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Doing the Right Things for Permitting (DTRT-P) Project



The Doing the Right Things for Permitting project (DTRT-P) is a 3 year work programme which was launched in 2016. The programme will develop step-by-step guidance for permitting officers and permitting authorities to help create a level playing field between IMPEL member countries (on the issue of permitting procedure). This work follows on from the IMPEL project, which developed the Environmental Inspection Cycle.

Background

There is extensive experience across Europe of environmental permitting, first through the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive, and later through the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). Despite all of this experience, the permitting procedure has never been described within Europe through a common procedure which all countries can apply. This means that there is not a level playing field for implementing permitting procedures, and no existing Pan-European guidance for permitting authorities.

What is DTRT-P about

The main objective of the DTRT-P project is to produce step-by-step guidance for permitting officers and authorities. It will also identify new IMPEL initiatives for projects on permitting. The project will examine the relationship between permitting and inspections across Europe, with the final report sharing interesting case studies and best practices that have been identified across IMPEL member countries. The project team that has been assembled to develop this work consists of IMPEL members from the Netherlands, Slovenia, Ireland, The Czech Republic and Iceland.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Permitting Officers
- Management of Permitting Authorities
- Environmental Inspectors

EU LEGISLATION

- IED – Industrial Emissions Directive
- EIA – Environmental Impact Assessment

PUBLICATION DATE

Phase I: [Comparison report, DTRT-P](#) (Published October 2016)



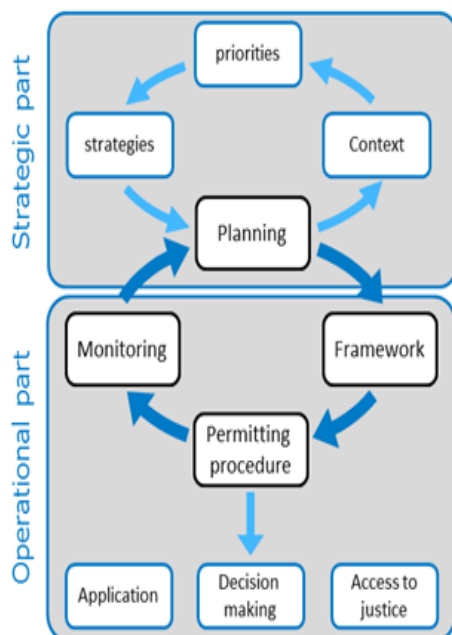
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To gather information on both the strategic and operational aspects of the permitting process, a questionnaire was prepared by the project team, and sent out to all IMPEL member organisations. Participation in the survey was very high, with responses collected from 22 competent authorities based in 13 IMPEL member countries.

A two day workshop was also held in Halfweg (NL) in September 2016 to collect more information. 25 experts from 18 IMPEL member countries participated at the event. About 80% of the participants at the workshop were permit writers, making this one of the first IMPEL projects to have a majority representation from this type of audience. The aim of the workshop was to get a good understanding about what the structure of the step-by-step guidance document (to be produced in year 2 of the project) should look like. The project team were also interested to learn what level of detail should be used to describe each step, which will be developed from the results of the questionnaire.

Outcome

Based on the information obtained from both the questionnaire and the workshop, it was identified that the guidance document should contain both strategic and operational sections. It was also agreed that the information in the flow-chart below will be used to describe the most important steps, and that the results of the IMPEL IED Implementation project will be used to fill in these steps where relevant.



LINKS

- [DTRT for planning of Environmental Inspections \(2006-2009\)](#)
- [Doing the Right Things for Permitting \(2016-2018\)](#)
- [IED Implementation](#)

KEY WORDS

- Doing the Right Things
- Permitting
- Licensing
- Procedures
- Strategic Part
- Operational part
- Context
- Priority
- Strategy
- Planning
- Annual Work Plan
- Framework
- Monitoring
- Application
- Decision making
- Access to justice