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European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment – ENPE

Meeting of the Board of Directors

26 March 2026

15.00hrs – 16.30 hrs CET Impact house, Brussels & MS Teams

Present: Rob de Rijck (Chair, Netherlands); Kateřina Weisssová (Czech Republic) via weblink; Diana Helila (Estonia) via weblink; Antonio Vercher Noguera (Spain) via weblink; Lars Magnusson (Sweden) via weblink;

Secretariat: Shaun Robinson (England, UK);

Apologies: Anne Brosnan (England, UK); David Smith (Ireland); Jean-Philippe Rivaud (France).

Minutes

1.0 Introductions

RdR as chair welcomed the attendees and confirmed the meeting as quorate. This was the first Board meeting to be held in the new ENPE registered office, Impact House.

There were no AOB items to add to the agenda.

2.0 Minutes from last meeting (18/11/25)

RdR summarised the agenda items from the last meeting, held in Brussels at the Northern Ireland Executive Office, Brussels and MS Teams on the 18th of November 2025.

All actions had been completed apart from the following which were rolled forward:

- 1) The application for a prize awarded for environmental organisations/ activities in Spain - **SR** would continue to look into this;
- 2) The invitation for Andorra to apply for membership of ENPE - **AVN** did make contact but had not heard back so will follow up in the Summer;
- 3) **SR** to check if **DH** had received ENPE invitees for the ENPRO conference (North Baltic Environmental Prosecutors) in Tallin in June 2026.

AVN also confirmed that Luxembourg had also been invited to apply but had not replied.

NEW ACTION – SR to assist in contacting representatives as needed.

NEW ACTION – SR to check DH received the names and contact points for ENPRO.

3.0 ENPE AISBL & ENPE Governance update

Director changes & registered address had been submitted to the Brussels Tribunal and the new registered address recognised from 01 January 2026.

NEW ACTION - SR and RdR to follow whether the changes will be registered by the Tribunal.



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The European Commission had been informed and DG ENV would need formal notification to update the Grant Agreement. 'MinFin' (Financial Ministry online) would also need updating. **SR** and **RdR** were working on these items.

ENPE Supporting members: Eithne Leahy, Irish DPP; Djurdjica Djordjevic, Basic Public Prosecutors Office, Vranje, Serbia had been approved for membership

The AGM would be in late June 2026. **SR** will share options for dates with the Board.

NEW ACTION – SR to share possible AGM dates and agree date in the first instance.

4.0 ENPE finances – overview (memo)

RdR noted that ENPE were in a healthy financial position. There was just over €200k in the ENPE business account. The €23k financial 'buffer' was appropriate and would remain in ENPE funds after the cash payment had been made to DG ENV as part of the Grant Agreement (12% of total funding). There were no questions or concerns and the Board agreed that at this stage, finding additional sources of income was not necessary.

RdR noted the appeal against a fine for late notice of Ultimate Business Owner (UBO) registration for ENPE directors had been dismissed. This decision was made in June 2024 and ENPE were not informed. ENPE must therefore pay a fine of €517.

NEW ACTION – SR to action the payment, with assistance from Troef (accountants).

5.0 Working Groups update

RdR referenced the outputs as set out in our Grant Agreement i.e. using same three WGs and providing workshops, guidance etc.

- **Wildlife Crime WG** – it was proposed to hold a workshop including 'real-time' exercise with BIOVAL & uploading case(s) to database, Autumn 2026. There was a possibility to collaborate with Serbian colleagues, Belgrade. **SR** and **RdR** would look into this and come back to **LM**.

The board were happy with this idea. **KW** offered to present a case study she had already prepared for ERA training.

NEW ACTION – SR to follow up with Serbian colleagues & organise from ENPE side.

- **Pollution WG** – a proposed workshop on cases & tools available e.g. Dutch Justia software for pollution prosecution & uploading cases to database in December 2026 & Autumn 2027 had been suggested. The board supported this idea.

NEW ACTION – SR to invite David Smith and Martijn Zwiers (Pollution WG co-chairs) to suggest locations and dates, possibly end of 2026/ early 2027.

- **Waste & Illegal Pesticide WG** – **RdR** explained that a workshop on various waste topics, to follow the Tallinn workshop of 2023, was proposed for Spring 2027.

There were several new and interesting waste cases (e.g. Albanian/ Thai case) with other new topics such as ship recycling & F-gases, to discuss. **KW** concurred,



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adding that UNODC (Prof Tany Wyatt) could also contribute, as per the Vienna workshop (held in December 2024).

6.0 Events attended & forward look

RdR & SR provided an overview:

Events attended

- Eurojust WBCJ project study visit for practitioners, 24-25/11/25, French Magistrate school Paris; **J-PR** presented on 'the challenges of borderless justice'
- Dutch/ German exchange visit (Germany) 01-02.12.25 (not an ENPE activity as such, but ENPE was promoted): **RdR** attended
- IMPEL GA (online) 02.12. 25 – **SR** attended and updated on ENPE activity
- ERA training 08.12.25 – EU Waste legislation **AB** presented as a speaker
- DG ENV ECD Transposition workshop, Brussels 12.12.25 **KW** attended
- BIOVAL workshop (vegetation) 15.12.25 (online) **BVV** attended
- ENCORE project – corruption in pollution crimes 27-28/01/26; HLAB meeting, Siracusa, Sicily, Italy. **RdR** expanded on the event and important subject matter. **AVN** had also worked with the Siracusa Institute who were organising the project. ENPE member representative, Dr Armen Oganesean had also collaborated with the institute and had previous experience of the topic.

NEW ACTION – RdR to include AVN and AO in future correspondence relating to this project.

Forward look

- Brussels ECD Brainstorming on National Strategies 27.03.26 (**SR & RdR**)
- ENPE & Eurojust WBCJP workshop 20-21.05.26 (**SR & RdR**)
- ECA-ECD 4Ns project Belgian meeting 12-13.05.26 (**RdR**)
- ERA EU Air Quality and noise legislation, Bucharest 13-15.05.26 Remus Jurj
- IMPEL GA – Larnaca, Cyprus 11-13 June 2026 (Lina Chatzinathanasou to attend)
- IMPEL Waste & TFS conference, Manchester, 11-13.10.26 (**KW**)
- ERA COM project opportunities Autumn/ Winter 2026 (**AB & KW**)

NEW ACTION – SR to see if Lina Chatzianathanasou, Cyprus ENPE member permanent representative, can attend the IMPE GA in Larnaca, Cyprus.

6.0 AOB & date of next meeting (before AGM - June 2026)

AVN noted that his colleagues from the Argentinian prosecutor network – RAFA had shared a video. He would share with our Board for onward sharing as appropriate.

RdR noted the inspirational nature of their work.

The next meeting would take place just before the AGM in late June 2026

NEW ACTION – SR to confirm date of AGM and next Board, once known.