Workshop on the Recovery of Heavy Oil:

European Means of Response and Health Risks for Operational Staff
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Applicant and Partner

• THW:  - governmental organisation (GO) under auspices of German Federal Ministry of the Interior
  - non-profit organisation
  - Federation’s civil protection unit
  - public authority with approx. 98 % volunteers
  - only volunteers-based governmental organisation for international relief missions

• CCME:  - special department of the federal government and the coastal states
  - bundling responsibilities for planning, exercising and carrying out measures related to a central management of maritime emergencies
  - responsible for oil spill response, emergency towing, fire fighting, medical care at sea
Objectives

- Hosting and organising a workshop on the Recovery of Heavy Oil

- Optimisation of cross border cooperation of operational forces during the oil spills with special emphasis on minimisation of health hazard for the operational forces

- Three main areas are of utmost concern in this workshop
  - exchanging experiences from different member states in regard to methods of recovery of heavy oil
  - type of equipment that is used in connection with the various types of heavy oil and also the strategies that are being followed
  - analysing how the different types of heavy oil threaten the personal safety and security of those people working there
Schedule:

• Location: Cuxhaven
• Duration: three days
• Participants: Operational oil damage control forces in executive functions
• Organized by: Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME) and German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)
• Topics: Fundamentals of oil recovery
          Equipment and use of equipment
          Best practice, occupational safety
Expected Results

- Recommendations on occupational safety and health for response units dealing with recovery of heavy oil
- Recommendations on best practices in regard to the technical means and methods of the recovery of heavy oil
- Exchange of experience and know-how between various European organisations dealing with the recovery of heavy oil
Project planning and structure

• Kick-off meeting in Brussels  
  
• Venue booking; speakers booking

• Preparation of background materials and handouts

• Preparation of a visit to the Recovery Vessel “Neuwerk” in Cuxhaven

• Invitation of respective participants

• Workshop documentation to be send out to lectures and participants

• Workshop

• Final report and dissemination of the results
Administrative set-up and project management

- The following staff members will work on the project

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