

EUROWA – Building a Regional, Integrated Oiled Wildlife Preparedness and Response Solution

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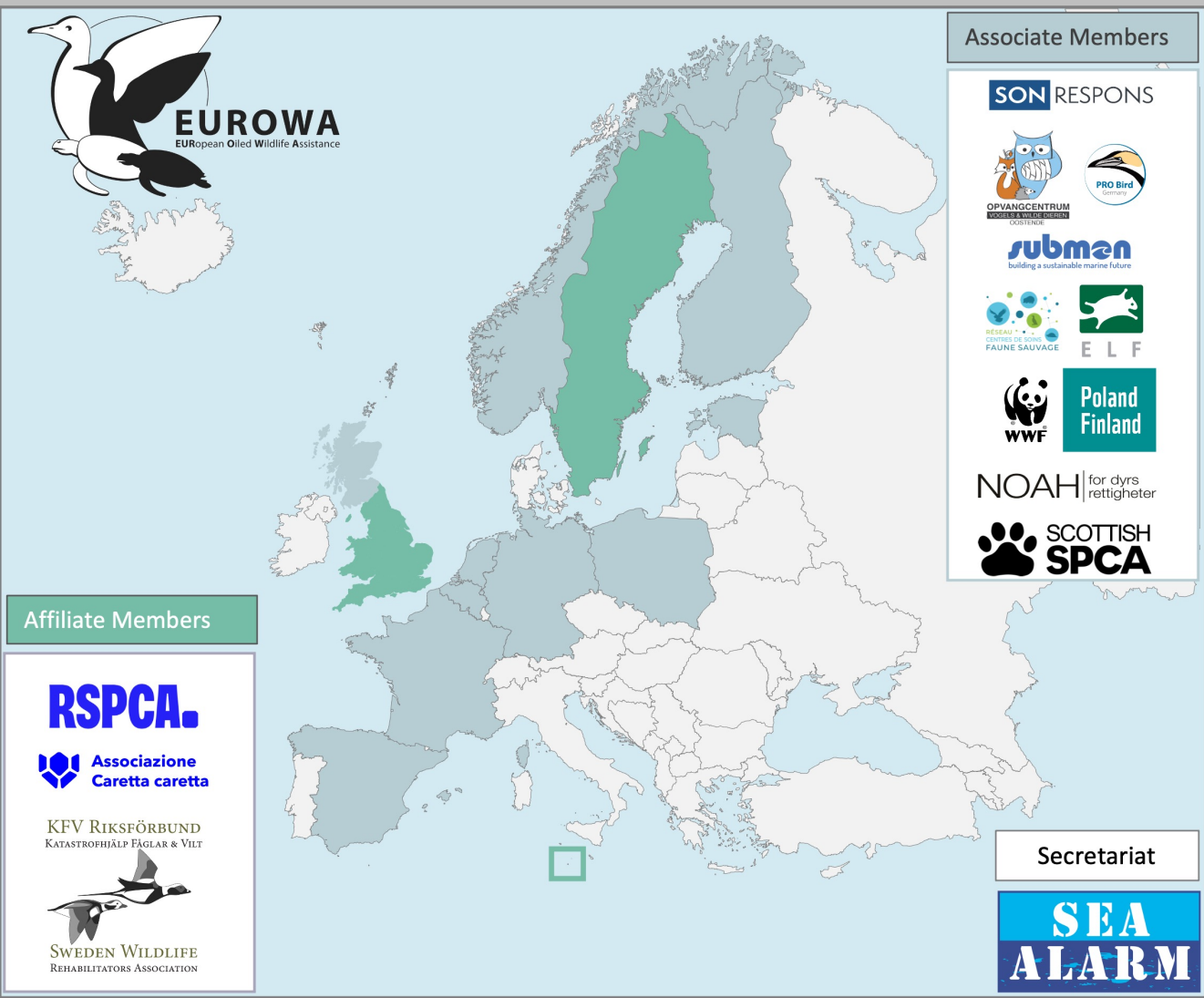


INTRODUCTION

Mission: To support and empower EU authorities, NGOs and polluters in dealing professionally with oiled wildlife using agreed international standards

Professionalism – Capacity Building – Mutual Assistance – Best Practices

- Effective wildlife response requires long-term preparedness, common standards, trained responders and regional cooperation
- EUROWA (EUROpean Oiled Wildlife Assistance) - a collaborative network of NGOs and wildlife experts on long-term preparedness
- European solution for mutual assistance and integrated approach



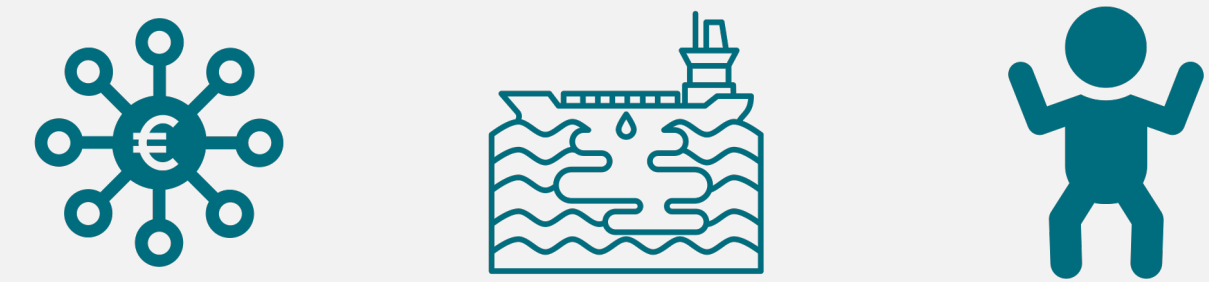
EUROWA REGIONAL MODEL



CONCLUSIONS

CHALLENGES

- Inconsistent and limited funding
- Absence of spill experience
- New generations to engage, learn and understand



CONCLUSIONS

- Unique, well-established professional preparedness and response structure in Europe where mutual assistance increases capacity
- Embedded into Regional Agreements and national frameworks
- Unique regional model worldwide:
 - International recognition
 - Training system based on train-the-trainer
- Long-term government commitment is essential
- Courses, exercises, and preparedness developments are key

