European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment

Réseau des Procureurs Européens pour l'Environnement

ENPE is pleased to report approval from the European Commission of our Mid-term (18 month) progress report for activities completed at the halfway stage of the Specific Action Grant (2025-27).

The 36-month programme, *ENPE II: Network for Environmental Governance and Information for Prosecutors (2025-27) – with specific reference to the implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive EU 2024/ 1203* comprises three over-arching actions and a further three linked to events & dissemination and horizontal activities and support.

Over-arching actions:

1) *Assist with the implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive (ECD) EU 2024/ 1203*

2) *Deliver support to operational prosecutors through the activities of and outputs from the three specialist ENPE Working Groups*

3) *Contribute to the Action Plan of the Environment Compliance and Governance (ECG) Forum and related initiatives*

Linked actions:

EVENTS & DISSEMINATION

(i) *ENPE members and stakeholders attend events resulting in strengthening the fight against environmental crime*

HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

(ii) *Continuation of ENPE AISBL as a viable and legally registered association in accordance with all Belgian law relating to accounting and business registration. Continuation of operational website*

SUPPORT

(iii) *Continuation of registered office premises for ENPE to use as its formal address via an annual contract demonstrating best value and appropriate service level*

Progress with each action after 18 months is summarised below:

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Over-arching actions:

1) Assist with the implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive (ECD) EU 2024/ 1203
Indicator: Demonstrable ENPE contribution to implementing ECD EU 2024/ 1203 through activities such as workshops, training, conferences, guidance drafting
Progress: ○ Good progress is being made with 13 separate events identified up until 30 June 2026 where 7 different ENPE members have contributed to the implementation through attendance and interventions at training workshops or conferences, and specific support for ECD (EU) 2024/ 1203 implementation activities; ○ Convening a dedicated workshop on the ECD – Prosecuting Legal Persons under the new ECD (EU) 2024/ 1203 in Coimbra Portugal 27-28 October 2025; ○ Convening an ENPE ECD Working Group to draft a 'Package for Inspiration' guidance document for a National Strategy shared with all ENPE members including brainstorming workshop on 27/03/26 to help Member States to deliver a National Strategy on environmental crime as required under Article 21 of the ECD (EU) 2024/ 1203.

2) Deliver support to operational prosecutors through the activities of and outputs from the three specialist ENPE Working Groups
Indicator: Concrete outputs e.g. guidance, animation, workshop reports, from the (x3) ENPE Specialist Working Groups (WG) – Wildlife crime, Pollution, Waste & Illegal Pesticides, available and shared with all ENPE members and stakeholders
Progress: ○ Good progress being made with 5 separate outputs identified that have been shared and/ or made available to ENPE members following convening of events and meetings to improve understanding, raise awareness and deliver training; ○ Emphasis has focussed on the implementation of the ECD (EU) 2024/ 1203, with less on the other groups. The Pollution WG will convene and share cases at the joint ENPE & PAS Belgrade conference on environmental crime from October 29-30 2026, and the Wildlife crime and Waste & Illegal Pesticides WGs will review their programmes and re-programme accordingly.

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3) *Contribute to the Action Plan of the Environment Compliance and Governance (ECG) Forum and related initiatives*
Indicator: ENPE representation at the DG ENV ECG Forum and on the 4 Networks cross-cutting[1] ECA ECD project including attendance at all meetings and events, and contribution to all outputs
Progress: ○ Good progress being made with 32 4 Networks Cross-cutting ECA-ECD webinars attended by ENPE, 5 of which were chaired by ENPE and 3 of which involved ENPE members presenting. In addition, 3 DG ENV ECA-ECD events (meetings & workshops) attended with interventions provided by ENPE representatives and a further 2 cross-cutting 4 Networks project meetings attended by ENPE members – GIECA (focussed on remote sensing and satellite imagery) & ARTIC (focussed on Artificial intelligence).

Linked Actions:

Events & dissemination:

ENPE members and stakeholders attend events resulting in strengthening the fight against environmental crime. Specifically the events (conferences and workshops) would be expected to result in:

- *Improving the collation and dissemination of information on environmental crime*
- *Improving the capacity and consistency in Europe for combatting environmental crime*
- *Improving the enforcement and compliance with EU environmental law*

Indicator: Organisation, convening and hosting x3 conferences and ENPE Working Group (WG) and IMPEL workshops, as agreed; secured attendance of a significant section of the ENPE stakeholders, report and disseminate findings

Progress:

- 1x4 Networks conference, co-organised & hosted with IMPEL, EnviCrimeNet & EUFJE;
- 1xENPE Working Group workshop, co-organised & hosted with the University of Coimbra;
- 1xENPE workshop, co-organised & hosted with Eurojust Western Balkans Criminal Justice Project.

Horizontal activities/ support:

Continuation of ENPE AISBL as a viable and legally registered association in accordance with all Belgian law relating to accounting and business registration. Continuation of operational website

[1] Convened and led by IMPEL – the European Union Network for the Implementation of Environmental Law.

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Indicator: Regular review of services to ensure appropriate standards are maintained and best value is provided through comparison with other providers

Progress:

- Good progress being made with x2 Annual General Meetings (2025 & 2026) and x5 Board meetings convened and completed with all minutes & reports approved and filed;
- 3 new Full Members; 4 Supporting Members and 1 Observer Member joined ENPE;
- All changes including Director and Registered address reported to Brussels (French court) Tribunal as required;
- Annual financial reports (x2) submitted on time as required for AISBL regulations & financial summary memo shared with the Board to assist with planning;
- Annual review meetings with accountants (x2 2025 & 2026);
- Service Level meetings (x2) completed with website hosts; appropriate comparison and tendering completed as per ENPE procurement guidance.

Horizontal activities/ support
Continuation of registered office premises for ENPE to use as its formal address via an annual contract demonstrating best value and appropriate service level
Indicator: An ongoing agreed registered address for ENPE AISBL with administrative duties completed.

Progress:

- Good progress reported with new registered office sourced and secured with 'mini-tendering' exercise completed to ensure best value after the original office premises were withdrawn;
- Contract agreed and signed, Brussels (French) Tribunal, website, letterheads and bank all updated accordingly.

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