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# IMPEL Annual Work Programme 2018

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## CONSOLIDATED LIST

Project number	Name of Project / Activity	Total costs for IMPEL	Project manager
2018/01	Supporting IED implementation and BAT -conclusions 2018	€62,140	Horst Buether (DE), Forin Homorean (RO), Guenter Dussing/Robert Gross (AU)
2018/02	Onshore Oil and Gas Regulation - phase II	€20,040	Jane Durling (UK)
2018/03	NCP Best Practice Meeting 2018	€15,000*	Huib van Westen (NL)
2018/04	Enforcement Actions 2017 – including Waste & TFS Conference	€39,000	Katie Olley (UK)
2018/05	Landfilling and Circular Economy	€15,460*	Romano Ruggeri (IT)
2018/06	WEEE Directive Implementation and Enforcement	€13,460	Marina de Gier (NL)/Walter Pirstinger (AU)
2018/07	Integrated water approach & Urban Water	€17,700	Geneve Farabegoli (IT), Anabelo Rebelo (PT)
2018/08	River development planning – phase 2	€8,300	Thomas Ormond (DE)
2018/09	Safeguarding the Water Environment throughout Europe, phase 4	€14,750	Paul Hickey (UK)
2018/10	Water & Land conference 2018	€25,310	Giuseppe Sgorbati (IT)
2018/11	Water Crimes	€16,860	Claudia Carpino (IT)
2018/12	IKB Exchange of Intelligence (IMPEL-ESIX)	€30,350	John Visbeen (NL)
2018/13	Hunting tourism	€10,980	John Visbeen (NL)

2018/14	Nature protection planning tool	€16,770	Gisela Holzgraefe (DE)
2018/15	Expert team meeting & Network activities	€10,270	John Visbeen (NL)
2018/16	EU Plan Wildlife trafficking	€13,710	João Loureiro (PT)
2018/17	Doing the Right Things for IED	€41,920	Tony Liebrechts (NL)
2018/18	Satellites images	€20,000	Cláudia Morgado, Luís Marques, Susana Silva (PT)
2018/19	Environmental incident and emergency response	€19,800	Mark Wells (UK)
2018/20	Financial provisions	€1,200	Kim Bradley (UK)
2018/21	IMPEL 2018 Conference	€25,000	Michael Nicholson (IMPEL)
2018/22	IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI) Programme 2018	€25,000	Patricia Weenink - Driessen (NL)

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Project number	Name of Project / Activity	Expert Team	Country lead	Objectives and results / output	Expected end of project
2018/01	Supporting IED implementation and BAT -conclusions 2018	Industry & Air	Germany	<p>A general goal of the project is to establish the project team as a core group of the Industry and Air Expert Team and a sustainable cooperation of European enforcement authorities. This includes: improvement of the IED implementation in Europe; raising the percentage of BAT application through common understanding and expert exchange, fast exchange of solutions concerning implementation problems; facilitating implementation; joint inspections; web applications and tools; invited speakers of related projects and activities outside IMPEL; feedback to the COM on implementation of the IED; new ways of identifying implementation gaps.</p> <p>Topics for further developing good practice are also identified.</p> <p>A special highlight of the 2018 workshop will be the implementation of the use of BAT-conclusions in the cement production industry with exchange of experience in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ conditions;</li> <li>▪ Definition of installation (boundaries of an installation) in cement production;</li> <li>▪ Permitting of existing Installations / Reconsideration and updating of permit Permitting of new Installations;</li> <li>▪ Use of BAT;</li> <li>▪ IED Baseline Report;</li> <li>▪ Environmental Inspections;</li> <li>▪ Use of BAT in permitting and inspection.</li> </ul>	

				Forces will also be joined with the DTRT-Permitting project and common guidance will be developed based on the permitting cycle and the inspection cycle of DTRT. The IED Implementation project will deliver fact sheets for the different steps of the regulatory cycles. As a result, internet based guidance for industrial permitting and inspection will be created that shall be used as basic concept for the IRI's and as training material for competent authorities.	
2018/02	Onshore Oil and Gas Regulation - phase II	Industry & Air	UK - England	<p>The aim of this project is to build upon the work of 2015, 2016 and 2017 and to review in much greater detail participants' approaches on a number of critical issues, with a view, wherever possible, to defining, sharing and promoting best practice. The project aims to help regulators to feel more confident in delivering consistent and reliable information to the public, industry and policy-makers. It may also avoid duplication of effort, and promote consistent and proportionate regulation across and beyond the IMPEL network. Finally, it could inform and support dialogue with regulators in non-IMPEL countries which have developed, or are developing their industry.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A more coherent understanding of the onshore oil and gas industry's environmental record</li> <li>2. A fuller picture of what regulators consider to be best practice on key issues</li> <li>3. Consistency in implementation and enforcement of regulation across IMPEL members</li> <li>4. Capacity-building for regulators</li> <li>5. Greater public trust in regulators and their decisions</li> <li>6. Useful and reliable information for policy-makers and Bref authors</li> </ol>	
2018/03	NCP Best Practice Meeting 2018	Industry & Air	Netherlands	International cooperation and alignment is crucial when it comes to the enforcement of the European Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) (EC) No 1013/2006 and preventing, detecting and combating illegal waste trafficking. Frequent contact between the European	

				<p>enforcement authorities is therefore necessary. This project focuses solely on the exchange of information and experience by workshops.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exchange information, working methods, case studies and countries' experiences</li> <li>▪ informed participants on new developments</li> <li>▪ strengthened network of NCP's involved in the enforcement of the WSR 1013/2006</li> <li>▪ Discussion on new IMPEL project proposals and generation of interest to take active part in projects.</li> <li>▪ Meeting report</li> </ul>	
2018/04	Enforcement Actions 2017 – including Waste & TFS Conference	Waste & TFS	UK - Scotland	<p>The Enforcement Actions project series have formed the bedrock of practical activity of the IMPEL-TFS cluster for some time. The outcomes and data provided by the project are seen as very important by the European Commission and were used in its recent impact assessment for the revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation (660/2014). UNEP has also used its data and guidance to inform its work and produce reports. Interpol has also leant on the project to implement its activities.</p> <p>The objectives of this project are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To work towards an adequate level of inspections in all Member States and a consistent level of enforcement at all exit points of the EU</li> <li>2. Promote site inspections at points of loading and encourage a cradle-to-grave approach to inspection to minimise illegal shipments</li> <li>3. To verify waste destination and the treatment at their destination within or outside Europe;</li> <li>4. To provide an easily accessible European enforcement project for all co-operate with each other, and also with other regulatory authorities, e.g. Police and Customs</li> </ol>	

				<p>5. To detect illegal shipments and deter future ones through effective communication and guidance</p> <p>6. To facilitate take-back procedures after an illegal shipment has taken place and</p> <p>7. Demonstrate that the Member States take the enforcement of the WSR seriously</p> <p>The IMPEL Waste and TFS conference has not been held for two years. Combining the travel for the Enforcement Actions best practice meeting and the conference should enable cost savings.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintained and improved network of front line waste shipment inspectors, inspection methods, exchange of information and inspectors' knowledge on the Waste Shipment Regime.</li> <li>▪ Increased co-operation with Police and Customs officers</li> <li>▪ 'smarter exchanges' focussing on certain waste streams and operators that act across national borders.</li> <li>▪ snapshot data derived from the project inspections are particularly important in highlighting the areas of weakness in inspection regimes and focussing future inspections.</li> <li>▪ Best practice meeting in April 2018 would discuss the revisions to inspection working procedures and how best to modernise reporting arrangements.</li> </ul>	
2018/05	Landfilling and Circular Economy	Waste & TFS	Italy	<p>This project builds on the results and products from the previous landfill projects. The aim of this project is to focus on verification/inspection systems that are in place in MS, to check compliance with the criteria of the Directive in relation to end-of-waste and by-products. Particular attention will be paid to the production process residues, focusing on the relevant BREFs. Secondly it will further define common criteria to evaluate the need of a pre-treatment, especially for industrial waste, in order to comply with the overall environmental objectives of Landfill Directive-LFD (permitting step). Thirdly it will continue to facilitate the sharing of</p>	

				<p>experience and knowledge in practical landfill joint inspection as well as the development of a Training Programme.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A training program on environmental inspections in landfill and waste treatment plants.</li> <li>▪ Collection of best practices on pre-treatment of waste, use and application on end-of-waste criteria and by-products.</li> <li>▪ Feedback to the EU Commission to a possible implementation of LFD in order to define criteria and need of a pre-treatment.</li> <li>▪ Identification of significant streams of waste mentioned in BREFs of different process production, that can undertake a recovery process according to MS legislations.</li> <li>▪ Improved regulatory and enforcement regime.</li> <li>▪ Feedback to policy makers on the (effectiveness of) the various approaches and practices in the field of permitting and inspection</li> <li>▪ Spread the achieved results of inspections and guidelines/checklist in the Member States by the National Coordinators.</li> </ul>	
2018/06	WEEE Directive Implementation and Enforcement	Waste & TFS	Netherlands / Austria	<p>This project has three main aims/parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To improve the detection of illegal shipments of WEEE to countries with poor treatment facilities (African countries) by creating a guideline for a more uniform interpretation and enforcement of Annex VI of the WEEE Directive.</li> <li>2. To carry out a desk study on the implementation of the WEEE Directive in national legislation concerning treatment of waste plastic containing brominated flame retardants (BFR). Furthermore, improving the monitoring of waste plastics of WEEE containing BFR, stimulate enforcement actions in this field by exchanging information, working methods, case studies. The main aim is to prevent next generation of hazardous wastes by using waste plastics contaminated with PBDEs and PBBs for new plastic products (see requirements of the POP-Regulation and ROHS).</li> </ol>	



				<p>3. To share experience, best practices and the possibilities and impossibilities on how enforcement can benefit a more accurate reporting but also a positive contribution to more and better collection and recycling of WEEE, and on how to deal with the hazardous substances in WEEE.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To work towards an adequate level of inspections in all Member States and a consistent level of enforcement regarding Annex VI of the WEEE Directive;</li> <li>2. To work towards an adequate level of inspections in all Member States and a consistent level of enforcement regarding hazardous substances (BFR)in WEEE;</li> <li>3. Providing feedback to the Commission on the difficulties regarding implementation and enforcement difficulties;</li> <li>4. More uniform system of classification.</li> </ol>	
2018/07	Integrated water approach & Urban Water	Water & Land	Italy	<p>The aim of this project is, on the one hand, to enhance the guidelines on industrial water management best practices for three industrial sectors (Refinery, Pulp&amp;Paper, Textile) developed in the previous project and test one sector in practice with a selected industrial operator and, on the other hand, to exchange current best practices with respect to water reuse of treated urban waste waters.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report on industrial and urban water reuse best practices and permitting process, promoted and disseminated by IMPEL.</li> <li>▪ An immediate outcome will be the transfer of knowledge on current best practice with respect to integrated water use at industrial and urban level.</li> </ul>	
2018/08	River development planning – phase 2	Water & Land	Germany	<p>This 2-year project, which started in 2017, aims to collect information about best practices and provide guidance how to draft and implement river development plans in a cost-effective way, so that regulators in the Member States are encouraged to use this instrument for the remediation of surface waters in their jurisdiction.</p>	

				<p><b>Outcomes in 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Field visits with information documents for participants</li> <li>▪ Guidance document (Guideline on River Development Planning)</li> <li>▪ Final project report.</li> </ul>	
2018/09	Safeguarding the Water Environment throughout Europe, phase 4	Water & Land	UK - England	<p>Following the three previous parts of the project, SWETE 4 will undertake a forward look exercise to develop proposals for future projects. Drawing on the Implementation Challenges report and perspectives from representatives of the IMPEL leadership team, specific areas to consider are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A “blue IRI”</li> <li>▪ Compliance actions</li> <li>▪ Mining waste (a specific area of interest from the Commission – further details being sought)</li> <li>▪ Pesticides</li> <li>▪ Groundwater quality monitoring</li> </ul> <p>The project will further consider how the knowledge sharing portal on basecamp might be expanded (or whether a different vehicle is needed) to meet the aspirations set out in the “IMPEL – the next generation” document.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Best practice resources for priority technical areas.</li> <li>▪ Creation of a community of practitioners in these areas.</li> <li>▪ Building and further developing the IMPEL Land and Water network.</li> <li>▪ Web based framework to host learning material for the W+L community</li> <li>▪ Forward look of priority work areas and pipeline of projects</li> <li>▪ Alignment of focus of L+W expert team to Implementation Challenges feedback and direction of travel set out in “IMPEL – the next generation”.</li> </ul>	

2018/10	Water & Land conference 2018	Water & Land	Italy	<p>Effective water and land 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 &amp; Land resource protection and utilization. Activities carried on, and experiences built in water and land field need to be shared among IMPEL members and the annual Water and Land Conference is an instrument for a wide contact and discussion.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Environment Compliance Assurance Initiative, promoted by the European Commission pose new challenges that need to be investigated, discussed, to find out proposals to fulfill the ambitious IMPEL's further evolution perspective. The 2018 W&amp;L Conference can be, consequently, an useful initiative to discuss and present solution to cope with new IMPEL's Ambitions.</p> <p><b>Output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conference</li> <li>▪ Proceedings of the conference</li> <li>▪ Back to back Expert Team meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strengthening of IMPEL identity in Water and Soil area, with a focus on drone monitoring</li> <li>▪ Development of relationships with other Authorities acting in water and soils and related areas</li> <li>▪ Growing of interest inside and outside IMPEL on water and soil issues discussion and gathering of hypothesis about W&amp;L contribute to new IMPEL Ambitions</li> </ul>	
2018/11	Water Crimes	Water & Land	Italy	<p>The Council Conclusions on countering environmental crime - Council conclusions (8 December 2016) has recognised the role of IMPEL in countering environmental Crimes, but a common definition of "water crimes" is a challenging task. Furthermore, water-related crimes are often recoded under other offences – like fraud, corruption, trafficking, falsification of documents, terrorism – for the absence of a systematic analytical approach. The nature and extent of these</p>	

				<p>kinds of activities is still relatively unknown. Based on this background, this proposal aims at increasing knowledge on water crimes, engaging IMPEL Community in a project aimed at collecting and sharing information about the topic, its presence, its perception and management at competent authorities.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A deeper understanding and awareness of the relevance of criminal offences on freshwater, and their impact on water stress and water security in Europe by IMPEL members.</li> <li>▪ A Water Crimes Threat Assessment document</li> </ul>	
2018/12	IKB Exchange of Intelligence (IMPEL-ESIX)	Nature Protection	Netherlands	<p>The aim is to improve the way (method) to exchange and share information with other EU MS Enforcement teams and NGO's working in the field of Illegal Killing of Birds (IKB) and EU Timber regulation. A better exchange of the information and Intelligence will certainly improve Enforcement in this field. For 2018 is the goal is to establish IMPEL-ESIX by the growth in participants as well from NGO's as authorities. Also, structural funding of IMPEL-ESIX by other financial means than IMPEL project budget will be explored in 2018.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve Information Exchange on IKB</li> <li>▪ Suggestions for ways to exchange Intelligence between authorities and NGO's within the possibilities of the Law</li> <li>▪ IMPEL-ESIX website</li> </ul>	
2018/13	Hunting tourism	Nature Protection	Netherlands / Slovenia	<p>In 2017 the importance of developing a questionnaire to get more information about the scope of the problem of hunting tourism was underlined. The results of this survey will be analysed in 2018. Besides the survey, also internet searched will be conducted that might discover illegal hunting activities. Based on an analysis, the outcomes must lead to joint inspections with enforcement officers and probably custom officers involved. During expert team meeting there will be decision between which countries a joint inspection can be executed.</p>	

				<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report-analysis of the scope of the problem according to hunting tourism based on three different point of views (Authorities - Birdlife partners - FACE partners).</li> <li>▪ Exchange of (enforcement) information the lead to a joint inspection in the field of hunting tourism and to investigate illegalities.</li> <li>▪ Extend the network of inspectors working together.</li> </ul>	
2018/14	Nature protection planning tool	Nature Protection	Germany	<p>The main objective of this project is to contribute to the continuing development of capacity within IMPEL, to the gather forces and to share experience between MS to assure proper implementation and enforcement of the Nature directives and to promote nature conservation. Its aim is to define criteria and to build a tool to manage frequency of nature protected site visits (including Natura 2000 sites). If possible, the tool will also store data collated through inspections over the long term in order to be used by inspection authorities for the purposes of evidence and long term trends in nature protected sites change.</p> <p><b>Outcomes (2018):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Map out detailed 'asks' of the tool</li> <li>▪ Fixed set of criteria</li> <li>▪ Clear and detailed schematic of the tool and what is required.</li> <li>▪ Identified source and level of funding available for development.</li> <li>▪ Shortlist of suitable specialists for IT development phase.</li> <li>▪ Identify successful developer and have initial conversation about the tool and what is required.</li> <li>▪ Identify any challenges or pitfalls in development as well as identify developer timescales.</li> </ul>	
2018/15	Expert team meeting & Network activities	Nature Protection	Netherlands	<p>In the management plan for the expert team on nature protection the 'backbone structure' contains a cycle from an IRI activity, followed up with expert team meeting in the year after. During expert team meetings Member States present recent developments in wild life</p>	

				<p>crime (best practices, crime cases), as well as results of projects on nature protection, collaboration with other networks and NGO's (participation in LIFE plus activities) and future project proposals.</p> <p>Main outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exchange of (enforcement) information, collegial help to improve the organisation and execution of EU nature protection legislation requirements,</li> <li>▪ An extended the network of inspectors working together and,</li> <li>▪ Agreement on future activities.</li> </ul>		
2018/16	EU Plan trafficking	Wildlife	Nature Protection	Portugal	<p>The implementation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking requires broad support, not just from the EU institutions, but also the EU agencies – Europol and Eurojust –, the Member States and their relevant agencies, the EU delegations, Member States Embassies in third countries. The aim of this IMPEL project will be to analyse the different good practices to implement the EU tools to tackled wildlife trafficking and to build an orientation guide that can be share and used by all Member States.</p> <p>A general goal of the project is to build a reference guide to a core group of implementing enforcement authorities of the EU Member States that enable them to successfully tackle the problem of the wildlife trafficking.</p> <p>That includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exchanging solutions concerning implementation problems;</li> <li>▪ Facilitating implementation and interpretation of available tools;</li> <li>▪ Performing joint inspections;</li> <li>▪ Developing web applications;</li> <li>▪ Identifying implementation gaps;</li> <li>▪ Providing an overview on the approaches in different European countries</li> <li>▪ Facilitating cooperation between actors from the compliance chain, also on defining consistent solutions for implementation problems.</li> </ul>	

2018/17	Doing the Right Things for IED	Cross Cutting	Netherlands	<p>Doing the right things for Permitting looks closely at the relation between permitting and inspection, identify interesting case studies and best practices in Europe and identify and describe the steps that could be used in permitting and inspection.</p> <p>In this third year of the project, the team will develop a second draft of the guidance, build an online version of the guidance book on the website of IMPEL, and conduct a training needs assessment with the guidance as basis.</p> <p>The outcome of the work is a 2nd full draft of the guidance, an online step by step guidance for permitting and inspection for IED, a report on of training needs assessment and an identification of new IMPEL initiatives.</p>	
2018/18	Satellites images	Cross Cutting	Portugal	<p>Environmental law enforcement may be supported by highly updated and valuable geographic information, gathering, storing, managing and assisting the field activities. However, still uncertain are the methods, institutional use and the legal application of these tools for the environmental and land use analysis. Therefore, this project aims to identify the potential users of these remote sensing data, based on Copernicus services and understand how this information can support the environmental and nature conservation inspections inspection activities within the specificity of each IMPEL members involved and how it has already been applied and can be applied in the future, considering main procedures, methods, (open) access to such procedures and methods and legal constrains (concerning geo-spatial evidence appliance in different countries legal background).</p> <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exchange of information and current best practice concerning the use of Copernicus services and UAV as a tool for environmental and nature conservation inspections and the possible legal constraints regarding the use of the collected data;</li> </ul>	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gather knowledge on the development of methodologies that assist IMPEL members who are currently using or planning to use these tools/technologies;</li> <li>▪ Increase the capability of using Copernicus services outputs to support and prioritize inspection programs;</li> <li>▪ Share methodologies and expertise of geographic information applied in environmental and nature conservation inspections;</li> <li>▪ Identify potential barriers to using geo-spatial technologies regarding their probative value.</li> </ul>	
2018/19	Environmental incident and emergency response	Cross Cutting	UK - Scotland	<p>There is a diversity of national laws and regulations requiring operators to put in place plans and arrangements to prevent, respond to, and remediate environmental damage as a result of natural and technological incidents. Environment Protection Agencies also operate under a variety of duties and requirements to help operators prevent incidents, and to plan and execute incident and emergency response. This diversity of duties and requirements is likely to have resulted in inconsistent arrangements to prevent, and respond to, environmental incidents.</p> <p>This project is an opportunity to identify, learn from, and facilitate the implementation across EU EPAs of, best practice in responding to environmental incidents and emergencies. This, in turn, will afford greater protection to the environment in Europe, particularly where transboundary impacts are possible, and help ensure more effective remediation of environmental damage following an incident.</p> <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A desk study of environmental incident and emergency response arrangements in selected EPAs in the EU and beyond to identify the current range of practice and the core components of current arrangements.</li> <li>▪ Development of a simple questionnaire identifying what incident and emergency response arrangements are already in place in EPAs in Europe and beyond.</li> </ul>	



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report of best practice case studies, and guidance based on core components, for dissemination in various formats to EU EPAs to encourage and inform best practice. Identification of opportunities for face-to-face communication of project findings and best practice guidance to collected EPA representatives.</li> </ul>	
2018/20	Financial provisions	Cross Cutting	UK - Scotland	<p>This project follows on from and builds on the outputs of the IMPEL project Financial Provision – Protecting the Environment and the Public Purse (2016/2017). The final phase of the project aims to investigate the application of the Irish and Spanish tools in other jurisdictions. This is likely to require production of a version of the Spanish MORA tool with an English language user interface. Regulators and operators will have a better understanding of the availability and suitability of financial tools resulting in improved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protection of the environment</li> <li>▪ Protection of the public purse</li> <li>▪ Implementation of polluter pays principle</li> <li>▪ Investment in pollution prevention</li> </ul> <p>Output and outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An evaluation of the potential wider application (to other jurisdictions) or the Irish and Spanish models (and the Netherlands approach if available).</li> <li>▪ Confidence in decision making, potential benefits in terms of streamlining the process and reducing regulatory burden (this has been found in Spain where operators are aligning their datasets to be compatible with MORA).</li> </ul>	
2018/21	IMPEL 2018 Conference	IMPEL	IMPEL Secretariat	<p>After 2 consecutive years of organising EU networks conferences (2016 Utrecht and 2017 Oxford), IMPEL recognised the need holding a dedicated conference on the work, progress and way forward of the network, the 5 expert teams and their members; especially in relation to the Environmental Compliance Assurance Initiative by the European Commission.</p> <p>The conference aims to:</p>	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Present the state of play of Operationalisation of the IMPEL Position /Ambitions Paper on 'Environmental Compliance Assurance' (2018)</li> <li>▪ Increase the (strategic) membership of IMPEL</li> <li>▪ Promote and disseminate IMPEL's results and output</li> <li>▪ Discuss and present a multi annual strategic trainings and capacity building programme covering key areas identified as implementation gaps and needs.</li> <li>▪ Discuss coordinated EU wide enforcement actions at various topics</li> <li>▪ Inform and align with stakeholders and strategic partners active in the compliance chain</li> <li>▪ Show case innovative new tools and actions to support IMPEL members in their work and responsibilities</li> <li>▪ Facilitate sharing of best practices, case studies and know-how</li> </ul> <p>The conference will also offer the 5 Expert Teams to hold their meeting back to back to the conference.</p> <p>Outcomes and output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Receive members' input for the presented actions and ways forward to increase and assurance environmental compliance.</li> <li>▪ Increased profile of IMPEL among its members, stakeholders, partners and externally</li> <li>▪ Frameworks for multi annual training and capacity building programme, including areas, needs, tools and training curricula, funding, resources</li> <li>▪ Proposals for EU wide joint inspection actions and ways to implement them</li> </ul>	
2018/22	IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI) Programme 2018	IMPEL	Netherlands	The IRI scheme is a voluntary scheme providing for informal reviews of environmental authorities in IMPEL Member countries. It was set up to implement the European Parliament and Council Recommendation (2001/331/EC) providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections (RMCEI).	

			<p><b>The potential benefits of the IRI include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Providing advice to environmental authorities seeking an external review of their structure, operation or performance by experts from other IMPEL member countries</li> <li>▪ Encouraging capacity building in environmental authorities in IMPEL member countries</li> <li>▪ Encouraging the exchange of experience and collaboration between these authorities on common issues and problems</li> <li>▪ Spreading good practice leading to improved quality of the work of inspectors and other officials working within environment authorities</li> <li>▪ Environmental authorities and contributing to continuous improvement of quality and consistency of application of environmental law across the EU (“the level playing-field”).</li> </ul> <p>Member states that host an IRI will benefit from an expert review of its systems and procedures with particular focus on conformity with the RMCEI. The participants in the review team will broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of environmental inspection procedures. Other Member States will benefit through the dissemination of the findings of the review through the IMPEL network.</p> <p><b>Main output:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A written report of the review.</li> <li>2. Relevant extracts from the review report, as agreed with host, for dissemination to IMPEL members and the European Commission, Training and Educational material on “lessons learned” and on examples of good practice for incorporation into training schemes of IMPEL member country inspectorates.</li> <li>3. Where appropriate, translation of the project summary into the home language of the host IRI country.</li> </ol>	
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