
**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

Sixteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional
Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the
Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

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Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda and draft timetable

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Note by the Secretariat

This document provides brief information on the actions to be taken by the Meeting as well as a draft timetable for the Meeting. This timetable prepared by the Secretariat is of a tentative nature and may be modified by the Meeting, as appropriate.

Introduction

1 The Sixteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), hereinafter referred to as the Meeting, is being convened in Sliema, Malta from 13 to 15 May 2025, pursuant to the Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget for 2024-2025 of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), also referred to as UNEP/MAP, adopted by the Twenty-third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean ("the Barcelona Convention") and its Protocols (COP 23) (Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023).

2 The principal objectives of the Meeting are:

- .1 to examine the implementation of the activities and deliverables by REMPEC pursuant to the approved UNEP/MAP PoWs and Budgets for the biennia 2022-2023 and 2024-2025, since the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (Malta, 13-15 June 2023); and
- .2 to discuss and agree upon the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC, prior to their submission, for approval by the next meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points (Athens, Greece, 16-19 September 2025), and for adoption by the Twenty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 24) (Egypt, 2-5 December 2025).

3 All REMPEC Governmental Focal Points were invited to nominate, jointly and in consultation with their respective REMPEC Prevention Focal Points and REMPEC OPRC Focal Points, their representatives at the Meeting. The participation of observers representing the oil, chemical, port and shipping industries in national delegations was strongly encouraged. The invitation to attend the Meeting was also extended to the specialised agencies of the United Nations, other governmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as to the international professional organisations and associations, the activities of which are relevant to the work of the Centre.

4 In order to assist the Meeting in its work, the following annotations to the provisional agenda provide information on the actions the Meeting will be invited to take under each agenda item.

Opening of the Meeting

5 The Meeting will open on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 0900 hours and is expected to close on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 1700 hours.

Organisation of the Meeting

Rules of Procedure

6 The Rules of procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the deliberations of this Meeting.

Election of Officers

7 **The Meeting will be invited** to elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Rapporteur.

Working Languages

8 The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation services will be provided during the Meeting. All working documents will be available in both official languages of the Centre, i.e. in English and in French. Information documents will be available in their original language.

Related Documents

9 For reasons of economy, documents referred to during the Meeting which have already been issued for any other REMPEC meeting will **not** be reissued. Delegations are requested to bring their own copies of such documents.

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

10 The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.61/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will also be invited to agree on a timetable to carry out its work. A draft timetable, which is of a tentative nature and may be modified by the Meeting, as appropriate, is proposed in the **Annex** to the present document.

Agenda Item 2: Progress Report on REMPEC activities since the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC

11 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/2 setting out an outline of the activities carried out by the Centre since the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (Malta, 13-15 June 2023).

12 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided and comment, as deemed appropriate.

Agenda Item 3: Developments within MAP related to the objectives and functions of REMPEC

13 Under this agenda item, the representative of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat will present information on the developments within UNEP/MAP since the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC. Reference will be made to the main decisions adopted at COP 23 (Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), which are of relevance to the work of the Centre. The Meeting will also be provided with a summary of the recent meetings of bodies of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system, the main international and regional meetings and processes of UNEP/MAP relevance, as well as the progress in relation to projects and activities during the current reporting period. Information will be shared on the preparations for COP 24 (Egypt, 2-5 December 2025), as well as the process in enhancing cooperation and partnership with relevant stakeholders.

14 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

Agenda Item 4: Developments within IMO related to the objectives and functions of REMPEC

15 The representative of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/4, which provides a summary of the latest developments within the IMO in the fields of prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships. In particular, will address the recent activities of the IMO related to the protection of the marine environment with special reference to the activities of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) and the IMO's

Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR). Reference will also be made to Document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.21, highlighting the recent activities and projects currently implemented by IMO and through IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) concerning the protection of the marine environment.

16 The representative of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) will present document REMPEC/WG.61/4/1 providing information on the latest developments in the field of compensation for ship-source pollution damage and the work of the IOPC Funds since the last Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC. He will highlight to the Mediterranean coastal States, the implications of those recent developments and of the decisions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies as well as resulting output of the Organisation during that period. He will also address cooperation arrangements, relevant insurance and HNS issues, and will introduce the online claims submission system, promotional material as well as new publications.

17 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment as deemed appropriate.

Agenda Item 5: Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031)

18 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/5, which outlines the progress made with the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) and presents the outcome of the Second Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), hereinafter referred to as the Second Coordination Meeting, held in Malta on 21 November 2024. In its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to the Report of the Second Coordination Meeting (Malta, 21 November 2024), as set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.20.

19 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided and consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat.

20 EMSA will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.22 providing an overview of the content of the second edition of the European Maritime Transport Environmental Report (EMTER 2025) and document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.23 providing information about the results from the NAVISON Project, a Project aiming at quantifying underwater radiated noise in the Seas around Europe, led by EMSA.

21 The Secretariat will also introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/5/1, which provides the Draft Guidance Document on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), as approved by the Second Coordination Meeting (Malta, 21 November 2024). In its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to the Report of Regional Workshop (Malta, 20 November 2024), as set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.4.

22 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposal put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/5/1, as well as examine and endorse the Draft Guidance Document on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), as set out in the Annex to the document.

23 Finally, **the Meeting will be requested** to consider document REMPEC/WG.61/5/2, which proposes the development of a Policy Framework on Gender and Youth Mainstreaming within the Context of the Mediterranean Strategy 2022-2031. This framework should aim to ensure that gender and youth considerations are integrated into all aspects of the Strategy, promoting equality, inclusivity and empowerment throughout the Mediterranean region. This was already discussed and approved by the Second Coordination Meeting (Malta, 21 November 2024).

Agenda Item 6: Illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships**• Maritime Traffic and Offshore Oil and Gas Activities - Trends and Outlook**

24 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6, which deals with **Maritime Traffic and Offshore Oil and Gas Activities - Trends and Outlook** and presents the Draft Terms of Reference for the Update and Upgrade of the Study on Maritime Traffic and Offshore Oil and Gas Activities - Trends and Outlook (December 2021).

25 The **Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/6, as well as examine and endorse the Draft Terms of Reference for the Update and Upgrade of the Study on Maritime Traffic and Offshore Oil and Gas Activities - Trends and Outlook , as set out in the Annex thereto.

• Marine Pollution Monitoring: Results of the Survey on Needs of Capacity Building on the use of IMAP CI

26 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/1, which provides an update on **Marine Pollution Monitoring: Results of the Survey on Needs of Capacity Building on the use of IMAP CI**, in accordance with and the conclusions and recommendation of the regional Workshop on Reporting, Monitoring and Data Sharing, Malta, September 2024 (MEDEXPOL 2024), as laid down in the Report of the Workshop provided in document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.5. In particular the Secretariat will refer to the connection of the synthesis of the results to the thresholds for oil spills and acute pollution, and the management of HNS spills provided in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/1.

27 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/6.

• Marine Pollution Reporting: Lowering the threshold of Oil Spill Reporting

28 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/2 concerning **Marine Pollution Reporting: Lowering the threshold of Oil Spill Reporting** and provide an overview of the information provided by the consulted institutions for lowering the minimum threshold for reporting (on oil spills), taking into consideration the work of other regional sea conventions, as well as the MSFD. In particular the Secretariat will highlight the conclusions of the consultation and the way forward.

29 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/2, comment as deemed appropriate, and endorse actions provided in paragraphs 45 and 46 of the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/2.

• Marine Pollution Reporting: Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean

30 **The** Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/3 on **Marine Pollution Reporting: Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean**, providing elements facilitating decisions on the way forward for the use of CECIS MP as the Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean, in parallel with the commencement of the new CECIS MP development. The Secretariat will present the process for the operation of the new System, as introduced during MEDEXPOL 2024, considering the outcomes of the 14th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (May 2021) and launched, in January 2025, through the established of the CECIS MP 2.0 User Working Group, by the European Commission's DGECHO to coordinate the development of the application and its defined modules; User management, Emergency, Request for Assistance, Resources.

The Secretariat, being a member of the Working Group, will make recommendations on the contribution and involvement of the Contracting Parties, in this process either directly or through the Mediterranean Technical Working Group, highlighting relevant distinction between EU Member States and Third Parties.

31 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/3, comment as deemed appropriate, discuss and agree on the involvement of the Contracting Parties in this process.

- **Update of Guidelines and Tools**

32 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/4, **Update of Guidelines and Tools**, and provide a proposal for reviewing and updating of the manuals and guidelines developed by REMPEC, as well as their development, or parts thereof, to electronic versions.

33 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document and to comment and agree upon the list of the guidelines to be updated and/or digitalised, as provided in the Annex to the document.

- **Review of the Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region**

34 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/4/1 **Review of the Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region**. The Secretariat will clarify that the review concerned the Part II Basic Information on Dispersants and their Application of the Guidelines to reflect the specific characteristics of the Mediterranean and incorporate the latest developments on dispersants since 2011. The revised version of the Guidance Document is included as **Annex** to the document.

35 **The meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/4/1, and to examine and approve the revised Guidance Document.

- **Upgrading of Databases and REMPEC Platforms**

36 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/4/2 on **Upgrading of Databases and REMPEC Platforms**, and present the tools, listed in the Annex to the document, as well as recommendations from the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points and MEDEXPOL 2024, aimed at the consolidation of MEDGIS-MAR to prevent functionality Gaps, and to ensure links to common topics and deliverables with the Country Profile and BCRS. The Secretariat will also address the revision of MIDSIS-TROCS 4.0 to prevent duplication with MEDGIS-MAR regarding HNS pollution incidents. The Secretariat will make a proposal for a new Country Profile structure to enhance its practicality for reporting, exchange of information, and improve the visibility of national actions and activities. This includes the possibility to upload national references, such as national reports, as well as templates of reports and manuals such as the manual on national mechanism for the mobilisation of responses equipment and personnel in case of emergency, provided in document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.6.

37 **The meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/4/1, and to comment and agree on the upgrade the use of MEDGIS-MAR and the Country Profile.

- **Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) and related activities**

38 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/5, **Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) and related activities**, and provide an update on the progress made by the

Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) since the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (Malta, 13-15 June 2023) and proposing future activities to be integrated into its work programme for the biennium 2024-2025. In particular, the Secretariat will highlight the extension of the work of the OPRC HNS Correspondence Group to include tasks related to acute pollution monitoring and impact assessment on the marine environment within the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP), and consequent reinforcement of the OPRC HNS Correspondence Group members and profiles.

39 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/5.

- **Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) and related activities**

40 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/6, providing an overview on the **Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) and related activities**, and present the report on the mobilisation of MAU, on the current and new MAU Members. In particular, the Secretariat will refer to the proposal to increase the MAU Special Revolving Fund to cover an additional month so that it will be able to fund the average expenses of a two months' expert mission.

41 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, and to consider the proposal put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/6, with a view to submitting the draft decision of the Contracting Parties, as set out in the Annex thereto, for approval by the next Meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points.

- **Preparedness and Response Contingency Planning**

42 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7, **Preparedness and Response Contingency Planning**, and provide an overview of developments made in terms of preparedness and response to marine Oil and HNS Pollution. The Secretariat will focus on the frameworks established by the Agreements on Sub-regional Contingency Plans, as well the Inter-Secretariat cooperation, to enhance sub-regional and regional cooperation

43 The Secretariat will highlight key developments, including the endorsement of the Adriatic Marine Pollution Incident Contingency Plan (2023), the long preparatory work for the Joint Spills Responses Exercise (CypEx 2024) and subsequent Guidelines on Joint Spill Response Exercises within the Sub-Regional Contingency Plan (2025), outlined in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/1. The Secretariat will also present the new IMO International Operational Guide on the Response to Spills of HNS (2024), provided in document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.8. This guide being developed on the basis of the HNS Manual – Multi- Regional Bonn Agreement, HELCOM and REMPEC (2021).

- **Guidance Document on Joint Spill Response Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plans**

44 The Secretariat will then introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/1, providing the **Guidance Document on Joint Spill Response Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plans**, and present an overview of the context that led to the development of the Guidance Document. The outcome of the webinar for its review and the recommendation for its approval.

45 **The meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/1, to agree on strengthening sub-regional cooperation through joint exercises and encourage Contracting Parties to utilize the HNS Manual and to examine and approve the revised Guidance Document as set out in the Annex thereto.

- **Continuous Improvement Process for Maintaining Advanced Levels of Preparedness for Oil Spill Response and Harmonizing Response Approaches for HNS Incidents**

46 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/2, providing the **Continuous Improvement Process for Maintaining Advanced Levels of Preparedness for Oil Spill Response and Harmonizing Response Approaches for HNS Incidents**, and present a brief background, including the outcomes of INTERSPILL 2025 and the recommendation to continue assessing national preparedness for oil spill response using the RETOS electronic version (2024). This assessment will build on the recommendations from National Implementation Reports (2020–2023) and expand its scope to include both Government and industry stakeholders.

47 **The meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/2 and its Annex providing an overview of the outcome of the Assessment.

48 EMSA will introduce the document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.24 providing information on the Marine Intervention in Chemical Emergencies Network (MAR-ICE service), a 24/7 Information Service for marine emergencies involving chemicals, provided by EMSA to the EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries.

49 SEA ALARM will provide an update on ongoing projects and additional available tools as presented in documents REMPEC/WG.61/INF.7 and REMPEC/WG.61/INF.8.

- **Readiness of the Mediterranean Region to Respond to Marine Pollution Incidents involving Low-Sulphur Fuels and Alternative Fuels**

50 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/7/3, on the Study on **Readiness of the Mediterranean Region to Respond to Marine Pollution Incidents involving Low-Sulphur Fuels and Alternative Fuels** and present an overview of the context that led to the development of the Study, the outcome of the webinar for its review and the Study's recommendations. The Study is provided in Document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.9.

51 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided in the document as well as comments, as deemed appropriate.

- **Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials Relating to MARPOL with the Framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS) and related activities**

52 The Secretariat will present document REMPEC/WG.61/6/8 outlining the outcome of the Sixth Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS) (Malta, 4-5 December 2024). The Secretariat will also refer to the Report of the Sixth MENELAS Meeting (Malta, 4-5 December 2024) as provided in REMPEC/WG.61/INF.10.

53 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment, as deemed appropriate.

- **Possible creation and operation of a regional “Blue Fund”, including in terms of governance and financing**

54 The Secretariat will present the Legal Analysis to assess the implications of the possible creation and operation of a regional “Blue Fund”, including in terms of governance and financing, in the Mediterranean region (hereinafter referred to as the “Legal Analysis”), as presented in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/8/1. The Secretariat will also refer to the Report of the Sixth MENELAS Meeting (Malta, 4-5 December 2024) as provided in REMPEC/WG.61/INF.10.

55 Participants will be requested to discuss the Legal Analysis, as set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.61/6/8/1, notably the proposed conclusions and recommendations for possible options for a way forward.

56 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment, as deemed appropriate.

- **Final draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report**

57 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/6/8/2, which provides an update on the final draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report developed within the framework of the MENELAS and adopted at the Fifteenth Meeting of the REMPEC Focal Points (Malta, 13-15 June 2023).

58 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/6/8/2, as well as examine and endorse the final draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report, as set out in the Appendix thereto.

Agenda Item 7: Air Pollution from Ships

59 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/7 providing information on the latest developments related to the prevention of air pollution from ships in the Mediterranean Sea. In particular, the Secretariat will refer to the effective implementation as from 1 May 2025 of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SO_x ECA) and actions taken by the Secretariat during the last biennium on the matter. In its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to the Report of the Regional Workshop on the consistent implementation of IMO 2020 under MARPOL Annex VI and the 0.10% sulphur limit in the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SO_x ECA) (Malta, 22-23 May 2024), as set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.18 and to the updated draft regional fund-raising strategy to support Contracting Parties in relation to the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, as well as the implementation of the Med SO_x ECA and linked compliance measures, as set in document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.12.

60 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided and consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/7, as well as examine and endorse the Draft Guidance Document on the consistent implementation of the 0.10% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI in the Med SO_x ECA, as set out in the Appendix 1 thereto.

61 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/7/1 on the Study on the Environmental and Legal Impacts of the Use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) in the Mediterranean Sea. In its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to the Study, as set out in the Appendix to document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.11.

62 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment, as deemed appropriate.

63 Under this agenda, the Secretariat will also provide an update on the preparation of a detailed Technical and Feasibility Study to assess the relevant existing and on-going studies as well as to examine the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NO_x ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, including health and socio-economic impacts on the Mediterranean region and the individual Contracting Parties.

64 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided and consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/7, as well as examine and endorse the Tentative Detailed Work Plan and Timetable for the work of the NECA TCE, as set out in the Appendix 2 thereto.

Agenda Item 8: Reduction of GHG emissions from ships

65 The Secretariat will present the various Studies undertaken by the REMPEC during the 2023-2024 biennium relating to the Reduction of GHG emissions from ships. In its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to documents REMPEC/WG.61/8/1, REMPEC/WG.61/8/2, REMPEC/WG.61/8/3, REMPEC/WG.61/8/4, REMPEC/WG.61/8/5, REMPEC/WG.61/INF.13, REMPEC/WG.61/INF.14, REMPEC/WG.61/INF.15, REMPEC/WG.61/INF.16 and REMPEC/WG.61/INF.17.

66 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as to comment, as deemed appropriate.

67 EMSA will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/INF.25 providing an overview on a series of studies that EMSA has been performing related to the use of non-fossil fuels by shipping.

68 **The Meeting will also be invited** to consider the draft Guidance Document on the Development of National Action Plans (NAPs) to Address Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions from Ships in the Mediterranean region, as prepared by the Secretariat and contained in document REMPEC/WG.61/8/6.

69 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the examine and endorse the draft Guidance Document, as set out in the Annex to document REMPEC/WG.61/8/6.

70 Finally, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/8 and the draft Roadmap for Transitioning to Low Carbon Chipping in the Mediterranean Sea, contained in the Annex thereto. The draft Roadmap aims to address GHG emissions from ships and from the ship-shore interface, as appropriate in compliance with legal regulations aimed at contributing to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from ships and controlling greenhouse gas emissions from ships, in conformity with international law, under the aegis of United Nations specialized agencies, and in particular of the IMO.

71 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposal prepared by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/8, as well as examine and endorse the draft Roadmap for Transitioning to Low Carbon Shipping in the Mediterranean Sea, as set out in the Annex thereto, and request the Secretariat to submit for approval by the next Meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points.

Agenda Item 9: Introduction of non-indigenous species by shipping activities

72 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/9, which provides information on the Mid Term Review of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), which assesses progress made, identified challenges, and provides recommendations to ensure the successful completion of its objectives by 2027.

73 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/9.

74 The Secretariat will also present document REMPEC/WG.61/9/1 on the draft Resource Mobilisation Strategy to implement the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027).

75 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided, consider the proposals put forward by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.61/9/1, as well as examine and endorse the draft Resource Mobilisation Strategy to implement the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), as set out in the Annex thereto.

Agenda Item 10: Activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC

76 The Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/10 setting out the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC, and explaining the rationale used to prepare them.

77 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as consider, discuss and agree upon the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC, which are set out in the Annex to document REMPEC/WG.61/10, prior to their submission, for approval by the next Meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points and for adoption by COP 24, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 11: Any other business

78 Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document REMPEC/WG.61/11 providing for a proposal on the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of REMPEC, which will be celebrated in 2026.

79 **The Meeting will be invited** to take note of the information provided as well as consider, discuss and agree the proposals contained in the document.

80 **The Meeting will be invited** to consider any other relevant matters that may be raised under this agenda item. Other Contracting Parties or organisations wishing to provide brief information on their activities that may be of interest to the Meeting will also be given the opportunity to do so.

Agenda Item 12: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations

81 Under this agenda item, the Rapporteur will present the draft conclusions and recommendations, which result from the meeting discussions, as set out in document REMPEC/WG.61/WP.1.

82 **The Meeting will be invited** to review, amend, as appropriate, and adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting.

83 The report of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and circulated after the Meeting.

Closure of the Meeting

84 The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 1700 hours.

Workshop on MANIFEST GENIUS Project

85 A Workshop on the MANIFESTS GENIUS Project will be organised on the morning of Thursday 15 May including the following sections: Presentation of the platform, group work on a spill scenario, and Q&A session.

86 The MANIFEST GENIUS Project is aimed at the creation of operational guidelines and the upgrading of the MANIFESTS DSS, new experimental data on the behaviour and impacts of HNS, good practices and recommendations to improve emergency plans for refuelling stations that will work with new propulsion energies (methanol, ammonia, others) as well as for coastal industries that use ammonia in their cooling system, and the establishment of intervention protocols at cross-sectoral scale. Bespoke training materials and exercises were designed to transfer knowledge and decision-making tools developed in MANIFESTS Genius and other relevant EU and national projects to target stakeholders.

Annex

Draft timetable

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 May 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration of the participants</i>	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening of the Meeting	
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 1	Adoption of the Agenda
	Agenda Item 2	Progress Report on REMPEC activities since the Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3	Developments within MAP related to the objectives and functions of REMPEC
	Agenda Item 4	Developments within IMO related to the objectives and functions of REMPEC
	Agenda Item 5	Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda Item 6	Illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 6 (cont.)	Illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships

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09:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 7	Air pollution from ships
	Agenda Item 9	Introduction of non-indigenous species by shipping activities
	Agenda Item 8	Reduction of GHG emission from ships
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 11	Any other business (New Activities)
	Agenda Item 10	Activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda Item 10 (cont.)	Activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2024-2025, as proposed by REMPEC
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 11	Any other business

Day 3 – Thursday, 15 May 2025		
09:00 – 12:30	Workshop on MANIFEST GENIUS Project	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda Item 12	Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Closure of the Meeting	