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## European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment - ENPE

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**04 April 2019 10.00hrs – 11.00hrs (CET)**  
**EUROJUST Headquarters, The Hague & teleconference**

**Present:** Anne Brosnan (EA, Chair); David Smith via teleconference (EPA); Lars Magnusson (REMA, Sweden); Rob de Rijck (FP, Netherlands).

**Apologies:** Jean-Philippe Rivaud; Antonio Vercher Noguera

**In attendance:** Shaun Robinson (EA, Secretariat)

**10.00 hrs meeting starts**

### Minutes

1. AB confirmed that the meeting was quorate  
Minutes from last Board meeting (06/12/18)

- All Actions complete apart from **ACTION – SR research assistant (ongoing)**

The minutes were agreed and signed off as accurate

#### 2.0 Officer reports

- ENPE President update, including bank details
  - Newsletter sent in December 2018
  - AB remains treasurer
  - 2 LIFE-ENPE WG workshops held in Nicosia
  - No ENPE (aisbl) spend since December 2018
  - Mid-term payment made to LIFE-ENPE account in Dec 2018.
- ENPE Secretary update
  - LM confirmed that there were no changes/ nothing to update
- ENPE Treasurer update (President's update)
  - [see above]
- ENPE new members – applications received
  - CPS (Observer member) – approved
  - EUPOLCOPPS (pending - waiting for more information)
  - Mr Teodor Nita (Supporting member) – approved
  - Ms Lorna Dempsey (Supporting member) – approved
  - Portugal Public Prosecuting Authority (Full member) – approved

NEW ACTION – SR to send out welcome packs to all and update website

- Austria recommendation (via EUROJUST)

NEW ACTION – SR to investigate and get more information on Austria (send membership form)



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3. ENPE aisbl: The 'After-Life' project (Bradshaw memorandum) – paper

1) Funding options latest – ECA/ EA (spreadsheet)

SR explained background to this. It was a paper that set out a 5 year plan, to commence at end of 2020 based on LIFE project.

NEW ACTION – SR to continue discussions with finance and prepare for a bid with a formal application made via FPA (ECA) in due course (possibly end of 2019)

RdR noted that a bid from IMPEL had been made at end of 2018.

It was noted that this was all ground work for a formal bid and an outline application to be made ahead of formal bid

4.

ECA update

- ECA Forum feedback – Brussels; 07 December 2019 (AB)
  - AB & RdR attended and confirmed it went well
- ECA Environmental crimes workshop – Brussels; 12/13 March 2019 - RdR updated:
  - A document on Wildlife & Waste crime is being drafted by the group.
  - It's a scientific document, a political document is now needed. The idea now is to finalise a draft for Commission to use. RdR is moderately happy with it. It is important to note that the Commission relies heavily on the networks, including ENPE and IMPEL for their ECA programme.

It was noted that Brexit might be a significant obstacle to this support with relation to ENPE. Robert Konrad offered all kinds of support to assist to get over this obstacle (e.g. letters of support to organisations etc.)

AB thanked RdR for this and noted the kind offer of support from RK.

- ECA Forum meeting (forthcoming) – Brussels; 14 May 2019
  - AB has been invited and will attend. Other ENPE Board members are also welcome (DS, LM, RdR). This is Green Week. Also invited by LIFE to participate in workshop. Table discussion.
  - AB also invited to be a panel member on a discussion on environmental crime.
  - AB will 'fly the flag' for ENPE.
- 2019 Survey on Implementation and compliance with EU environmental Laws in Member States
  - AB noted that there would be a publication of Environmental Compliance Assessments for all Member States. It is likely that ENPE will be recommended as a network for states to get involved in.



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- DG ENV are looking to set up an environmental information 'portal'. They want ENPE to comment via interview (questions shared).
- In particular "is there a need for an EIP"? ('one-stop shop for Environmental information – Environmental Information Portal)
- AB wondered whether specific network information (e.g. IMPEL, ENPE) could be shared in one place? RdR concurred, but it would need a detailed landing page.
- Agreed that we need to be one of the first points of reference and not have our data hidden behind other network information in a shared landing page. Need our own "ENPE" 'one-stop shop'.

NEW ACTION – AB to respond on behalf of ENPE outlining that a single portal wouldn't be of huge value to ourselves.

SPIDERWEB – AB outlined. SR was (by default) on the expert steering group representing ENPE. This should not be too time consuming.

NEW ACTION – SR to invite SPIDERWEB to annual ENPE-EJ conference to update on their work

5. Feedback from conferences, seminars, workshops attended/ forward look to those forthcoming:

- LIFE-ENPE WG workshops Nicosia – 28/29 March 2019  
[RdR/SR to update in LIFE-ENPE meeting]
- CMS Bern convention MIKT meeting Rome – 08-10 May 2019
  - Angus Innes will attend on behalf of ENPE
- LIFE workshop Brussels; 16 May 2019
  - AB to attend and present on behalf of LIFE-ENPE [see above]
- EJTN training on EU Environmental Law Trier – 27/28 May 2019
  - No Board members were attending
- International Sea Pollution conference Toulon – 4/5 July 2019
  - J-P R had invited Board members. Of interest but not for Board members.

NEW ACTION – AB to check with J-PR if he would attend for ENPE and also see if end of life oil platforms were being discussed (\*TFS) is so. Howard McCann may attend as well

- ENPE & EUROJUST joint conference – The Hague; 28-30 October 2019 including feedback from visit 03 April 2019 (AB/SR)
  - [AB to update in LIFE=ENPE meeting]  
AB noted the conference was coming together. Latest draft agenda to be shared. Conference app. to be used (EUROJUST to lead).

NEW ACTION – SR to share draft with group. In particular for RdR to share with Dutch SoS for Environment who would be invited to open the event.



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6.

AOB

EIP interview (AB had covered earlier). AB offered any Board members to participate. RrR was happy to do this as long as it was a short telephone interview only

RdR – Irish EPA – at the ECA meeting, RdR met someone involved in the prosecution service in Ireland (DPP) – who is the nominated contact?

DS – Elizabeth Staunton? David was happy to make contact with Frank Cassidy (EJ desk officer for Ireland) as well.

NEW ACTION – AB to share Elizabeth Staunton's name with Frank Cassidy.

- RdR – illegal shipbreaking in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Commission will invite ERA in Trier to organise training. RdR had discussed with Renske and suggested that ENPE are asked to help. This request will come from ERA via RdR.
- All agreed this was another example of a growing demand on ENPE going forward (good news)
- RdR – EUROPOL had 20 action plans. One is on illegal pesticides. How do we prosecute? Again, this should be brought to ENPE's attention.
- AB noted that it would be good to have better links with ENvirCrimeNEt. going forward in relation to these initiatives.

**Signed by meeting Chair.....**



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## Appendix 1 – ENPE aisbl Membership and Observers

### ENPE aisbl Full Members:

- Riksenheten for Milijo-och Arbestsmiljomal vid Aklagarmyndigheten, Sweden
- Environmental Protection Agency, Republic of Ireland
- Environment Agency, England
- Openbaar Ministerie, Functioneel Parket, Netherlands
- Vrchni statni zastupitelstvi v Praz (High Public Prosecutor's Office, Prague), Czech Republic
- Rigsadvokaten (Director of Public Prosecutions Office), Denmark
- Ministere de la Justice (Ministry of Justice), France
- Ökokrim (National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime), Norway
- State Attorney's Office General, Republic of Croatia
- Finnish Prosecution Service, Finland
- Prosecution Office of the Republic of Latvia, Latvia
- Fiscalia General del Estado (State Attorney General's Office), Spain
- Assoc. of Public Prosecutors, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Greek Public Prosecution Service, Greece
- General Prosecutor's Office, Republic of Albania
- Italian Environmental Network of Prosecutors General
- Cyprus Law Office
- Public Ministry Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (Romania)
- Public Prosecuting Authority, Portugal

### ENPE aisbl Supporting Members:

- Sara Boogers; Public Prosecutors Office, Antwerp
- Carla Campanaro; LAV, Italy
- Teodor Nita, General Prosecutor's Office attached to the Court of Appeal, Constanta



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- Lorna Dempsey, Milieu consultants

ENPE aisbl Observers:

- Dublin City Council, Ireland (Leonora Mullett is main contact)
- Eurojust (Renske Mackor is contact)
- State Environmental Inspectorate, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- European Forum of Judges for the Environment
- International Association of Prosecutors
- Association of Prosecutors in Bulgaria.
- Croatian Ministry of Energy and Environment
- TRAFFIC
- England and Wales (UK) Crown Prosecution Service