



IMPEL National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI) Project Summary of the online closing Seminar of Phase II held on March 30, 2021 09:30h-12:30h CET

'Networks and its Members toward better performances, systematizing dialog, exchanges, inter-comparisons about the National implementation of EU environmental legislation and its homogenization'

On March 30, 2021, the closing Seminar of the National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI) Project - Phase II was held.

The seminar was attended by 32 participants from 14 Countries.

The project, led by the Netherlands and Italy, aims at setting the **basis for the development of autonomous Peer Review activities in National Networks of Environmental Authorities and Agencies**. It can be used as an instrument to improve own performances through dialog, collaborative confrontation and sharing of good practices among the peers belonging to the same network.

NPRI has been recognized as a powerful instrument that can help the development of the **EU ECA initiative** through mainly due to its potential in implementation of good and best practices and homogenization,

The **phase I** of the project had the objective to develop the framework in which this kind of initiatives should be held: The peer review process was studied as a general and flexible scheme, based on the experiences of important international organizations already using it.

Thanks to the work of the NPRI Project team, the national networks have access to all the information and schemes to begin the implementation of peer reviews on their own initiative and by their own means. IMPEL is willing to support the development of this practice that can be tailored to fit the characteristics and needs of the network itself.

In the **phase II** of the project important topics have been further studied to enhance the implementation of the initiative.

The importance of a structure at national level that should be responsible for the development of Peer Review activities is underlined, and this topic has been consequently explored. The design of the Peer Review Assessment Framework, based on the identified scope of the initiative, has been deepened. Also, the institutional and social environment in which a Network is acting has been considered. It is concluded that it is essential to perform, as soon as possible when planning a peer review, a stakeholder's analysis to understand who are the interlocutors that should be involved in the implementation of the peer review results because of their interest and/or powers. Furthermore, the training of the peer review team has been studied, as fundamental step to achieve the necessary quality standard.

Much more information you will find in the presentations used during the Seminar, already available, and in the documents produced by the Project Team that will be soon available.



Links to the agenda and presentations:

1. [Programme IMPEL National Peer Review Initiative Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
2. [Welcome - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
3. [NPRI and ECA - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
4. [Phase I NPRI methodology - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
5. [NPRI methodology and annexes - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
6. [Experience from Portugal - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)
7. [Preview of phase III - NPRI Seminar 30_03_2021](#)

The **phase III** of the NPRI project, beginning in April 2021, aims to support Countries willing to develop their own peer review scheme or willing to improve the scheme they already use. The Project Team is also available for supporting the actual organization and conduction of peer reviews.

The project will be implemented through teleconferencing systems, until the improvement of the present Covid-19 situation.

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