



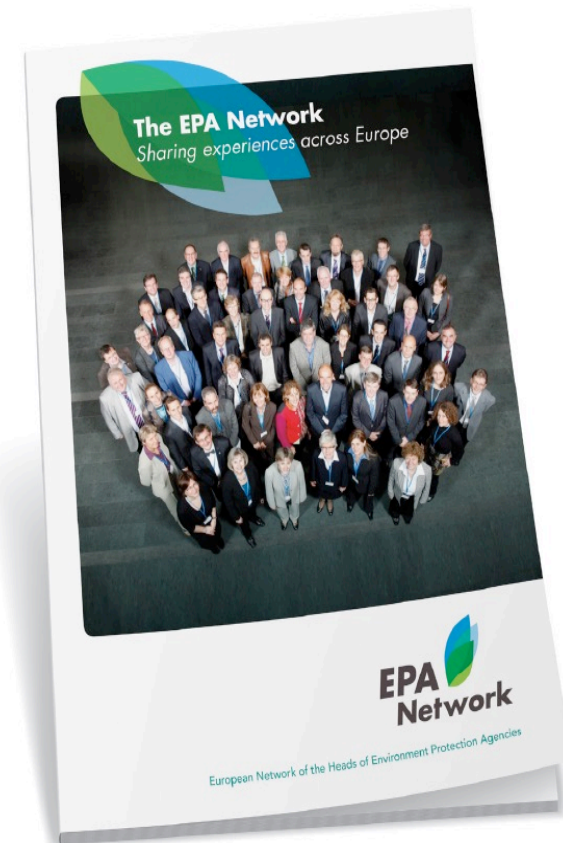
# Network of Europe's Environment Protection Agencies

**Laura Burke, Director General EPA Ireland**

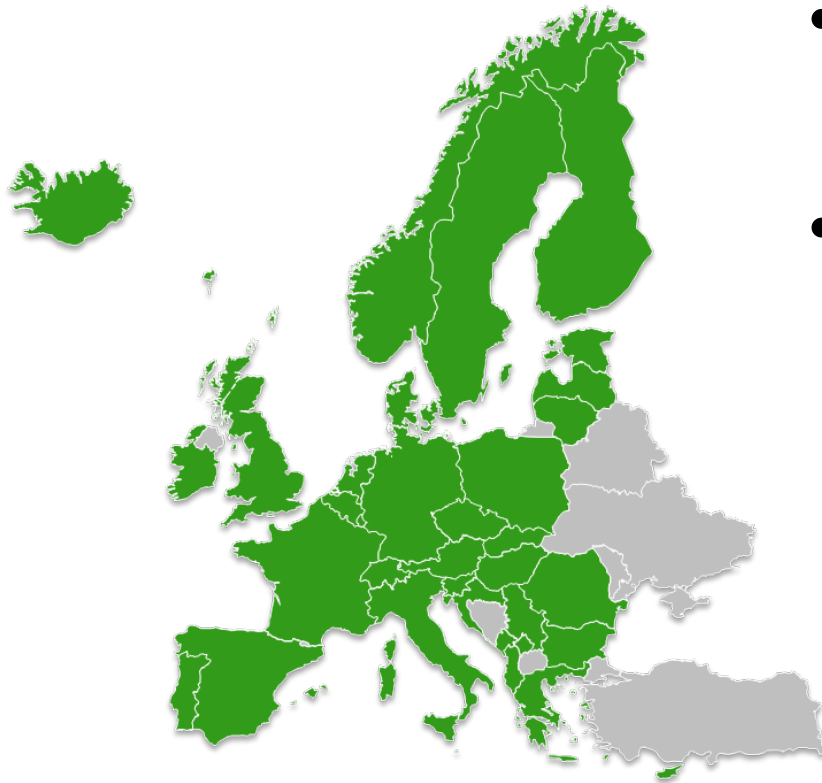
ENPE Annual Conference, 29 October, The Hague

# About the Network

- Established in 2003
- **Informal**
- Heads of EPAs
- **Strategic agenda**
- Interest Groups set up on specific topics
- Secretariat located European Environment Agency's (EEA) offices in Copenhagen

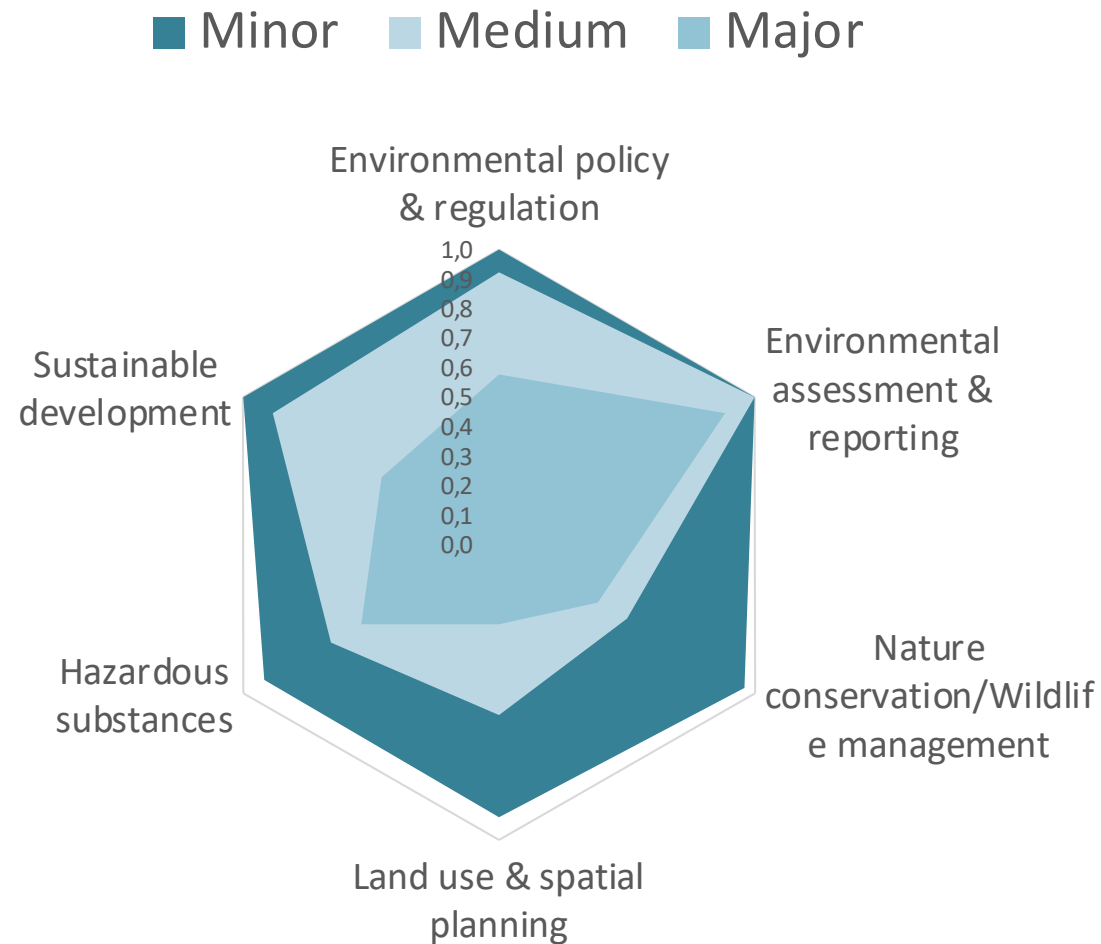


# Members

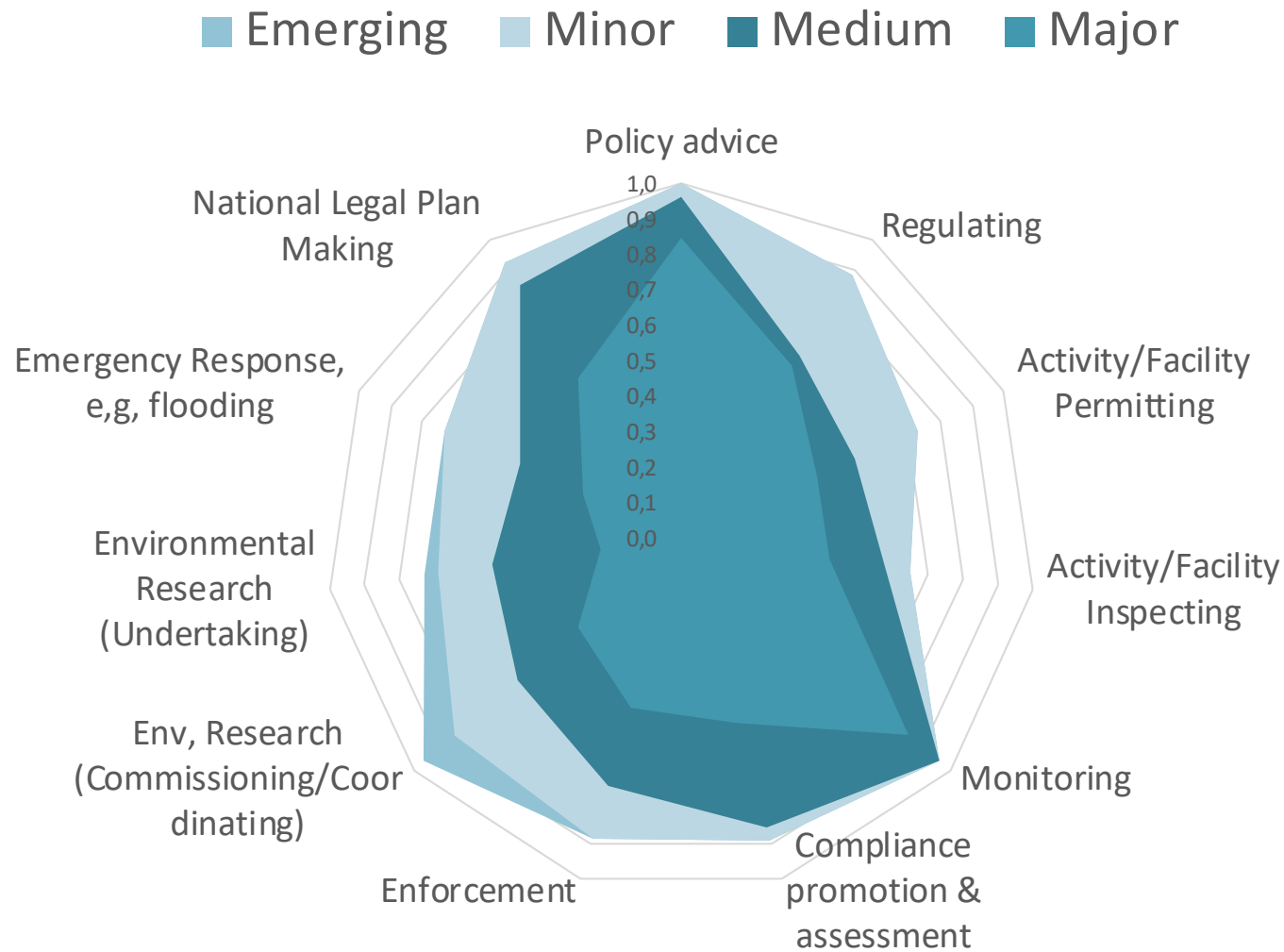


- 39 member organisations, 38 European countries
- Environment agencies and similar organisations, including European Environment agency (EEA)

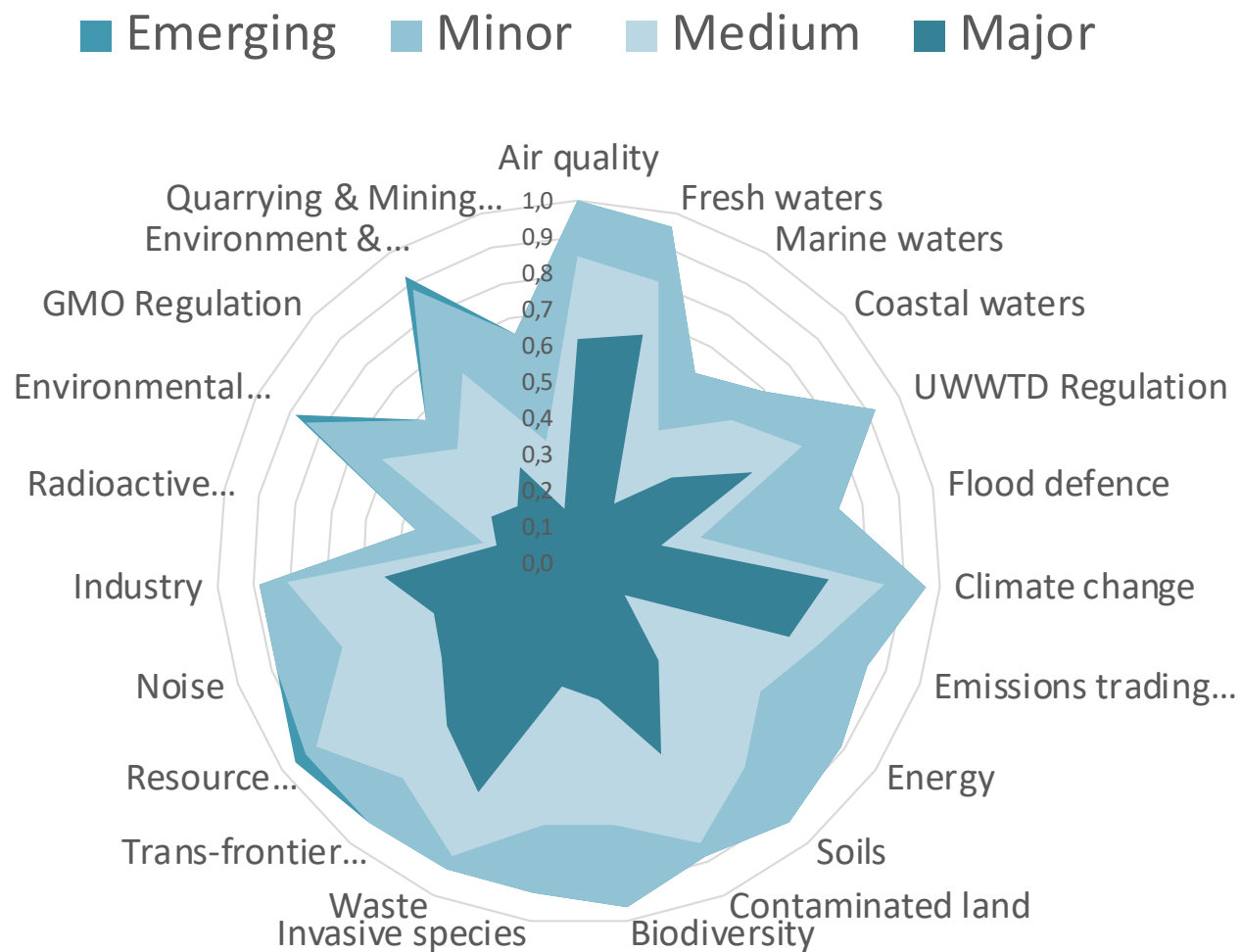
# General roles of EPAs



# Role of EPAs in Environmental policy and Regulation



# Activities in Environmental policy and Regulation



# Role of the EPA network 1/2

- Platform for frank exchange of views and experiences
- Implementation of environmental policy - level playing field



Photo: © Orhan Kartal, Sustainably Yours /EEA



# Role of the EPA network 2/2



Photo: © Antonio Farto, Sustainably Yours /EEA

- High level link to European Commission
- Link to other European networks



# Interest groups



# Better Regulation mission

“To promote and support effective implementation of environmental policy in Europe to create a clean and healthy environment supporting a sustainable society and competitive economy in which to work and live.”



Photo: © Arif Miletli, Sustainably Yours /EEA

# Better Regulation objectives

- Promote the development and implementation of **effective environmental regulation**
- **Identify political, institutional and cultural barriers** to the development of better regulatory approaches and make recommendations on how these can be addressed
- **Contribute to European level work** to achieve more for the environment by contributing to the Commission's work, e.g. REFIT, Circular Economy and sustainable development
- Develop a better link between **policy making, evidence and regulation**

# Contact

- **Co-chair**  
[Laura Burke](#), Director  
General EPA Ireland,
- **BRIG Secretariat**  
[Franca Maugeri Todaro](#)
- **EPA Network Secretariat**  
[Mari Erlandsen](#)
- [EPA Network website](#)

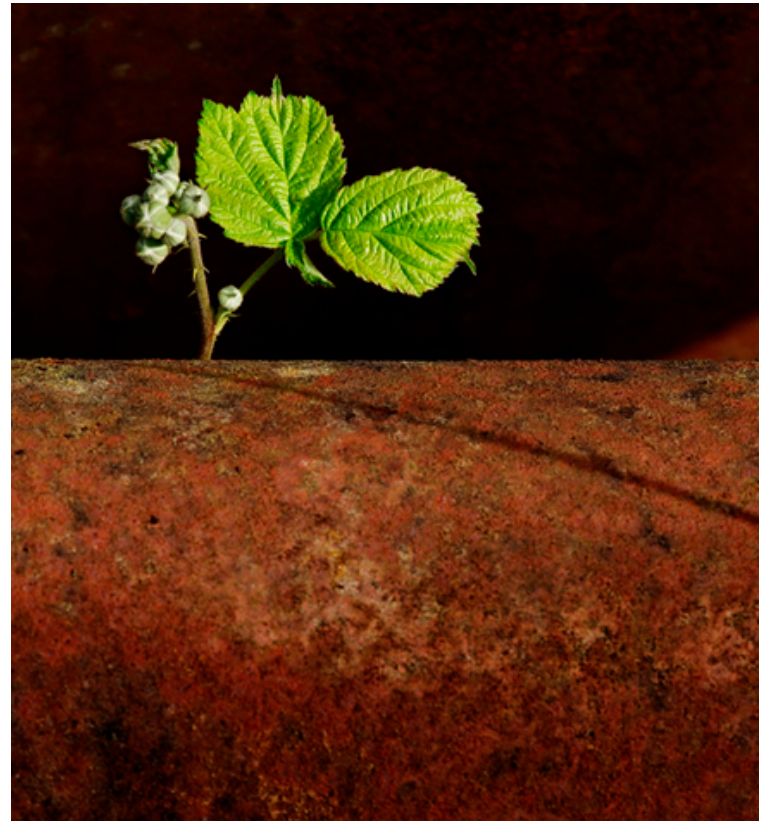


Photo: © Stephen Mynhardt, Environment & Me /EEA