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Association of Regional Environment Inspection Agencies (The Netherlands)

The Association of Dutch EPA's was founded in 2012 due to a major organizational change. All human capacity on environmental permitting, inspection and enforcement is now separately concentrated in 29 Regional EPA's. Over 5000 professionals came over from over 400 municipalities and regional authorities. These practitioners are confronted from day to day with new challenges and for that always in for developments that can help them improving their work and finding solutions.

In 2017, our Association became a full member of IMPEL. This step gave us full access to the IMPEL network, associated networks, published studies and more. We stepped in several projects carried out under the umbrella of the multi annual working programme, with a special focus on the topics industry and cross cutting.

Already in 2018, we hosted the 'IMPEL next Generation' Conference in Zwolle. Besides welcoming over 100 participants from almost all IMPEL-members, a lot of practitioners from national bodies were able to attend and started to know the network. For that, this conference not only boosted IMPEL as a network, but also gave a boost to the support of IMPEL on a national scale.

The Impel Review Initiative (IRI) is also well known in our country. We participated not only in a lot of IRI's all over Europe, we also hosted several and got really a lot of usable experiences from all. It also inspired us to set up a National Review Initiative (NPRI) where in the meantime all Regional EPA's took part in. NPRI is from 2019 also an IMPEL project and together with Italy and others our Association will carry out a project in 2019, 2020 and 2021 to bring this initiative to a higher level.