

LIFE-ENPE Working group 3

Air pollution

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The European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment

ENPE



- Purpose - to promote the enforcement of environmental criminal law by supporting the operational work of environmental prosecutors.
- Open to organisations involved in the prosecution of environmental crime as Full Members, Observers & Supporting Members
- 33 Full Members, Supporting Members and Observers.
- Funding of €1,072,400 provided through the European Union LIFE programme [LIFE14 GIE/UK/000043](#) from 2015-20



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The LIFE-ENPE project

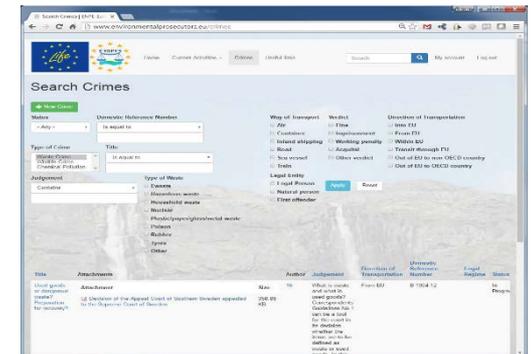


- Funding has been provided through the European Union LIFE programme LIFE14 GIE/UK/000043
- A partnership between the Environment Agency (England, UK) Environmental Protection Agency (Ireland), Åklagarmyndigheten (Sweden), Openbaar Ministerie (Netherlands) and the European Union Forum of Judges for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



LIFE-ENPE project outputs

- The incorporation of ENPE, by Royal Decree - ENPE aisbl 33 Members (39 targeted)
- Baseline Capitalisation & Gap-filling Report published and shared with 45 countries
- Annual conference - 2019 is 4th so far; @500 delegates attended
- 4 Working Groups convened: Wildlife; Waste; Air pollution; Judicial process and sanctioning
- Crimes Database activated, used and update by ENPE members





Working Group 3 – air pollution 2019 activities & outputs

- Air pollution cases added to ENPE crimes database
- Second stage interim report submitted (June)
- Training Workshop, Nicosia Cyprus March 2019 – 34 attendees; 13 European countries represented [Dr Horst Buther will expand on this]



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Working Group 3 – air pollution

- WG3 (Air Pollution) addresses non-compliance and improves prosecution of air pollution crime in Europe.
- The WG3 Chair, Lorna Dempsey, has moved on to a new position with the role of Chair currently shared between WG3 members Lina Chatziathanasiou and Christos Naintos. WG3 Membership comprises the following:

Working Group member	Country	Role
• Aisling Kelly	Ireland	Barrister
• Victor Tarchev	Bulgaria	Prosecutor
• Teodor Nita	Romania	Prosecutor
• Karen Berry/Gillian Higgins	UK (Scotland)	Lawyer
• Lina Chatziathanasiou	Cyprus	Prosecutor
• Christos Naintos	Greece	Prosecutor
• Dragana Lipovic	Bosnia Herzogovia	Prosecutor

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Over the last months, WG3 has faced the dual challenge of key group member changes (loss of its **Chair**) and a team of WG members that is the most **geographically dispersed** (members from as far apart as Ireland and Romania).

This has meant that meeting-up has not been straightforward and in order to maximise efficiencies, the meetings have only taken place in the margins of other preplanned events where the majority of group members were present (e.g. annual conference in Heraklion).

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Nevertheless, the recent delivery of a specialist training **workshop in Nicosia** on 29 March 2019 was considered a success.

The **next steps** are to continue to ensure that the project aims are met by means of this important action, in particular through making the **training** accessible to as many prosecutors as possible.

(source: Second Stage Iterim Report and training materials, p. 3, 8)

Thank you for listening



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