



Industry and Air Expert Team

| | 2025-27(I) Supporting IED Implementation | |
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| 1. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG1 New Energy Sources in Steel Production (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to identify best practices for licensing, in the steel industry during the transition to new energy sources. - to identify good practices for conducting effective and efficient routine planned joint inspections regarding new energy sources in the steel production industry. | |
| 2. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG2 Intensive Rearing of Poultry and Pigs (IRPP) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: to enhance environmental sustainability and regulatory effectiveness within the agricultural sector across the EU; this include: to improve understanding and mitigation of ammonia and odour emissions from intensive farming practices; this includes to reassess existing Emission Factors (EFs) used by EU countries, to explore innovative farm-scale techniques for treating organic manure and slurry to reduce nutrient losses and water pollution, aiming to gain deeper insights into the adoption of these sustainable techniques across Europe, to provide practical guidance and tools for implementing and enforcing regulations outlined in the Habitat Directive, particularly concerning nitrogen-related management challenges in protected natura sites, to streamline regulatory processes (permits, inspections, and enforcement) for intensive IPPC farming operations, fostering a more standardized approach across the EU, by elaborating Operation Rules, and to investigate the potential of renewable gases, such as biogas and biomethane, for decarbonization efforts in the agricultural sector while addressing associated environmental risks, and developing mitigation strategies. | |
| 3. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG3 Hydrogen production, storage and transportation (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to develop regulatory guidance based on lessons learnt and best practices observed across Europe to mitigate risks associated with hydrogen production and utilization; this will include guidance on suitable licencing approaches and regulatory considerations (i.e. Seveso for storage, applicable BATc etc). | |
| 4. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG4 Joint inspections and assessment of enforcement actions in IED installations (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to connect sector-specific inspectors and improve the Doing-The-Right-Thing (DTRT) cycle in regulation procedures for various IED sectors, by conducting joint inspections in IED installations and exchanging experience and best practices on inspection procedures, BAT, reporting, and enforcement actions in case of non-compliances. | |
| 5. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG5 IED & Circular economy (CE): preparing to the revised IED (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to share best implementation practices, propose a transformation plan, develop monitoring protocols for frontrunner permits, and draft a report on how to implement the Environmental Management Systems (EMS), as well as applying the circular index aiming to integrate circular economy principles into the IED framework. | |
| 6. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG6 Waste Incineration BAT Conclusions (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to assess BAT Conclusions on waste incineration implementation across Member States and emission monitoring approaches; this includes comparing relative IED permits requirements and exploring the potential of Waste-to-Energy (WtE) processes to European climate mitigation, circularity, and sustainability, - to explore in detail Carbon capture opportunities in the WtE sector, aligning with climate mitigation goals, - to optimize WtE processes by learning from best practices in material and energy recovery, and - to provide guidance for regulators, permit writers, and inspectors, documenting insights and lessons learned. | |
| 7. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG7 Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Derogations from BAT (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to enhance compliance with the IED across member states and minimise industrial emissions by addressing key challenges related to BAT Conclusions and Derogations from BAT; this includes: - to recommend best practices for establishing Emission Limit Values (ELVs) within BAT Associated Emission Level (AEL) ranges in light of the proposed revisions to IED 2, - to identify existing best practices and tools for assessing applications seeking derogations from BAT conclusions, - to recommend best practice for implementing BAT Associated Emission Performance Levels (AEPLs) in permits, potentially mandated by the proposed IED revisions, including if appropriate how to determine applications for derogations from BAT AEPLs, and - to examine existing practices, evaluate the pros and cons, and provide recommendations on when it may be beneficial to include Mass Emission Limits in permits alongside concentration based ELVs. | |
| 8. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG8 Mining Industry and Historical Wastes (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to develop background material on regulatory good practice of extractive industries for competent authorities; - to submit a note summarizing above IMPEL's findings and suggesting areas for BAT development for the European Commission's Sevilla process, - to access how Member states are implementing the recent "Raw Material Act of March 2023", and - to identify common guidelines for better management of historical extractive waste, focusing on recovery strategies of raw materials | |





9. 2025-27(I) I&A IED WG10

16th & 17th Lessons Learnt from Industrial Accidents (LLFA) Seminar (2025 & 2027) Aim of this project is:

- to promote the development of good practices regarding industrial accidents by facilitating the exchange of experience and methods of working among European Inspection bodies; France will host two 2-day seminars in 2025 & 2027.

Waste and TFS Expert Team

| 2025- | 2025-27(II) Operational and Strategic Work of the IMPEL ET Waste and TFS | | |
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| 1. 2025-27(II) W&TFS WG1 | Aim of this project is: | | |
| Waste & TFS National Contact Points (NCP) meeting (2025-2027) | to enhance collaboration and alignment in enforcing the Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) (EC) No 1013/2006 and managing exports of waste outside the EU (related to the Basel Convention, (EC) No 1418/2007), among IMPEL countries by facilitating frequent engagement between IMPEL Waste and TFS NCP enforcers to exchange information, working methods, case studies, experiences, and best practices. | | |
| 2. 2025-27(II) W&TFS WG2 Waste &TFS Annual Conference (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to enhance collaboration and alignment in enforcing European waste legislation, particularly the Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) (EC) No 1013/2006 and Directive (EU) 2008/98 on Waste (as amended), among IMPEL countries, by providing a networking platform for enforcers (inspectors, customs, police officers, prosecutors, judges) and partner organizations like the European Commission, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, EnviCrimeNet, ENPE, EUFJE, and OLAF to facilitate the exchange of information, working methods, case studies, experiences, best practices, and updates on new developments. | | |
| 3. 2025-27(II) W&TFS WG3 Waste & TFS Network Collaboration (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to support the Expert Team and its projects by fostering strategic and efficient collaboration with transboundary movement networks outside Europe, particularly in regions like Africa and Asia where environmental damage from illicit traffic, such as e-waste and plastic dumping, is prevalent. | | |
| | 2025-27(III) Waste Management and Circular Economy (WMCE) | | |
| 4. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG1 Knowledge Exchange Programme Waste Management and Circular Economy (KEP WMCE) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: to address waste management and circular economy implementation challenges by facilitating knowledge exchange among member organizations via study tours to designated member organizations. To compile and share the findings of the study tours, including challenges, best practices, and implementation strategies, among IMPEL member organizations. | | |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: | | |
| 5. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG2 The use of Artificial Intelligence in waste management and compliance monitoring (AIWAM) (2025-2027) | to explore the potential applications and risks of utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in waste management; this includes: to gather case studies of AI use and assess effectiveness, identify inefficiencies in traditional waste management practices, and examine how AI can address these challenges, e.g. to enhance recycling rates, to investigate regulatory approaches to AI in waste management across different countries, define practical challenges such as legislative gaps, and discuss environmental, social, and economic benefits of AI-driven waste management solutions, and to examine the potential misuse of AI by waste criminals. | | |
| 6. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG3 Plastic End of Waste: creating a level playing field and TFS implications (PEoW) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to standardize end-of-waste (EoW) criteria for plastic waste across the EU to mitigate legal uncertainties and illicit waste flows resulting from varying national criteria, - to explore the implications of these developments on TFS regulations; fostering collaboration between waste shipment and REACH inspectors to effectively address illegal waste fluxes, and - to create guidance and inspection checklists for permit writers and inspectors to evaluate plastic EoW applications and lead inspections at the different steps of the recycling cycle. | | |
| 7. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG4 Textiles & Strategic End of Waste fluxes (TaSEW) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to assist IMPEL members in assessing textiles waste status by mapping textile waste prevention and recycling approaches and technologies across the EU, including separate collection systems and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mechanisms and developing comprehensive guidance, - to focus on strategic waste streams (e.g. batteries, C&D, solar panels) other than plastic and textiles and gather the End-of-Waste (EoW) criteria set in the different Member States as well as identifying the used technologies to harmonize standards and practices across Member States, thereby fostering a level playing field in waste management and circular economy efforts. | | |
| 8. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG5 Waste recycling Risk Based Inspection Plan Phase II (2025-2026) | Aim of this project is: to enhance environmental inspection activities at waste recycling installations, to harmonize risk assessment criteria and create a minimum content Inspection Plan, and to provide peer to peer training on risk-based inspection plans and efficiency, focussing on the practical construction of a waste inspection Plan. | | |





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| 9. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG6 | Aim of this project is: |
| Applying EU waste legislation to | - to develop a practical guidance document on new circular economy models, covering topics such as defining |
| circular business models | discard, distinguishing reuse from preparation for reuse, assessing materials for discard, and addressing practical |
| (WL&CBM) (2025-2027) | issues, to assist environmental authorities in regulating circular business models, aligning with the Waste |
| | Framework Directive (WFD) to promote environmental sound waste management and a robust circular economy. |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: |
| | - to advance organic waste management in the EU within the framework of the circular economy by exploring |
| 10. 2025-27(III) W&TFS WG7 | organic waste management technologies, focusing on current and emerging technologies in bio-waste |
| Organic waste treatment- | management, highlighting main opportunities and challenges (recovery of phosphorus, biomethane production, |
| management and possibilities | pyrolysis etc), |
| (OWT) (2025-2027) | - To develop practical tools for permit writers and inspectors. |
| 2025-27(IV) Transfrontier Shipment of Wastes | |
| 11. 2025-27(IV) W&TFS WG1 | Aim of this project is: |
| Plastic Waste Project (2025-2027) | - to address persistent challenges faced by competent authorities in tracking plastic waste to its final destination, |
| | despite existing regulations like the Basel COP 14 Decision and EU Correspondents' Guidelines No 12 (CG12) on |
| | the classification of plastic waste, |
| | - to develop comprehensive guidance and strategies to empower regulators and promote plastic waste recovery |
| | within the EU while discouraging illegal exports. |
| 12. 2025-27(IV) W&TFS WG2 | Aim of this project is: |
| WEEE Article 17 Free-riders | - to strengthen cross-border enforcement measures, promoting compliance among producers selling Electrical and |
| project (EWEN) (2025-2027) | Electronic Equipment (EEE) with their extended producer responsibilities (EPR) and incentivizing registration and |
| | adherence to EPR regulations, |
| | - to establish custom authority practices for EEE importation, and |
| | - to produce reports on best practices for specific EEE streams such as e-cigarettes, PV panels, or e-mobility. |
| 13. 2025-27(IV) W&TFS WG3 | Aim of this project is: |
| Enforcement Actions on waste | - to enhance the enforcement capabilities of inspectors and law enforcement agencies in waste shipment |
| shipments (follow-up SWEAP) | regulations, |
| (2025-2027) | - to promote coordination across IMPEL member organizations, facilitate officer exchanges, and intensify |
| | collaboration both nationally and internationally to prevent illegal waste movements, |
| | - to develop innovative tools for recording inspections and sharing data, thereby establishing a European-wide |
| | inspection dataset, and |
| | - to provide essential training tools and materials in accordance with revised regulations, guidance on emerging |
| | waste streams, as well as intelligence products where possible, including maintaining certain tools and platforms, |
| | such as the SWEAP app (https://www.sweap.eu/resources/tools/). |

Water and Land Expert Team

| 2025-27(V) Water and Land | |
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| 1. 2025-27(V) W&L WG1 Water Risk Assessment Project (WRAP) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to explore the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2020/741 for water reuse and identify best practices for risk assessment (WP1 WiNE, Wastewater in Natural Environment – Phase 4), - to concentrate on knowledge exchange and tool development for pollution and water resource risk assessment, addressing areas vulnerable to micropollutant accumulation and catchment areas supplying water for human consumption or irrigation (WP2-CARA, Catchment Areas and Risk Assessment), and - to define thresholds for intolerable water damage and provide guidance to enforcement bodies through innovative methodologies and measurement tools (WP3-WDKA, Water Damage Key Assessment). |
| 2. 2025-27(V) W&L WG2 Self-Monitoring in Water Permits (SMWP) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: to provide an overview of improved permitting by assessing self-monitoring and reporting practices for water emissions, reuse, and abstraction across EU Member States, to identify best practices and develop a guidance document on self-monitoring in water permits, encompassing mechanisms, procedures, practices and tools for the production, verification and use of self-monitoring data, in order to support Member States in ensuring data quality and reliability for efficient environmental compliance. |
| 3. 2025-27(V) W&L WG3 Tackling Illegal Groundwater Drilling and Abstractions (TIGDA) - phase 3 (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to equip member states with tools, skills, and knowledge to detect illegal groundwater activities as part of their compliance and enforcement efforts; this include leverage new technologies such as drones and geospatial intelligence, in alignment with the GIEDA IMPEL project. |
| 4. 2025-27(V) W&L WG4 | Aim of this project is: |





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| Nitrate and Groundwater – best practices to limit pollution (2025- 2027) | to foster intensified exchanges among environmental and agricultural authorities of Member States, along with relevant stakeholders such as water suppliers, farmers, and consultants, to explore potential administrative-level tools and best practices, ultimately producing a guidance paper with practical measures for the sustainable reduction of nitrate pollution to mitigate the EU's groundwater protection deficit highlighted in Article 4 of the WFD. |
| 5. 2025-27(V) W&L WG5 Monitoring Macroplastic in EU Rivers (MoMaRi) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to tackle plastic pollution in rivers by delivering guidelines for monitoring macroplastic and a booklet on the harm caused by plastic litter to protected marine umbrella species, focusing on exposure risk. |
| 6. 2025-27(V) W&L WG6 Stop Irregular Landfills (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to identify best practices for regularization methods for illegal landfills, abandoned waste, and contaminated sites in the EU that facilitate soil integration, enabling its transformation for purposes such as phytotechnology applications, urban parks, renewable energy systems, and waste management infrastructure, - to explore the feasibility of establishing a Central Structure to coordinate and manage environmental, administrative, and economic challenges associated with these sites under a unified governance approach. |
| 7. 2025-27(V) W&L WG7 Landspreading and Treatment of Sludge (LTS) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to address variations in sludge management practices across IMPEL countries and develop inspection guidelines for sludge treatment verification prior to agriculture use. |
| 8. 2025-27(V) W&L WG8 Water and Land Remediation (WLR) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to develop guidance documents for implementing in-situ water and land remediation technologies, alongside establishing long-term monitoring schemes, with the goal of serving these documents as references for Member States lacking monitoring procedures, and to standardize remediation processes across Member States, potentially reducing reliance on more impactful remediation methods like Dig&Dump and Pump&Treat. |
| 9. 2025-27(V) W&L WG9 Soil helTh And EcosysTem SErvices (STATE) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to provide the EU Member States with the necessary tools for a swift and effective implementation of the proposed Directive on Soil Monitoring and Resilience; this includes: - to provide guidance on improving harmonization of soil monitoring systems, - to share best practices to improve soil health and maintain soil-related ecosystem services for a sustainable soil management across the EU. |
| 10. 2025-27(V) W&L WG10 Water & Land Conference (2025- 2027) | Aim of this project is: - to serve as an essential platform for fostering extensive networking and robust discussions among IMPEL Water & Land experts, facilitating the exchange of activities, experiences, and best practices in land, soil, and water protection, including vital areas such as floods monitoring and drought mitigation. |

Nature Protection Expert Team

| 2025-27(VI) GreenForce | |
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| 1. 2025-27(VI) NP WG1 Invasive Alien Species and NIRAM (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to address challenges related to invasive alien species and enhance the implementation of the EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation (IASR) (No 1143/2014) to mitigate their impact on native biodiversity, - to identify and share best practices on eradication methods, develop checklist for preparing, planning, executing, and assessing eradication activities, and identify necessary follow-up measures/to exchange information on early detection notifications and rapid eradication efforts. |
| 2. 2025-27(VI) NP WG2 Evaluation of the application of the EU Action Plan Against Wildlife Trafficking (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to support the implementation of the updated EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, particularly focusing on non-CITES listed species, and enhance collaboration with stakeholders like ENPE, EUFJE, and EnviCrimeNet, - to develop good practice examples and improvements to the reference IMPEL guide, thereby better equipping enforcement authorities in EU Member States to combat wildlife trafficking. |
| 3. 2025-27(VI) NP WG3 Implementation of the Bird and Habitat Directives at European Aerodromes (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to facilitate data sharing, understand current strategies and address knowledge gaps in wildlife hazard management in aerodromes, and - to identify best practices to assist aerodromes in implementing apt aircraft-wildlife strike prevention strategies. |
| 4. 2025-27(VI) NP WG4 Joint of Networks for Wild Fungi (JoNeF) (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to develop guidelines for a standardized common fungi data collection process in Europe, - to propose a set of mycoindicators, and - to design and develop a prototype EU information system and app for fungi data collection and storage. |
| 5. 2025-27(VI) NP WG5 BIOVAL-Eco System Recovery Calculation (2025-2027) | Aim of this project is: - to refine and disseminate the developed practical online tool for valuing ecological damages in court, with the goal of enhancing legal certainty and expediting case resolution efforts. |





Cross-Cutting Tools and Approaches Expert Team

| | 2025-27(VII) Cross-cutting Tools and Approaches |
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| 1. 2025-27(VII) CC WG1 | Aim of this project is: |
| Knowledge and Information | - to provide consistent support to all the projects conducted by the Expert Teams, ensuring the creation of high- |
| Programme (KIP) (2025-2027) | quality deliverables and training materials/programmes that are not only tailored/fit for practical use but also |
| , | readily accessible through a dedicated page on the website. |
| 2. 2025-27(VII) CC WG2 | Aim of this project is: |
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| IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI) | - to support host organisations in implementing EU environmental legislation and adopting effective tools and |
| Programme (2025-2027) | approaches through a capacity-building programme; experts from donor organisations conduct review of a host |
| | organisation on a selected subject matter that can be policy, permitting or inspection driven, within themes such |
| | as industry, waste, nature or water; the review may involve single or multiple organizations at different levels |
| | (national, regional, local). |
| 3. 2025-27(VII) CC W3 | Aim of this project is: |
| National Peer Review Initiatives | - to continue assisting countries and networks of Environmental Authorities and Agencies in autonomously |
| (NPRI) (2025-2027) | conducting their own peer reviews, thereby enhance their performance, |
| | - to enhance the NPRI manual and protocols. |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: |
| | - to provide lessons learned, best practices, and recommendations to enhance the procedural, technical, and |
| 4. 2025-27(VII) CC WG4 | operational capacities of environmental public institutions involved in preventing, preparing for, responding to, |
| Environmental Emergencies | and restoring inland environmental disasters, such as floods, storms, and forest fires, managed by Civil Protection |
| project (2025-2027) | Bodies and local/national Governments. |
| 5. 2025-27(VII) CC WG5 | Aim of this project is: |
| Criteria for the Assessment of the | - to disseminate CAED tools for determining environmental damage and imminent threats, with the goal of |
| Environmental Damage (CAED) | strengthening preventive or remedial measures, |
| (2025) | - to conduct onsite training sessions on CAED products in collaboration with EU COM (DG ENV.E4) ELD training |
| (2023) | pilots. |
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| 6. 2025-27(VII) CC WG6 | Aim of this project is: |
| Geospatial Intelligence for | - to enhance awareness among judges and prosecutors regarding the potential use of geospatial intelligence to |
| Environmental Compliance | gather evidence of environmental violations, |
| Assurance (GIECA) (2025-2027) | - to showcase real cases on how geospatial intelligence can generate evidence and outline the technical and |
| | juridical requirements for its utilization in courts to facilitate the assessment of environmental crimes, ultimately |
| | enhancing the capacity of agencies and regulators. |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: |
| | - to address the issue of light pollution in the EU, exacerbated by factors such as population growth, urbanization, |
| 7. 2025-27(VII) CC WG7 | and rising lighting costs, especially in large cities, while fostering knowledge exchange and raising awareness, |
| Network to Reduce Light | - to promote harmonization efforts and explore mitigation strategies in industrial areas, as well as to assist cities in |
| Pollution (ReLiPo) (2025-2027) | their efforts to reduce light pollution through comprehensive surveys and the development of guidelines. |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: |
| NEW. | - to support IMPEL members in sharing learning and experience in compliance assurance and its implementation, |
| 8. 2025-27(VII) CC WG8 | including the implementing of the revised Environmental Crime Directive (ECD), by facilitating knowledge |
| Compliance Assurance including | exchange, offering guidance, and coordinating with the European Commission, ENPE, EUFJE, and EnviCrimeNe, |
| ECD (2025-2027) | - to support IMPEL participation in the Forum Action Plan, and |
| , | - to take a proactive stance in addressing compliance assurance challenges beyond the Forum's action plan; this |
| | involves creating an inventory of innovative ideas, new developments, good practices, and tools/instruments for |
| | compliance assurance topics. |
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| 0. 2025 27(111) 66 11100 | - to identify and share best practices to enhance integrated enforcement strategies towards Zero Pollution, |
| 9. 2025-27(VII) CC WG9 | - to explore specific areas where different sectors intersect and collaborate to define and refine compliance actions |
| Zero pollution action plan (ZPAP) | that cut across various industries and regulations, and |
| - Enforcing Zero Pollution | - to facilitate the exchange of successful examples and case studies to inspire and guide enforcement authorities in |
| together (2025-2027) | their efforts to achieve Zero Pollution goals. |
| NEW | Aim of this project is: |
| | - to support European Environmental Authorities to face the challenge of the use of Artificial Intelligence, by |
| 10. 2025-27(VII) CC WG10 | sharing information, interests, and programs for the use of Al-based tools. |
| Artificial Intelligence and | - to address legal and ethical considerations, including compliance with regulations like the EU's Artificial |
| Environmental Protection (ARTIC) | Intelligence Act, as well Jurisdictional aspects, such as the sustainability in court of information and clues, if not |
| (2025-2027) | evidence, formed through AI, and the use of AI in the prosecution of environmental crimes. |
| 11. 2025-27(VII) CC WG11 | Aim of this project is: |
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| | to address and gain deeper insights into emerging challenges like climate emergency, growing awareness about plastics and global biodiversity decline, while identifying opportunities and potential solutions to support the regulatory community, to inform the development of a Multiannual Strategic Plan (MASP) for IMPEL. |
| 12. 2025-27(VII) CC WG12 | Aim of this project is: |
| 4 Networks Conference (2025 & 2027) | to bring together practitioners from IMPEL, EnviCrimeNet, ENPE, and EUFJE networks, with a variety of roles along the enforcement chain (regulators and inspectors, police officers, prosecutors, judges), to convene and exchange expertise and best practices in combating environmental crime, focusing on practical cases on a range of relevant environmental topics, such as wildlife crime, waste crime, industrial pollution, water and soil crimes, and technological approaches. |
| 13. 2025-27(VII) CC WG13 IMPEL Conference (2026) | Aim of this project is: - to host a dedicated event focused on the work, progress, and future direction of IMPEL's network and expert teams, with particular emphasis on gathering member feedback regarding the Implementation Challenge Survey planned for 2025. |