

Name of Project: NPRI Phase 4 – 2022-24	
ToR Reference No.: 2022-VI/09	
Version: <input type="checkbox"/> Draft <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Date: 10_03_2022
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORK UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IMPEL	

1. Work type and title

1.1 Identify which Expert Team this needs to go to for initial consideration	
Industry and air	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste and TFS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water and land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nature protection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-cutting tools and approaches	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Type of work you need funding for	
Exchange visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peer reviews (e.g. IRI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conference	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Development of tools/guidance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comparison studies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessing legislation (checklist)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, (please describe):	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Full name of work	
Improvement of the scheme(s) for National Peer Review Initiatives (NPRI) and the support to Countries willing to implement the technique – 4 th Phase.	
1.4 Abbreviated name of work or project	
NPRI4	

2. Outline business case (why this piece of work?)

2.1 Name the legislative driver(s) where they exist
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions EU actions to improve environmental compliance and governance (18.1.2018 COM(2018) 10 final) - Action 1 "Improve deployment of environmental compliance assurance expertise across the EU by means of peer reviews, joint enforcement actions, compliance assurance visits and use of the TAIEX-EIR Peer2Peer



tool”.

2.2 Link to IMPEL MASP priority work areas

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Assist members to implement new legislation. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Build capacity in member organisations through the IMPEL Review Initiatives. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Work on ‘problem areas’ of implementation identified by IMPEL and the European Commission. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Other, (please specify):
Assist IMPEL Members in improving the performance in their National Networks through peer reviews and National best practice exchange and implementation, also in view of homogenization of their behaviour at Country level. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

2.3 Why is this work needed?

The NPRI project is born with the aim to extend beneficiaries of peer reviews, already implemented by IMPEL through IRI, inside Countries and Networks of Organizations, enabling them in carrying out peer reviews autonomously on matters deemed important at National or Network level.

The previous phases of the NPRI project has set the basis for the development of NPRI at IMPEL members and, considering the interest gathered on the project, it is predictable and expected that a number of Countries and network will implement the method.

For this reason, the Project Leaders see an opportunity to provide a follow-up of the project on a regular basis, aimed at delivering assistance to Organizations that are willing to implement a NPRI scheme.

Also a need is observed in terms of a continuous improvement of the NPRI guidance and a training of officers that will have the responsibility to carry out NPRI programs in their Country / Network.

2.4 Desired outcome of the work

The strategical outcome of the work is the better and homogeneous implementation of environmental legislation at national and regional level, based on the specific legislative and technical situation of each of the Country. The NPRI process allows the identification of points of weakness in a network on the basis of a local analysis and allows the identification of solutions that can be also applied in all the network. Also best practices can be identified and shared. NPRI allows, as well, the study “on the field” of the existence of the condition of the implementation of further best practices (e.g.: from IRI, from EU indications), in a national network.

These outcomes are in strong support of the implementation of the EU environmental acquis at national level, because the systematic use of NPRI allows to study in depth the reasons for the lack in its implementation and to identify concrete, viable and at hand reach solutions in the range of powers of the Network that perform a NPRI.

To achieve these strategical goals, this project aim to develop a systematic approach for a NPRI, based on flexibility and specific country needs.

Therefore, the strategical aims of the project are the same as already envisaged as base for the previous phases of the project.



From a practical point of view, the following phases of NPRI project are aimed at providing support to Countries and Networks that may need to develop their own NPRI scheme, as well as providing assistance in its implementation.

2.5 Does this project link to any previous or current IMPEL projects?

See the above paragraph 2.3 that links this phase of the NPRI project to its previous phases

3. Structure of the proposed activity

3.1 Describe the activities of the proposal

The NPRI Project, 4 phase, will be developed along the following axis:

1. Providing support to (other) Countries and Networks that plan to implement NPRI, as already done in phase two of the project.

The plan foresees that two Countries will plan to implement NPRI and that IMPEL will support them in this activity.

Types of support through:

- a. Preliminary Teleconferences
- b. Country visits to discuss the program
- c. Training
- d. Follow-up teleconferences

2. To follow-up with Countries and Networks that already decided to implement NPRI in phase two of the project. Beside the type of the help already delivered in phase two, assistance will be provided in the execution of peer reviews.

Types of support through:

- a. Preliminary Teleconferences
- b. Country visits to take part in (at least) a section of the NPRI
- c. Training
- d. Follow-up teleconferences

3. To provide training of Project Team members in the implementation of NPRI, by setting up a team of experts in NPRI with the scope to apply assistance to other countries that want to implement the NPRI scheme or to expand it to other areas.

Training approach:

- a. Use of manuals
- b. Teleconferences

4. Training of Officers in Countries that implement NPRI to continuously improve their skills in the management of the technique.

Training approach through:

- a. Use of manuals
- b. Teleconferences

5. Further improvement of the NPRI methodology and related reference text and modules. Furthermore, the use and benefits of the NPRI scheme will be promoted through the following ways, as well as through participation in the High Level ECA Forum of the European Commission.

Ways:

- a. Project meeting
- b. Teleconferences

c. Final seminar

The above scheme is to be considered flexible and adaptable to situations that are not easily foreseeable right now.

3.2 Describe the products of the proposal

Among the outputs and outcomes the following products are foreseen:

1. Implementation of Peer Reviews in a growing number of Countries with beneficiaries already envisaged in the previous ToRs;
2. Contacts and tele-conferencing with IMPEL Members that are interested in developing and applying a NPRI scheme;
3. An updated version of the NPRI Methodology document (guidance) based on the new/different experiences gathered in phase two and three of the project;
4. Training materials, to support activities regarding above points 3 and 4.
5. Documents describing an evaluation of the NPRI implementation in Countries/Networks and choices they made during the process.
6. Development of a (national) Team of Experts able to foster NPRI development in other IMPEL member Organisations and Countries.

