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## Some fact and figures

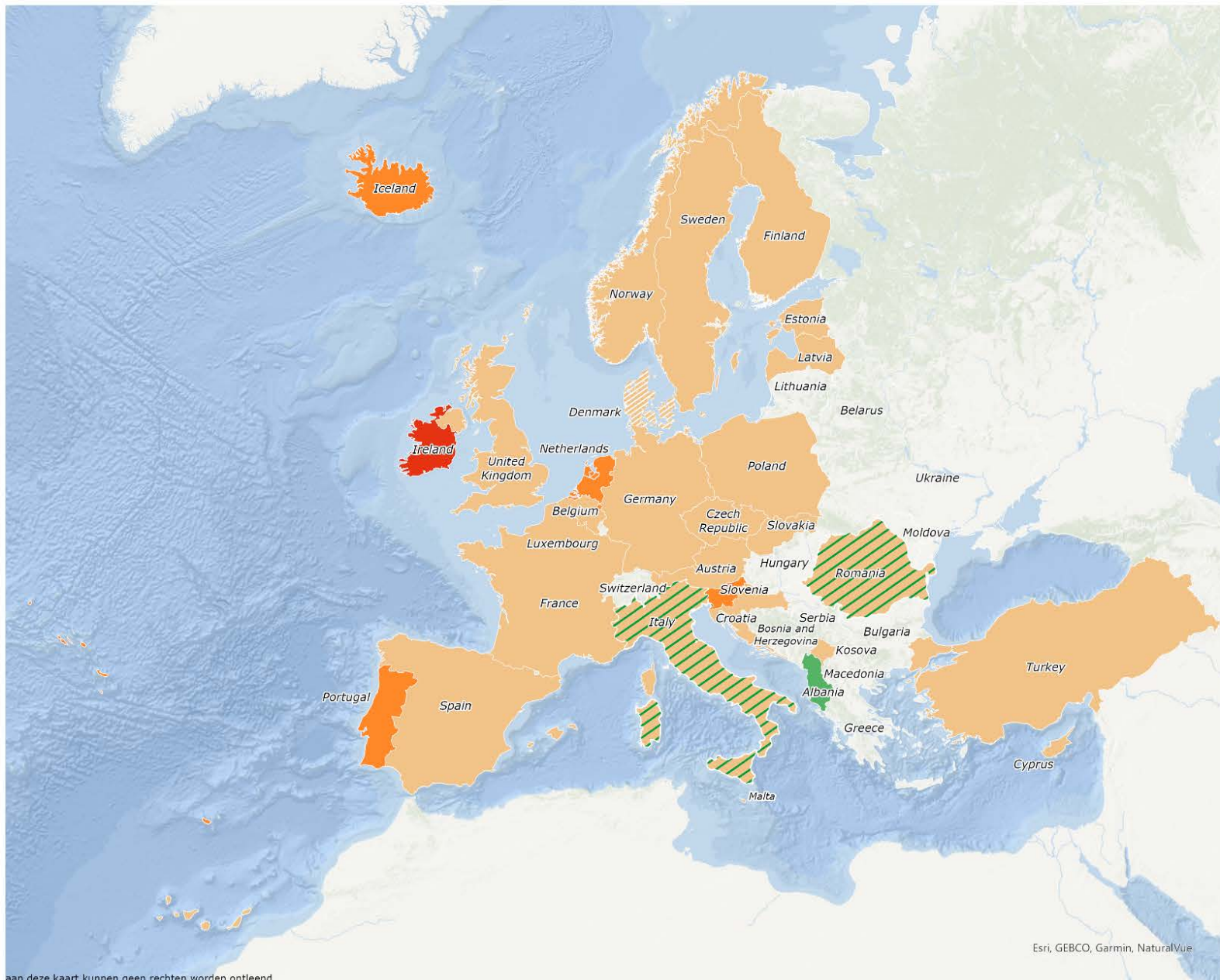


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- 2001 first IRI
- 33 member countries already had an IRI
- 7 member countries had their second IRI
- 3 IRI's have been on Nature protection (Green IRI)
- Around 230 Impel colleagues have been part of an IRI team
- 3 to 4 IRI's conducted every year

# Impel IRI Review

## Participating countries



### Legenda

- Pilot IRI
- One IED review
- Two IED reviews
- Nature review
- General review and Nature review
- Water review
- Waste review

### Sources

ArcGIS Map Service/ArcGIS Online

### Beleidsinformatie, no. 230372

0 250 500 750 1.000 km

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Esri, GEBCO, Garmin, NaturalVue

# Basics of an IRI (1)



- IRI is a peer review and is not an audit
- Focus on: Industry, Nature, Waste or Water & Land
- Host organisation decides the exact topic(s)
- IRI ambassadors, committee of 5 to:
  - make member countries or organisations enthusiastic to host an IRI
  - Organise the first contacts with host organisation
  - Assists in setting up the IRI team
- IRI team consist of:
  - Team leader
  - Rapporteur
  - Between 4 to 6 specialists (depending on the area's)

## Basics of an IRI (2)



- First step is a pre-meeting with the host by the Team leader to discuss the process and exact areas
- Review itself takes 2– 4 days
- Based on a pre-designed questionnaire
- Outcome: report with observations and opportunities for development
- Presentation last day of IRI for high management
- Give assistance after the IRI on the Opportunities for Development
- Involvement of partners in the compliance chain such as prosecutors, police and judges, where this is possible/requested

# Reasons for an IRI

- Shows commitment to EU law
- Benchmarks your own system
- Exports your own good & best practices
- Imports good & best practice of others
- External validation, not influenced by historical or cultural issues



# The questionnaire

## Part A - Regulatory framework

We look at the the environmental authority, the relevant legislation it complies with and relationships with the public, stakeholders, Government and other countries and how important policy, goals and objectives is translated to the workplans of the officers (strategic alignment).

## Part B - Permitting activities

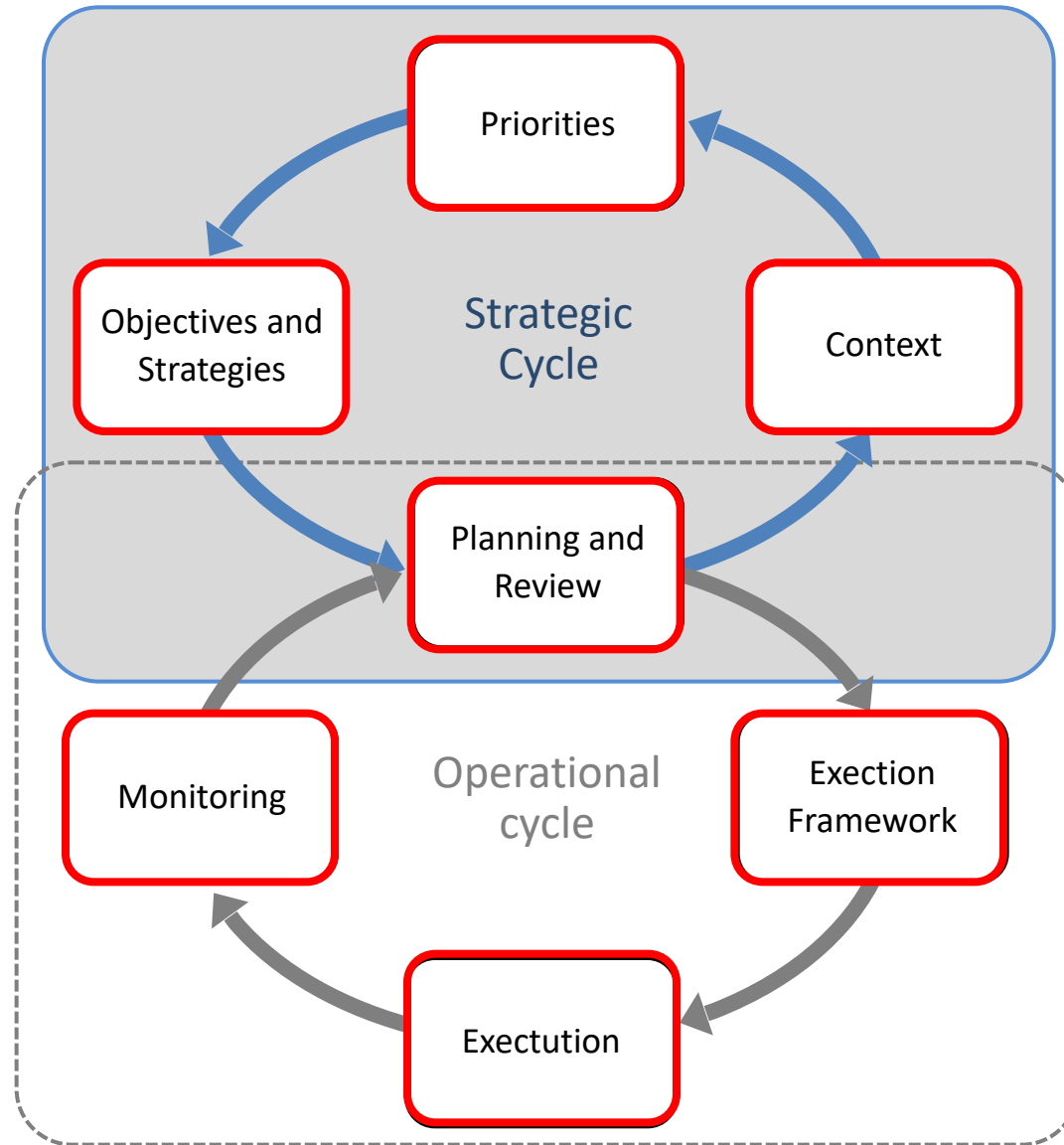
## Part C - Inspection and enforcement activities

For part B and C we review the strategic steps and the operational steps according to the Environmental permitting and inspection cycle

## Part D - Site inspection

Demonstration how inspections take place

# The questionnaire







## Time / capacity needed / IRI

	<b>Preparation</b> (in days)	<b>Pre meeting</b> (in days)	<b>Review</b> (in days)	<b>Report</b> (in days)	<b>Total</b> (in days)
<b>Host</b>	2 to 6	1	4	1	<b>8 to 12</b>
<b>Team leader</b>	1	2 (incl travel)	5 (incl travel)	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	1	2 (incl travel)	5 (incl travel)	4	<b>12</b>
<b>Team member</b>	1	-	5 (incl travel)	½	<b>6 ½</b>
<b>Ambassador</b>	2	-	-	½	<b>2 ½</b>

# Planning so far for 2024 / 2025

- Ireland – Dublin City Council – TFS
- Spain – Basque Country – IED/EID
- Luxembourg – subject tbc likely EID
- North Macedonia – Nature
- Kosovo – subject tbc likely Nature

# New developments



- Open meeting end of every year to make members enthusiastic
- Training for IRI teams beginning of every year
- Go back to host (online) after 1 or 2 years to see what has happened with the opportunities for development
- Enhance our communication on the results of an IRI

# Some quotes of the host organisations



- *It was stimulating, stressful and innovative*
- *It was challenging and supportive*
- *We found it to be very professional*
- *It raised awareness with management*
- *The proposed solutions were very helpful*
- *It gave us an ‘helicopter view’; why do we do what we do?*
- *Management was sceptical at first but very pleased afterwards*
- *Happy with the high quality of final report; simple English*



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Thank you for the attention