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The ENPE Life Project

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An introduction to the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment

- To promote the prosecution of environmental crime by supporting the operative work of environmental prosecutors
- Numerous calls for a network for environmental prosecutors
- Founded in Autumn 2012
- Incorporated in September 2016 as ENPE aisbl
- Membership from across Europe
- Board representing: England, France, Ireland, Sweden and the Netherlands



support to realise our mission... The ENPE Life Project

- Funding provided through the European Union LIFE programme LIFE14 GIE/UK/000043
- A partnership between the Environment Agency (UK), Environmental Protection Agency (Ireland), Åklagarmyndigheten (Sweden), Openbaar Ministerie (Netherlands) and the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment



Key facts and figures location, budget, objectives

- Europe-wide, managed from England (Environment Agency)
- Total budget of €1,072,400 (EU contributing 60%)
- **Overall goal:** to improve compliance with environmental law, by addressing uneven and incomplete implementation across Member States through improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of prosecutors and judges in combating environmental crime.



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Objectives:

- build a self-sustaining network of European environmental prosecutors
- improve prosecutors' and judges' capacity and consistency in combating waste, wildlife and air pollution crimes
- improve the collation and dissemination of information on environmental crimes (in particular waste, wildlife and air pollution crimes)



ENPE Life project outputs

- a **baseline report** on the existing state of European environmental crime, its prosecution and adjudication
- holding **annual conferences** and **other networking events**
- producing a **database** of national environmental crime judgments.
- convening **4 working groups** on:
 - waste crime
 - wildlife crime
 - air pollution
 - prosecution and sanctioning practices



Crimes database incorporated into ENPE website representing each WG topic

Title	Attachments	Author	Judgement	Direction of Transportation	Domestic Reference Number	Legal Regime	Status
Used goods or dangerous waste? Preparation for recovery?	Attachment Decision of the Appeal Court of Southern Sweden appealed to the Supreme Court of Sweden	Size 950 88 KB	16 What is waste and what is used goods? Correspondents' Guidelines No 1 can be a tool for the court in its decision whether the items are to be defined as waste or used goods. In this	From EU	B 1904-12		In Progress



4 ENPE Working Groups

focus on 4 distinct areas of trans-national environmental crime



waste crime



wildlife crime



air pollution



Judicial practices & sanctioning



What will the Working Groups look like and what will they do?

- Each group has a minimum of 8 members
- Focus on an agreed pan-European theme to improve understanding & consistency of practice through training
- For example, a written report on barriers and solutions to tackling an aspect of environmental crime
- Presentations on interim & final findings
- A suite of training materials for dissemination



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How & when?

- Each WG Chaired by an ENPE Board member
- WG Members invited from across Europe
- To kick off in December 2016
- 3 workshops per year
- Progress reports at 2017 & 2018 annual conference
- Final report at 2019 annual conference
- Disseminate findings through ENPE Communications



Working Group 1: wildlife crime



Working Group 2: waste crime



Working Group 3: air pollution



Working Group 4: prosecution and sanctioning practice



Policy implication

ENPE's aims and objectives support EU environmental policies, in particular concerning:

- improving implementation of, and compliance with, EU environmental law and combating environmental crime
- protecting the EU's natural capital
- implementing the Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, in particular by facilitating the enforcement of the nature Directives and providing specific training to judges and public prosecutors on environmental law

ENPE also supports EU policy in related fields, including: Public Health; Freedom, Security and Justice; Cohesion and Regional Development; and International Cooperation and Development.



