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Portugal is proudly involved in IMPEL's work since its creation and we recognize the key role that IMPEL assures on implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law in Europe, allowing environmental authorities to share expertise, building capacity and exchanging experiences and practices, also on new and innovative approaches and methods. Together, IMPEL Members, in close cooperation with other networks such as ENPE, EUFJE and EnviCrimeNet, find practical answers to common challenges on the implementation of legislation.

We can think of many examples such as Implementation of IED Directive on "Air and industry", Urban Water Reuse in "Water and Land", Enforcement Actions in "Waste and TFS", Implementation of Habitats Directive in "Nature Protection" or "Assess the use of Copernicus Satellite images in environmental and nature conservation inspections and their evidential value" in "Cross-Cutting".

We highlight all the support gathered from the Board and the Secretariat, helping us on the establishment of the Portuguese National IMPEL Network, in 2015, with the aim to strengthen the Portuguese representation and participation in IMPEL, between 16 national and regional entities, including Police Authorities and the Public Prosecution Office, as an important forum for fostering institutional cooperation and cooperation at national level.

Contributing with our will, work and efforts to the success of IMPEL work, an organization whose strength relies on the join forces between entities and colleagues, working day by day to assure environmental protection, on the benefit of public interest, is also recognised by the European Commission. The Commission Action Plan on Environmental Compliance and Governance, where IMPEL takes a major role, is the best example of the benefits of cooperation with EU countries and European networks of environmental agencies, inspectors, auditors, police, prosecutors and judges, to increase compliance with and improve governance on EU environmental rules on activities, and we are very glad to be a part of it.

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