risk analyses.
- as there are little definitions, quality aspects might be down prioritized in procurement processes, or attributed quality may be based on the general reputation, brand, or perceived expertise of the provider
- a missed opportunity to ensure best value for money and raise the standard of commissioned risk studies?



# SRA - Risk Analysis Quality Test (RAQT)

- Society for Risk Analysis RAQT report (Lathrop et al. 2024)
- a battery of 76 questions/tests, divided to 15 categories, to comprehensively evaluate/define the quality of risk analyses supporting risk management decisions.
- A comprehensive, general framework.
- Could it be made more operational and "maritime"?

# "Q-MARE"?

## **Draft Criteria for quality of RAs**

- two sets of quality criteria procurement processes of maritime risk studies derived from SRA's RAQT as an exploratory study:
  - one for the purpose of drafting calls for risk analysis proposals
  - another for evaluating them.
- created by mapping a selection of RAQT tests to the steps of the IMO Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) framework (IMO 2018) and ISO 31000
- first version of the criteria available in January 2025 (submitted to ESREL Stavanger July 2025)
- we aim to create a group of interested institutions/persons to develop the draft lists further during Autumn 2025-Spring 2026



## **General discussion about OpenRisk II tools**

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## Wrap-up of the day

#### Anneliis Kõivupuu, University of Tartu

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#### 17:05 – 18:30 Free time 18:30 – ca. 20:30 Dinner at F-Hoone (<u>Telliskivi street 60a, 10412 Tallinn</u>; covered by the project)


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# Setting the scene for Day 2 and key points from Day 1

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#### Key Takeaways from Day 1

- Keynote presentations and discussions focused on comprehensive risk analysis and accident prevention at global, EU, regional, and national levels.
- Development of new and existing tools to address various use cases and new challenges.
- Adapting to emerging threats and new challenges:
  - Concerns were raised about the capacity to respond to low-sulfur oils, as response technologies are not yet available and current response methods may not be suitable.
  - There is a need to refine existing simulation models to account for these new fuels, as well as their effects and behaviour.
  - Vessel gathering areas in the Gulf of Finland and the broader issue of the shadow fleet in the Baltic Sea pose significant risks.
- Fostering collaborative approaches to tackle evolving risk environments.

#### Key Takeaways from Day 1

- Collaboration is essential, including sharing expertise and best practices. However, data availability and data sharing were highlighted as ongoing challenges that may require further discussion.
- A clear need was identified for joint risk assessment and risk management tools, as not all countries have a standardized methodology for risk analysis.
- The OpenRisk II project presentations showcased a strategic risk management toolbox, covering ice conditions, oil spill impact modelling, and risk analysis evaluation. The tools were met with interest, though some questions remain unanswered.



#### Aim of the Mid-Term Conference

The conference engages stakeholders and target groups to gather valuable feedback, refine, and validate risk assessment and management tools.

**Piloting workshops** will serve as a key platform for testing and validating the tools.

#### Tools for shared & dynamic maritime risk picture of the Baltic Sea



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maritime risk studies in the tendering process.

#### **Current Phase: Piloting and Evaluating Solutions**

#### **Technology Testing and Validation**

- The first versions of the tools are now ready for testing and validation.
- Piloting workshops offer a crucial opportunity to test the tools and collect feedback, ensuring they are user-friendly, practical, and optimized for real-world application.
- Feedback—both general and user-specific—will help shape and enhance the development of the tools.

#### **Next Phase: Transferring solutions**

#### **Tools Complete and Qualified**

- Next, feedback gathered from piloting workshops and additional testing will be used to refine and finalize the tools.
- The finalized solutions will then be communicated and transferred to the target groups and end-users.
- During the final conference in June 2026 and other stakeholder events, the tools will be demonstrated in real-world settings, highlighting their practical applications.

The goal is to support joint risk assessments for the region, ultimately enhancing safety and spill response.



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### **Sessions and Workshops Plans**

	First session				Second session			Legend
	Galaxy 2	Galaxy 1	Romantika		Galaxy 2	Galaxy 1	Romantika	Organisers
Nr.	WS1	WS2	WS3		WS1	WS2	WS3	Organiser who has signed up 2 workshops
1	Filip Zarzycki	Annaleena Vaher	Mirka Laurila-Pant		Filip Zarzycki	Annaleena Vaher	Mirka Laurila-Pant	All 3 workshops signed up
2	Jon Arve Røyset	Anneliis Kõivupuu	Valtteri Laine		Jon Arve Røyset	Anneliis Kõivupuu	Valtteri Laine	Second option of WS not indicated during registration
3	Liangliang Lu	Jaana Haavisto	Vesa Arki		Liangliang Lu	Jaana Haavisto	Vesa Arki	
4	Osiris A. Valdez Banda	Jonne Kotta	Hermanni Backer John	sen	Osiris A. Valdez Banda	Mihhail Fetissov	Delia Reimann	
5	Andris Unbedahts	Mihhail Fetissov	Imants Aleksandrovs		Hermanni Backer Johnsen	Robert Aps	Joosep Pärn	
6	Annukka Lehikoinen	Robert Aps	Jakub Montewka		Imants Aleksandrovs	Mariliis Nurkse	Kadri Aller	
7	Ayrton Hüüs	Sakari Kuikka	Kamila Zalesiak		Jakub Montewka	Andris Unbedahts	Sakari Kuikka	
8	Katarina Karpina	Mariliis Nurkse	Aleksandrs Pavlovics		Kamila Zalesiak	Annukka Lehikoinen	Haavar Mjoes Nilsson	
9	Marcin Życzkowski	Delia Reimann	<b>Rinalds Zvejnieks</b>		Aleksandrs Pavlovics	Ayrton Hüüs	Axel Hörteborn	
10	Merisade Kuusela	Joosep Pärn	Seppo Mäkinen		Rinalds Zvejnieks	Katarina Karpina	Kristine Carjova	
11	Motahareh Hosseini	Kadri Aller	Teemu Niemelä		Seppo Mäkinen	MarcinŻyczkowski	Mattias Veermets	
12	Ülo Suursaar	Allar Leppind	Deniece Aiken		Teemu Niemelä	Merisade Kuusela	Victor Diaz Seco	
13	Valdis Priednieks	Toomas Kasemaa	Jörg Kuchta		Omar Eriksson	Motahareh Hosseini		
14	Axel Hörteborn	Inga Zaitseva-Pärna	Kristin Kerem		Inga Zaitseva-Pärnaste	Ülo Suursaar		
15	Haavar Mjoes Nilsson	Katarina Viik	Pärtel Keskküla		Katarina Viik	Valdis Priednieks		
16	Jaak Viilipus	Hanna Kujala	Teemo Toomsalu		Hanna Kujala			
17	Rene Rajasalu	Annukka Lehikoinen	n Reet Laos		Teemo Toomsalu			
18	Milla Harju	Kristine Carjova			Reet Laos			
19	Lauri Kuuliala	Mattias Veermets						
20	Janne Valkonen	Victor Diaz Seco		Not attending second da	Y	Second option of WS not indicated d	uring registration	
21	Heli Haapasaari			Are Piel		Deniece Aiken		
22				Allar Leppind		Jörg Kuchta		
23				Eliise Uueni		Kristin Kerem		
				Yki Laine		Pärtel Keskküla		
				Andres Valgerist		Toomas Kasemaa		
				Lembe Reiman		Jaak Viilipus		
				Pentti Kujala		Rene Rajasalu		
						Milla Harju		
						Lauri Kuuliala		
						Janne Valkonen		
		Piloting Workshop 1: A Baltic adaptation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of the AISyRISK tool, providing a shared and updated risk picture of maritime traffic in the region, along with the creation of a new risk assessment module for ice navigation of the AISyRISK tool, picture of the along traffic in the region of the AISYRISK tool, picture of the along traffic in the region of the along traffic in the region of the along traffic in the along t						
		Piloting Workshop 2: A regional service assessing the vulnerability of the Baltic marine ecosystem to maritime spills.						
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