



EU FORUM OF JUDGES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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EU Forum of Judges for the Environment:

- Created in 2004
- President and board
- ½ FTE secretariat since 2019 thanks to support DG Environment, European Commission, FPS Environment of Belgium and to IMPEL



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EUFJE seeks to:

- Foster knowledge of environmental law among judges;
- Exchange of experiences in area of training of the judiciary in environmental law;
- Share environmental case law;
- Contribute to better implementation and enforcement environmental law.



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Members: EU, EFTA judges, judges in candidate Member States, third states

- 87 members, 5 associated members, 10 honorary members and 6 observers;
- 40 different countries;
- Administrative, criminal, civil judges at all levels of the judiciary, experienced (or interested!) in handling environmental cases.



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Annual conferences:

- The Hague 2004: organisation of the national judiciaries in relation tot environmental law – training in the field of environmental law
- London 2005: waste legislation and case law
- Helsinki 2006: nature protection
- Luxembourg 2007: criminal enforcement of environmental law
- Paris 2008: soil pollution
- Stockholm 2009: integrated pollution prevention and control



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Annual conferences:

- Brussels 2010: application of European biodiversity law at national level
- Warsaw 2011: environmental protection and land use planning
- The Hague 2012: national judges and EU Environmental Law
- Vienna 2013: access to justice in environmental matters
- Budapest 2014: environmental impact assessment
- Bolzano 2015: the protection of the environment through criminal law



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Annual conferences:

- Bucharest 2016: human rights and the protection of the environment
- Oxford 2017: climate change and the judiciary
- Sofia 2018: recommendations on better enforcement through **training and specialisation of judges in environmental law**
- 12-14 September 2019 Helsinki: The **use of science and technology (including GEOINT) in environmental adjudication**

(reports available on EUFJE website)



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Future priorities a.o.:

- Continue commitment to Environmental Compliance Action plan;
- Aarhus Convention: Task force on Access to Justice;
- LIFE ENPE project: WG 4 Sanctioning, prosecution and judicial practice;
- Joint conference of the 4 networks in 2020?
- Joint project IMPEL, ENPE, University of Leuven on the evaluation of ecological damage: project “BIOVAL”;



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Future priorities a.o.:

- Global Judicial Institute on the Environment - Interim Governing Committee;
- Meetings of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT);
- Proposal Justice for Wildlife (WWF, ENPE);
- Various training activities...



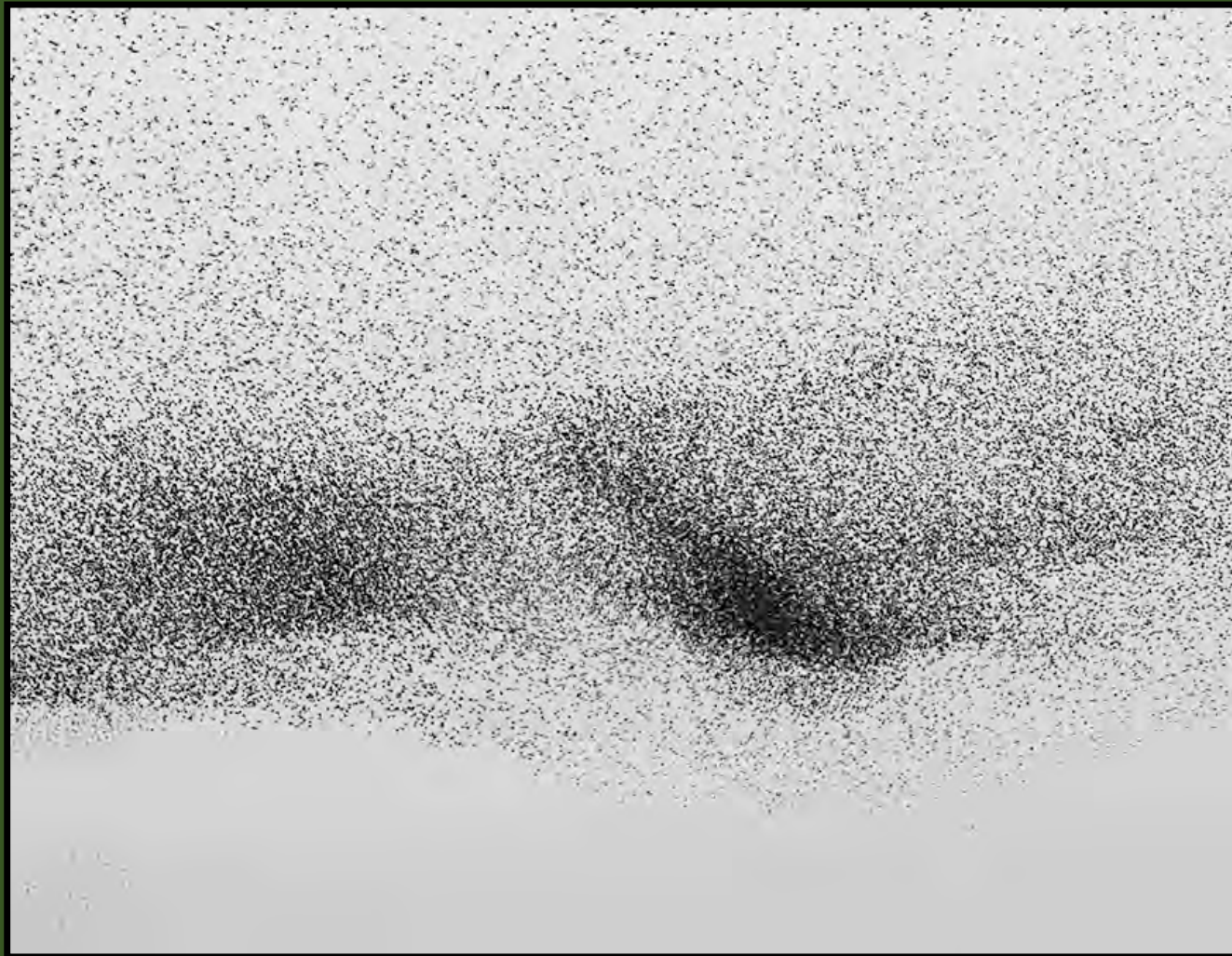
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Future priorities:

- Capacity building – fund raising: no income, no membership fees, limited financial and staff resources;
- Grant applications to EU Member States: almost no positive answers;
- 2019-2020 : application under IMPEL operating grant -> expand activities and membership, involve more judges in activities.

BIOVAL

Project on evaluation of ecological damage





















Sentence April 12th 2016

- 6 months & 3 months (suspended)
- 30.000 euro fine (21.000 suspended) & 9.000 (6.000 suspended)
- Illegal benefits confiscated
 - 20704 starlings x 0,50 euro = 10.352 euro
- NGO Bird Protection: 5.000 euro moral damage+250 euro material damage

BIOVAL

Project on evaluation of ecological damage

Finland : 1 starling 84 euro

Hungary, Spain,...

Set up criteria to help judges, prosecutors,
inspectors to calculate **compensations**

If you want to go fast go alone

If you want to go far go together





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