

Summeri, Summeri II and GOFMEC projects trilateral co-operation to be presented to European journalists 1st of July 2006

On the **1st of July 2006** some 50-60 European journalists will visit Kotka Crisis Management Simulator Center to attend trilateral crisis incident management scenario played simultaneously in three CMSCs in Kotka Finland, St. Petersburg Russia and Tallinn Estonia.

The visit of the EU journalists is organized by the Finnish Government and lead by secretary of state, head of the EU secretariat, Mr. Antti Peltomäki of the Prime Minister's office of Finland. Local host and organizer will be the Regional Council of Kymenlaakso presented by Mr. Tapio Välinoro, Chief Executive of the Council.

Presentation of the co-operation of the three Crisis Management Simulator Centers will start at 11.00 Finnish and Estonian time and 12.00 Moscow time with presentation of the EU funded projects as well as presentation of the scenario and incident details followed by simultaneous execution of the scenario.

Scenario is based on collision incident of Westbound fully laden Crude Oil Tanker and Eastbound Passenger Cruise Vessel near Someri Island close to a point connecting Russian, Finnish and Estonian territorial waters. Incident causes immediate and urgent rescue and oil pollution respond operations to be implemented by all three countries involved. All three CMSCs will be manned and operational to respond the incident which in reality is possible and would cause massive response operation in the Gulf of Finland

The aim of the presentation is to demonstrate the necessity of co-operation in maritime crisis and possibility to train, collect and share information to respond and plan contingency of these incidents in beforehand.

The uniformity of all three CMSCs of South Kymenlaakso Vocational College, Admiral Makarov State Maritime Academy and Estonian Maritime Academy provides excellent opportunity to conduct transnational training sessions as demonstrated 1st of July 2006.

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