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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	<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 type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Type of work you need funding for	
Exchange visits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer reviews (e.g. IRI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of tools/guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comparison studies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessing legislation (checklist)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please describe): Building on the results and outputs of year 1 of the SWETE project. Broadening the understanding of regulatory approaches and establishing a network within IMPEL Membership of EU & national water environmental policy and regulatory delivery cycles, to identify, develop and disseminate best practice. Implementing Water Framework Directive through regulatory best practice and solutions to aspects members find problematic. IMPEL water conference.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.3 Full name of work (enough to fully describe what the work area is)	
Safeguarding the Water Environment Throughout Europe	
Project to establish understanding of approaches to WFD delivery throughout Europe. Identification of best practice and areas that are problematic. Establishing a network of	

water managers to build on these, share best practice and work together to resolve area that are problematic. To be achieved through a workshop and IMPEL water conference, plus reports and action plans.

1.4 Abbreviated name of work or project

SWETE 2

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

2.1 Name the legislative driver(s) where they exist (name the Directive, Regulation, etc.)

Water Framework Directive
Industrial Emissions Directive
Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
Habitats and Birds Directives
Marine Strategy Framework Directive
Floods Directive

2.2 Link to IMPEL MASP priority work areas

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| 1. Assist members to implement new legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Build capacity in member organisations through the IMPEL Review Initiatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Work on 'problem areas' of implementation indentified by IMPEL and the European Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

2.3 Why is this work needed? (background, motivations, aims, etc.)

IMPEL has been asked by the European Commission to expand and apply its regulatory capability into the Water Environment Area and specifically implementation of WFD, having previously focused on industrial emissions and associated processes under IPPC and IED Directives. Effective water resource management, (both quality and quantity) relies on good forward planning and delivery based on data, information and professional judgement. It is essential that economic growth in each Member State supports planned sustainable water resource protection and utilization.

Implementation of the WFD is dependent upon good regulatory practice to produce good River Basin Management Plans and to implement the associated Programmes of Measures in a timely and effective way. Major benefits could be achieved by identifying and sharing good regulatory practice available across the EU, using both conventional permits ('hard' regulation) and 'softer' non-regulatory measures separately or in combination.

The Water Framework Directive requires Member States to manage their water resources at catchment and water body level. This may require new thinking and ways of working in order to achieve the Directive's requirements.

Good management of the water environment requires members states to be aware of emerging

issues and preparing to meet the challenges that they present, as well as improving current practices where needed. Both of these will be made much easier with better results if members states can work in collaboration. This project will help to build the network of water managers to create a community engaged in achieving these aims.

2.4 Desired outcome of the work (what do you want to achieve? What will be better / done differently as a result of this project?)

- IMPEL will establish a network and programme to develop and promulgate best practice, initially in water quality and ultimately water resource regulation **providing common ownership** of regulatory options and approaches to deliver WFD & IED
- IMPEL Members will share WQ regulation knowledge, efficiencies and linkages across the EU.
- Water Framework Directive Objectives will be more readily achieved by Member States.
- Member States' Environmental Water Quality Regulators will be closely involved in strategic and local Development Planning decisions, as well as monitoring and reporting environmental water quality and discharges.
- IMPEL will have a resource available for member states to understand how others approach WFD delivery and can use this to develop their own solutions.

2.5 Does this project link to any previous or current IMPEL projects? (state which projects and how they are related)

Linking the Water Framework and IPPC/IE Directives Phase 3 (2013)

3. Structure of the proposed activity

3.1 Describe the activities of the proposal (what are you going to do and how?)

Premise: Year 1 of the SWETE project (running at present) was aimed at providing a report with an initial summary and comparison of IMPEL member's approaches to regulation of point source discharges as part of achieving water framework directive (WFD) objectives. This includes a comparison of permitting approaches, identification of good and best practice and those aspects that members find problematic or foresee future problems. This will also start to build a network of water managers with responsibilities in WFD delivery.

Year 1 of SWETE project includes planning for a workshop to be delivered early in year 2.

Year 2 workshop 1

This workshop will be for a small number of IMPEL members to disseminate, test and build on the year 1 report's conclusions. The year 1 report will be updated to take into account of the outcomes

of this workshop. It will also start to plan an IMPEL water conference to be held at the end of year 2 by:

- a) further building of a network of water managers
- b) gaining their support and input to the water conference
- c) adding detail to the understanding of permitting approaches
- c) identifying areas of concern and best practice for discussion, including emerging areas of concern

IMPEL water conference

This will be held at the end of year 2 with approximately 40 attendees (25 of which IMPEL Members with paid expenses) – water managers and key stakeholders. This will require input from IMPEL members including pre-conference information gathering, identification of areas of interest for discussion and helping to facilitate sessions.

The aims of the IMPEL Water Conference are:

- a) Further build on the year 1 report
- b) Find solutions or develop action plans to resolve the areas of concern.
- c) Obtain more detail and further examples of best practice.
- d) Extend the project beyond permitting to other parts of the regulatory cycle and water management areas of diffuse pollution control, water resources regulation and flood risk management.
- e) Start to produce a manual that describes the approaches to WFD delivery across the member states, that identifies areas of best practice in diffuse pollution control, water resources regulation and flood risk management.
- f) Action plan to complete e) through collaboration between members
- g) Action plan to resolve areas of concern through collaboration between members.

3.2 Describe the products of the proposal (what are you going to produce in terms of output / outcome?)

- Workshop report
- Conference report
- Beginnings of manual and best practice manual
- Action plans
- IMPEL WFD network
- Planning for next phase of work.

3.3 Describe the milestones of this proposal (how will you know if you are on track to complete the work on time?)

Milestones are likely to include:

Year 2 workshop 1 planning and delivery
Updated report
IMPEL water conference planning and organisation

IMPEL water conference

Conference report

Production of phase 1 of manual on regulatory approaches and best practice, plus action plan to develop this further

Production of action plan to resolve areas that members find problematic

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