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APP4SEA

ARCTIC PREPAREDNESS PLATFORM
FOR OIL SPILL AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ACCIDENTS

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the APP4SEA project! We are a project funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic programme 2014-2020 (NPA) and we aim to improve the oil spill response preparedness in the Arctic waters. Our project started in May 2017 and will run for 36 months. In this Newsletter you can find basic information about APP4SEA and what we have achieved so far.
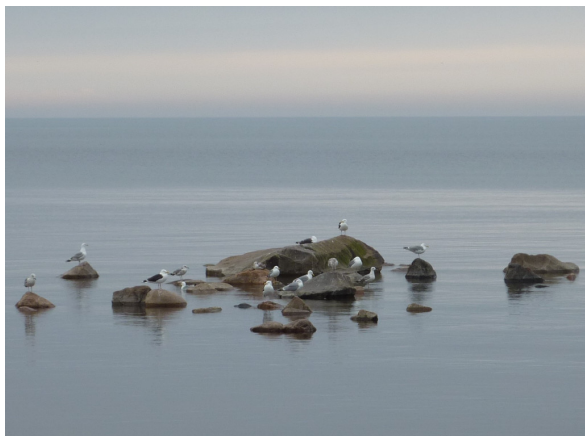
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What is APP4SEA? Find the basics of the project from our website HERE.

Raise the sails! The kick off meeting was hosted by the lead partner University of Oulu in nautical surroundings in Kemi, Finland. More info [HERE](#).

Finnish Environment Agency (SYKE) is one of our project partners and also the responsible organisation for oil spill response in Finland. They are leading the WP1 about Arctic oil spill technologies and will host an international confenrence about Oil spills in Arctic Areas in Oulu in March 2018. More information about the conference, including how to register for the event, can be found [HERE](#).

Environmental Research Institute of the North Highland College UHI in Thurso, Scotland is in charge of the WP4 of the project, which focuses

One of our tasks is to increase knowledge about Arctic issues and oil spill response in general. We have recruited Penny-the-Puffin as the mascot and spokesperson of the project. Puffins are to be found all over of the NPA region and therefore they are well informed about what's happening here. Penny tweets every Friday cool facts about the Arctic. View Penny's introduction video [HERE](#).

The main goal of the project is to set up an interactive app, which includes information about the oil and gas extraction areas in the NPA region, shipping routes, the available oil spill response infrastructure, weather conditions as well as important marine species and bird population areas. Some oil spill response

on Environmental contamination and ecological impacts of oil spills. ERI organised a Marine bird species vulnerability workshop in September, more of which you can find from [HERE](#).

authorities have already such operational tools in use, but there is no NPA-wide solutions yet, nor similar smart maps for general public either. University of Iceland is the responsible partner of this WP2.

Norwegian Meteorological Institute represents the fourth partner country in the project. MET is in charge of WP3 about Shared oil database.

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