

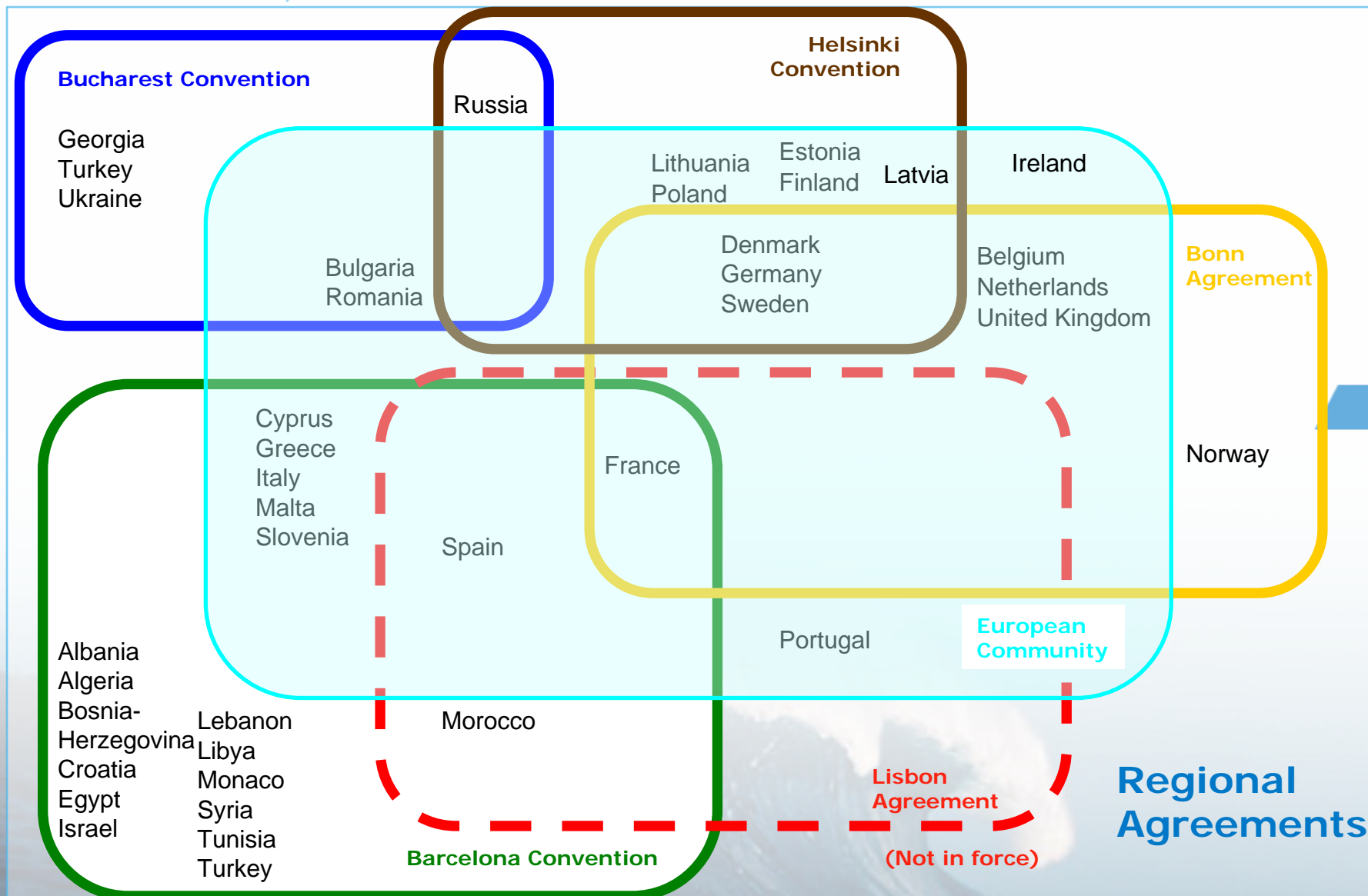
## The European Maritime Safety Agency

### Technical Co-operation and Development

Technical assistance from the European  
regional agreements

## First CNTA Meeting conclusions (point 4):

*..The organisation of technical assistance activities at regional level should be coordinated with existing regional agreement (HELCOM, Bonn Agreement, REMPEC, etc.) in order to avoid the duplication of some activities.*



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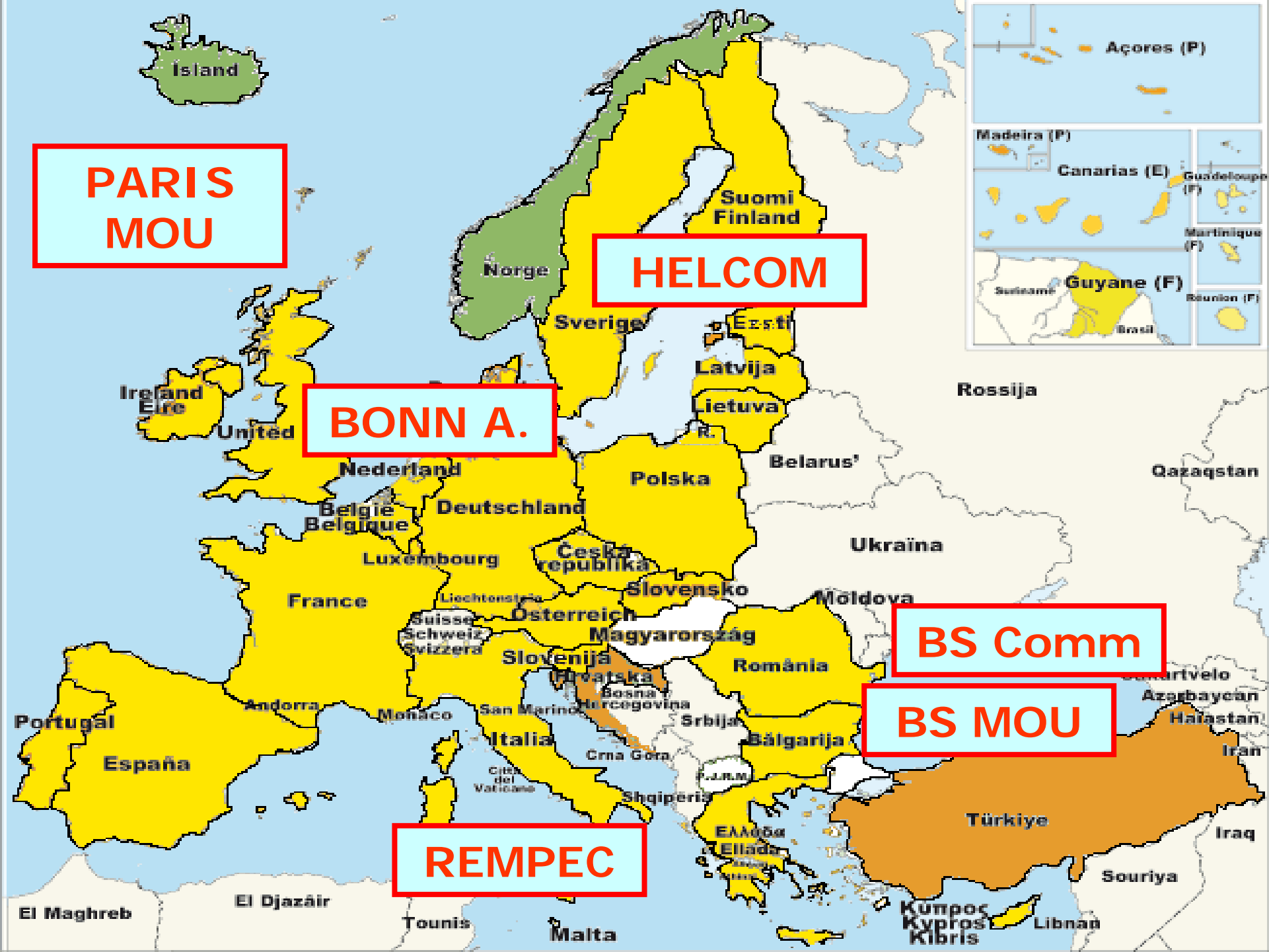
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## HELCOM

The MARITIME group works:

- to ensure that adopted regulations are observed and enforced effectively and uniformly through close international co-operation
- to identify and promote actions to limit sea-based pollution while ensuring safe navigation.

Training on the Usage of AIS information in the Seatrack Web oil drift forecasting system for identification of ships illegally discharging oil into the sea (Feb 07)  
for Lithuania, Estonia, Russia and Poland

Workshop on Places of Refuge to investigate the possibilities to establish for the whole Baltic region a mutual plan for granting Places of Refuge.  
(31<sup>st</sup> May 2007, in Poland)

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**The RESPONSE Group works:**

- to ensure swift national and international response to maritime pollution incidents
- to ensure that in case of an accident the right equipment is available and routines are in place to respond immediately in co-operation with neighbouring states
- to analyse developments in maritime transportation around the Baltic and investigate possible impacts on international cooperation with regard to pollution response
- to coordinate the aerial surveillance of maritime shipping routes to provide a complete picture of sea-based pollution around the Baltic, and to help identify suspected polluters



## HELCOM RESPONSE

**Co-ordinate aerial surveillance flights, including the possible use of satellites**

**Keeping Response Manuals up to date**

**Response exercises (BALEX DELTA)**

- 2006 (Poland): 7 countries + EMSA, 23 ships, 3 aircraft
- 2007 (Estonia): Participation of EMSA vessels

**Collection of information/risk assessments/exchange of experience**

- 8th Response Group Meeting: 18-20th April 2007, Tallin (Estonia)
- 9th Response Group Meeting: November

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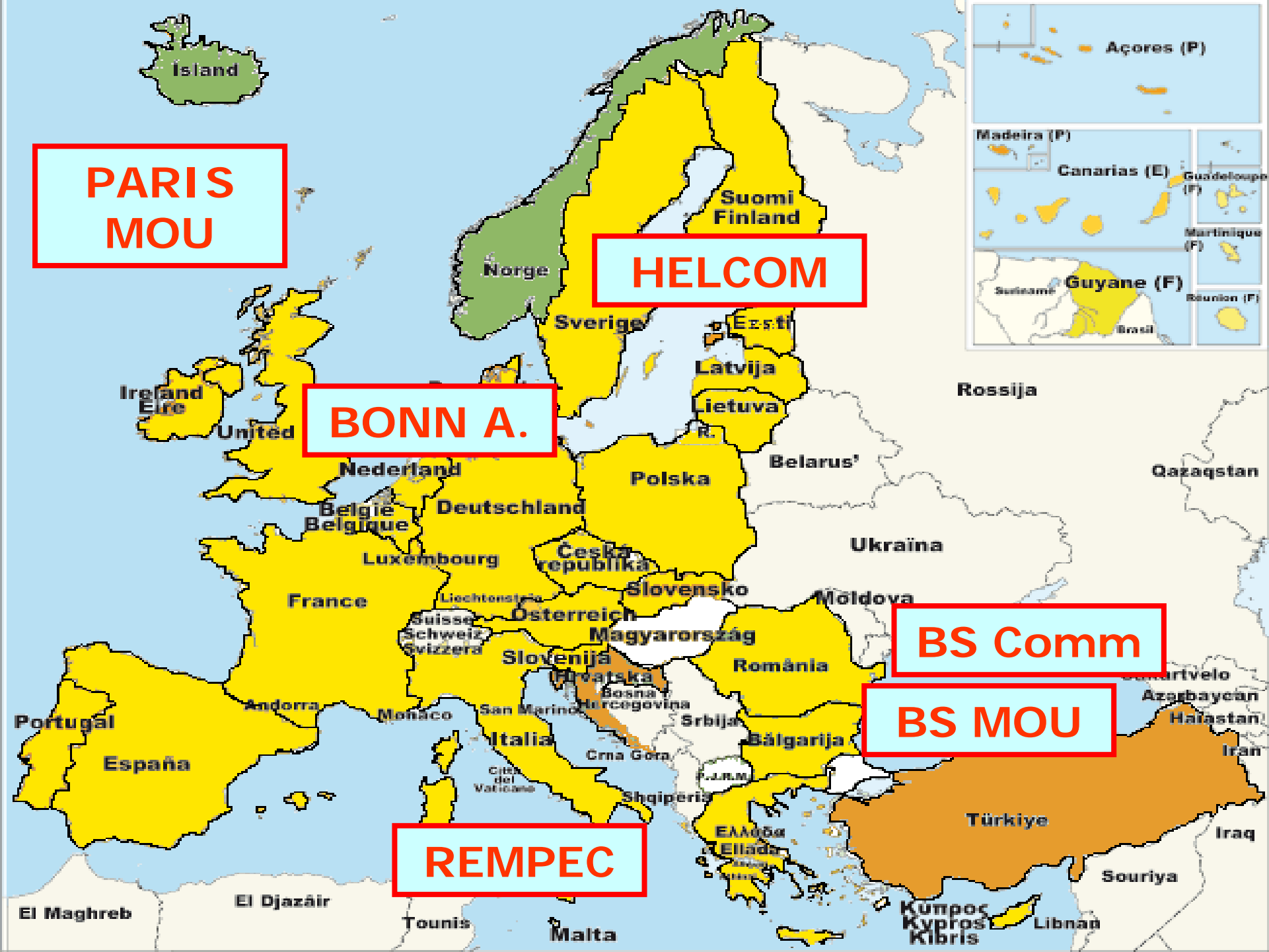
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## The Bonn Agreement

The Bonn Agreement is the mechanism by which the North Sea States, and the European Community work together:

- to help each other in combating pollution in the North Sea Area from maritime disasters and chronic pollution from ships and offshore installations;
- to carry out surveillance as an aid to detecting and combating pollution at sea.

### Exercises

- Aerial surveillance
- Coordinated Extended Pollution Control Operations (**CEPCO**)  
2007: Super CEPCO (all Contracting Parties) coordinated by Belgium  
Super CEPCO Workshop (25-29 June)

### National Exercises

2007: Germany to organise an alarm exercise.

Denmark to organise the annual DenGerNeth exercise

Norway to organise an oil on water exercise (21-25 May)

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## The Paris MOU on PSC

- Expert training was held in The Hague on Safety and Environment in February
- Specialized Training on Tankers was held in London in April
- Seminar on ISM will be held in St. Petersburg in June
- Expert training will be held in The Hague on Human Element in October
- Seminar will be held in Ireland in December

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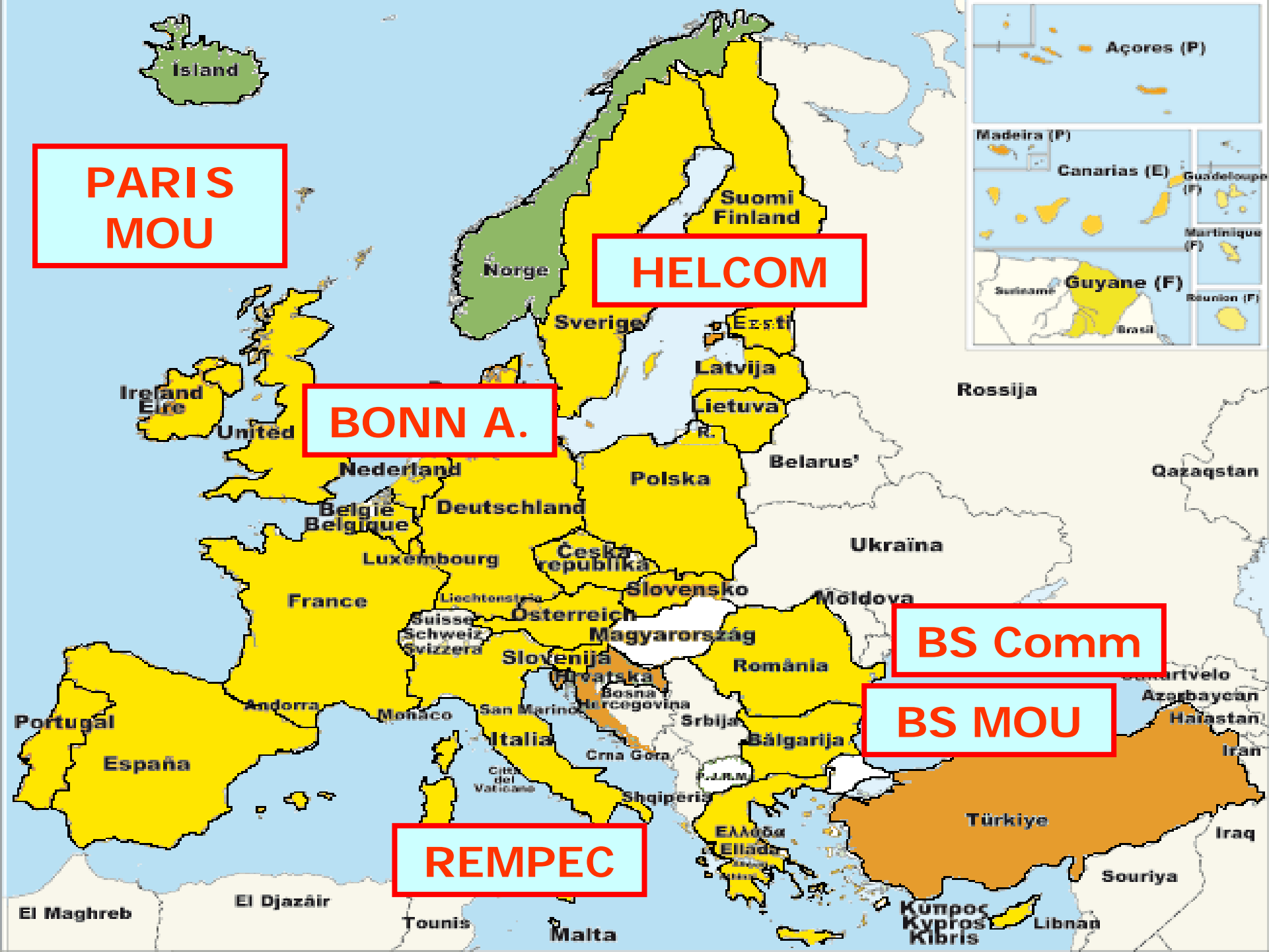
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# Black Sea Commission

## Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution

- adopted in April '92 & entered into force in Jan '94
- Includes Bulgaria & Romania
- Concrete actions to implement this Convention were developed in a Black Sea Strategic Action Plan

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Emergency Protocol –Protocol on Cooperation combating pollution of the Black Sea Marine Environment by oil and other harmful substances in Emergency Situations (April 92).

Implementation through BSC (Istanbul) & also through ERAC (Varna)

## **Black Sea Commission's Advisory Group on Environmental Safety Aspects of Shipping**

### **Oil spill Contingency Planning for the region:**

- 15th Meeting: 24th April, Istanbul (Turkey)
- 16th Meeting: 11-12th October, Varna (Bulgaria)

### **Joint pollution response response exercises:**

Black Sea Delta Exercise, September, all Black Sea countries represented

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## Black Sea MOU on PSC

Through Working Group on Training Matters training and technical co-operation issues are well defined such as development of a Strategy for Port State Control Officer Training for the Black Sea Region.

The main objectives of this strategy are:

- to enhance PSC training activities in the region;
- to provide opportunity for PSCO and Authorities to learn from and to help with each other;
- to share expertise and experience on port State control among Authorities; and
- to promote closer co-operation and communication between Authorities.

## Black Sea MOU on PSC

- **PSCO Seminar (officers from BS countries attending seminars of Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU)**
- **PSCO Exchange Programme (PSC officers belonging to BS MOU countries visiting others BS MOU administrations)**
- **Expert Mission for Training (Terms of References for Expert Mission for Training has been adopted by the Committee at its last meeting April 2007, will be launched in 2008).**

## Black Sea MOU on PSC

- **Interregional PSCO Exchange Programmes**
- **(Terms of references PSCO exchange programme with the MED MOU and Paris MOU have been established and exchange programmes commenced in 2006).**
- **Bulgaria sent 1 PSCO to Italy;  
Romania sent 2 PSCOs to Italy and Poland.**

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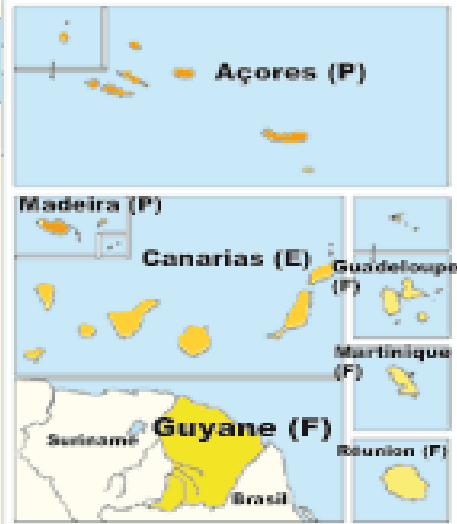
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## REMPEC

**Main activities in the field of preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution.**

### **Trainings:**

- **Regional Seminar on the Use of Remote Sensing in Oil Pollution Control;**
- **Courses on preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution;**
- **Seminar on Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage**
- **Course on the Bunkers Convention**
- **Course on Places of Refuge**
- **Course on MARPOL Convention**

## **SAFEMED**

- **Three years: 2006-2008**
- **REMPEC under the general oversight of IMO and overall co-ordination of the EC,**
- **Operates within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) established under UNEP's Regional Seas Programme**
- **Three Long-Term Experts and several Short-Term Experts**
- **SAFEMED Advisory Committee and Network of Maritime Authorities**

# SAFEMED

- **Flag State Implementation**
- **Safety of Navigation and Traffic Monitoring**
- **Protection of the Marine Environment**
- **Human Element Issues**
- **Security of Ships and Port Facilities**

# Thank You