



# TAIEX-EIR Multi-country Flagship Workshop on Environmental Compliance & Governance

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**Monday 14 November 2022**

**Venue:** : NH Brussels EU Berlaymont,  
Brussels, Belgium (Hybrid)

**Beneficiary:** All Member States

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## Aim of the Workshop:

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The workshop is part of our engagement in the auspices of the Environmental Compliance and Governance Forum and aims at ensuring involvement of various stakeholders to widen the perspective.

The Forum was established as a high-level Commission Expert Group by Commission Decision C(2018)10 at the same time as the adoption of the Commission's Action Plan on environmental compliance assurance – see COM (2018)10. The Forum serves as a platform for strategic exchanges with Member States and networks of environmental enforcement professionals on environmental governance issues, including combating environmental crime. The Forum is composed of representatives of Member States and representatives of European networks of compliance assurance practitioners and authorities, particularly environment agencies.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss with a wider audience issues related to ensuring environmental compliance, in particular combating environmental crime and the proposal for a new Environmental Crime Directive. This Commission proposal is currently being negotiated in the Council and the European Parliament.

Another issue which will be addressed is strengthening environmental compliance through the implementation of the Zero Pollution Action Plan. The workshop will cover compliance assurance and enforcement related aspects linked to ensuring Zero Pollution objectives. The aim is to discuss and possibly agree on next steps and possible concrete cooperation activities to help enhance consistency of enforcement efforts cross policy areas.

The meeting will gather the experience and good practices that have been identified at the Member State level. It will bring together representatives from environmental authorities of the Member States, providing an opportunity to discuss challenges and remaining obstacles at national, regional and local levels.

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## Speakers:

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### Speakers from EU institutions

- **Mr Paul Speight**  
Acting Director, Compliance, Governance and Support to Member States  
DG ENV.E, European Commission
  - **Ms Veronica Manfredi**  
Director, Zero Pollution  
DG ENV.C, European Commission
  - **Mr Lawrence Meredith**  
Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building  
DG NEAR.C, European Commission
  - **Ms Vita Juknė**  
Head of Unit, Environmental Rule of Law & Governance  
DG ENV E.4, European Commission
  - **Mr Peter Csonka**  
Head of Unit, General Criminal Law and Judicial Training  
DG JUST B.1, European Commission
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**Speakers from European environmental enforcement networks, academia, Member States and EU bodies**

- **Mr Michal Franěk**  
Deputy-Minister, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic
  - **Ms Ana Garcia**  
Chair of the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)
  - **Ms Anne Brosnan**  
President of the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)
  - **Mr Jose Manuel Quintana Touza**  
EnviCrimeNet, Major of Guardia Civil, National Central Office for the Analysis of Information on Illegal Environmental Activities
  - **Prof Dr Luc Lavrysen**  
President of the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)
  - **Prof Dr Michael Faure**  
Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research (METRO), Maastricht University
  - **Ms Gabriela Scutea**  
Prosecutor General of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice of Romania
  - **Mr Jose Antonio Alfaro Moreno**  
Head of Team EU Organised Crime, Europol
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**Moderator:** Ms Vita Juknè, Head of Unit, Environmental Rule of Law & Governance  
DG ENV.E4, European Commission

**Local venue:** NH Brussels EU Berlaymont  
Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19, 1000 Brussels, Belgium (Hybrid)

**Conference language:** English

Local time		
09:00-09:30	30'	Registration of participants, solving technical issues for participants connecting online
09:30-09:50	20'	<p><b>Welcome address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Paul Speight, Acting Director, Compliance, Governance and Support to Member States, DG ENV.E, European Commission</li> <li>Mr. Michal Franěk, Deputy-Minister, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic (video message on behalf of the Czech Presidency)</li> <li>Mr Lawrence Meredith, Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, DG NEAR C, European Commission (video message)</li> </ul>
09:50-12:30		<p><b>Session I - Environmental compliance and environmental crime</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms Vita Juknè, Head of Unit, Environmental Rule of Law &amp; Governance, DG ENV.E4, European Commission</i></p>
09:50-10:00	10'	<p><b>Proposed new Environmental Crime Directive - update</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <i>Ms Vita Juknè, Head of Unit, Environmental Rule of Law &amp; Governance, DG ENV.E4, European Commission</i> <i>Mr Peter Csonka, Head of Unit, General Criminal Law and Judicial Training, DG JUST B.1, European Commission</i></p>
10:00-10:15	15'	<b>Questions and answers</b>
10:15-10:25	10'	<p><b>The viewpoint from the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Ana Garcia, Chair of IMPEL</i></p>
10:25-10:35	10'	<p><b>The viewpoint from the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Anne Brosnan, President of ENPE</i></p>
10:35-11:00	25'	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00-11:10	10'	<p><b>The viewpoint of EnviCrimeNet</b></p> <p><i>Speaker (online): Mr Jose Manuel Quintana Touza, Major of Guardia Civil, Spanish National Central Office for the Analysis of Information on Illegal Environmental Activities</i></p>
11:10-11:20	10'	<p><b>The viewpoint from the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Prof Dr Luc Lavrysen, President of EUFJE</i></p>
11:20-12:20	60'	<b>Questions and answers, discussion with networks</b>

12:20-13:50	90'	Lunch break
		Please be reminded to sign the attendance list
13:50-15:00	70'	<b>Session II - Combating environmental crime: academic perspective, national and cross-border experiences</b> Moderator: Ms Vita Juknè, Head of Unit, Environmental Rule of Law & Governance, DG ENV.E4, European Commission
13:50-14:05	15'	<b>Legal challenges for an EU framework on combating environmental crime</b> Speaker: Prof Dr Michael Faure, Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research (METRO), Maastricht University
14:05-14:20	15'	<b>National experience: challenges and good practices in tackling environmental crime</b> Speaker: Ms Gabriela Scutea, Prosecutor General of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice of Romania
14:20-14:35	15'	<b>Cross-border experience: challenges and good practices in tackling environmental crime</b> Speaker: Ms Jose Antonio Alfaro Moreno, Head of Team EU Organised Crime, Europol
14:35-15:00	25'	Questions and answers, discussion
15:00-17:30	150'	<b>Session III - Enforcing zero pollution together - Compliance assurance aspects of the Zero Pollution Action Plan"</b> Moderator: Ms Veronica Manfredi, Director, Zero Pollution, DG ENV.C, European Commission
15:00-15:15	15'	<b>Setting the scene – on enforcing zero pollution together – Experiences from the European Commission</b>  Questions for discussion:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which are the key sectors where collaboration between environmental and other enforcement authorities should be strengthened to improve pollution prevention?</li> <li>2. What are the main solutions to address the identified issues – do you have some 'good' or 'less good' experiences?</li> <li>3. How can EU level cooperation help resolve the identified obstacles?</li> </ol>
15:15-16:00	45'	<b>Roundtable 1 - Experiences from Member States and enforcement networks</b>
16:00-16:30	30'	Coffee Break
16:30-17:15	45'	<b>Roundtable 2 - Suggestions for way forward from Member States and enforcement networks</b>
17:15-17:30	15'	Wrap up and closing remarks



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