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About the EnviCrimeNet

Informal and independent network of experts enhancing effectiveness for countering environmental crime (Particular Waste Trafficking).

Platform and forum for exchanging non-operational information and experiences.

Supported by Europol (Secretariat)

Environmental crime investigation services or competent authorities responsible for fighting environmental crime
Networking in the fight against Environmental Crime

2011-2012

2017

2018-2021
New scenario to tackle Environmental Crime

Strategical Level: EnviCrimeNet

Tactical level: EMPACT

Operational Level: MS coordinated by Europol
EnviCrimeNet today and tomorrow

Advisory body to EU Institutions and relevant actors (EUCPN).

Develop mechanisms and gather synergies at strategic level. Collaborative work among Networks (ENPE, IMPEL, EUFJE).

Identifying trends in environmental crime.

Promotion of training and sharing best practices.
### Budgetary issues regarding Network activities. Key point in the near future:

| Current situation. Every MS self fund their contributions. | DG ENVI through financial instruments could be a great opportunity | DG. HOME through Internal Security Funds for the future |
Environmental Compliance Assurance
EU ACTION PLAN

Help inspectors and law officers to combine forces
Environmental inspectors from across the EU already work together on joint inspections of waste shipments. The Commission will seek to reinforce such common efforts.

Encourage professional training
To be effective, environmental inspectors and other professionals require know-how and training. The Commission will support the identification of training needs.

Spread knowledge
Access to good information about environmental compliance assurance is important. The Commission will make more information available online.

Help the fight against waste and wildlife crime
Waste crime not only damages the countryside, it undermines the circular economy. Wildlife crime threatens endangered species. Guidance will be produced on the best ways to combat these problems.

Better ensure compliance in rural areas
Guidance will be produced to help ensure that farmers and other land managers comply with environmental rules under EU nature and water laws so that our rivers and lakes, water supplies, and rare habitats and species are protected for the benefit of all.

THE 9 ACTIONS

Provide technical guidelines for inspections of extractive waste facilities
Guidelines will be produced on how to inspect facilities used to hold waste from mines and other extractive industries, as negligence can cause environmental disasters.

Improve the handling of citizen complaints
Guidance will be produced on how authorities can best respond to complaints from citizens. Citizens provide valuable information about wrongdoing, which can help authorities do their job better.

Develop use of satellites
Through the Copernicus programme, the Commission will promote the use of satellite images and other geospatial data sources to detect illegal disposal of waste, illegal land use and other breaches.

Provide Member States with better feedback on how they are doing
The Commission will provide Member States with tailored information regarding their performance, helping them to identify strengths and weaknesses.
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Defining possible activities aligned with Environmental Compliance Assurance next General Assembly EnviCrimeNet (2-4/03/20) and 4 Network Conference in September (IT)

Mainly related to:
- Reinforce capacities of Law Enforcement against criminal activities.
- Training.
- Coordination with:
  - IMPEL, ENPE, EUFJE,…
## EVALUATION ROADMAP

Roadmaps aim to inform citizens and stakeholders about the Commission's work to allow them to provide feedback and to participate effectively in future consultation activities. Citizens and stakeholders are in particular invited to provide views on the Commission's understanding of the problem and possible solutions and to share any relevant information that they may have.

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Other actions

Proposals to enlist certain species into the different Appendix of CITES convention and Annex of the EU Regulation, as a tool to fight efficiently against environmental crime.
Thank you for your attention.