

***IMPEL Annual Working programme – 2010
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2010/1	IRI Slovenia	III/3.2	Cluster 1	SL	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>To undertake an IRI review of IRSEP in Slovenia.</p> <p>The benefits of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The inspectorate will benefit from an expert review of its systems and procedures with particular focus on conformity with the RMCEI ➤ The participants in the review team will broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of environmental inspection procedures ➤ Other Member States will benefit through the dissemination of the findings of the review through the IMPEL network <p>The inspectorate will in particular benefit from an expert review of the risk based planning of the IPPC installations which is currently developed taking into account the criteria in the RMCEI and the IMPEL Guidance book on inspection planning »Doing the right things«.</p> <p>Expected results:</p> <p>Tangible products will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A written report of the review for Slovenian inspectorate ➤ Relevant extracts from the review report, as agreed with the Slovenian inspectorate, for dissemination to IMPEL members and the EC ➤ Training and Educational material on “lessons learnt” and on examples of good practice for incorporation into training schemes of Member State inspectorates

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2010/2	IRI Romania	III/3.2	Cluster 1	RO	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>To undertake an IRI review of the Regional Commisariat Cluj, part of the Romanian National Environmental Guard (NEG)</p> <p>The benefits of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The inspectorate will benefit from an expert review of its systems and procedures with particular focus on conformity with the RMCEI ➤ The participants in the review team will broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of environmental inspection procedures ➤ Other Member States will benefit through the dissemination of the findings of the review through the IMPEL network <p>The inspectorate will in particular benefit from an expert review of the risk based planning of installations dealing with industrial pollution control, which is currently developed taking into account the criteria in the RMCEI and the IMPEL Guidance book on inspection planning »Doing the right things«.</p> <p>Expected Results:</p> <p>Tangible products will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A written report of the review for the Romanian inspectorate ➤ Relevant extracts from the review report, as agreed with the Romanian inspectorate, for dissemination to IMPEL members and the EC ➤ Training and Educational material on “lessons learnt” and on examples of good practice for incorporation into training schemes of Member State inspectorates

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2010/3	Support for the new IRI	III/3.2	Cluster 1	UK	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assess the success of the new scheme after feedback from the experience in Portugal ➤ Suggest any final revisions to the scheme based on this feedback ➤ Suggest how experiences and lessons learnt from reviews can be spread in the host country as well as in other member states ➤ Build on the communications work from the “Developing a new IRI scheme” project such as promotion at the implementation conference and new pages on the IMPEL website ➤ Explore ways to provide more formalised support for the IRI scheme, such as help with administration and promotion, including the role of the “IRI champions” <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A report describing the findings coming from the actions listed under “Objectives”

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2010/4	Resolution of environmental conflict through Neighbourhood Dialogue IV	IV/1	Cluster 1	DE	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To develop concise and integrated step-by-step instructions of the toolkit and the guidelines ➤ To discuss the draft documents with a small group of experts of IMPEL member countries ➤ To try to carry out a test of the material on a real case by one of the participants during the project time and possibly improving the concise step-by-step instructions ➤ To take into account relevant results of the conference for Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law “Working Together for a Better Environment” (Sibiu 2009) ➤ To assess the application of neighbourhood dialogue and the use of the provided instruments in the participating Member States by using a questionnaire (which might possibly become a nucleus of a general questionnaire for evaluation of project result applications) <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concise step-by-step instructions (max. 10 pages) integrating the main practical recommendations of the toolkit, the guidelines and its instruments and embedded in a power-point presentation of 20 - 25 slides which may be used to present the ideas of neighbourhood dialogue, to provide a first training on how to bring it into action and to overcome reservations against this instrument ➤ A final report ➤ The power-point presentation including the concise step by step instructions will be written in English. With its limited size and accessible language, it will be particularly apt to be translated and adapted to national needs by the IMPEL member countries

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2010/5	Energy Efficiency in permitting and inspections	V	Cluster 1	DE	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>To identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ how Member States have implemented in practice the energy efficiency provisions of the IPPC Directive and handle obstacles ➤ how Member States enforce their legal requirements in this field ➤ what kind of information is required in permit applications, e.g. energy efficiency indicators ➤ how Member States work with the BREF Energy Efficiency and the information of other BREFs related to energy efficiency ➤ exchange of information on existing guidance material ➤ what is needed most to support Member States in the enforcement ➤ which projects IMPEL can carry out in the field of energy efficiency and climate change ➤ support for inspectors to become fit for the challenges of the 21st century by using a questionnaire, carrying out a workshop and analysing the results. <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A final report with the findings, outcomes and recommendations for further projects

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2010/6	Development of an easy and flexible risk assessment tool as a part of the planning of environmental inspections linked to European environmental law and the RMCEI (easyTools)	I II III VI			<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The risk assessment tool shall fulfil the requirements of European environmental law like the upcoming IED and the recommendations of the RMCEI ➤ Evaluation of the requirements of IED and the recommendations of RMCEI in the light of ongoing IMPEL activities ➤ Evaluation of existing risk assessment tools and risk criteria ➤ Development of a risk assessment tool as an advanced interactive IT tool from the internet that could easily be used by every IMPEL member ➤ Integration of the risk assessment tool into the inspection cycle of Doing The Right Things ➤ Availability of the planning tool from the IMPEL website as an example of European good practice <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Compilation of assessed risk criteria, their value and practicability in the inspection planning process ➤ Flexible and user friendly programme for the risk assessment within the planning of environmental inspections as an advanced interactive IT tool from the internet available from the IMPEL homepage ➤ Final report

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2010/7	Comparison Programme on the implementation and enforcement of Air Quality standards in relation to industrial air emissions (PIAQ) (<i>Comparison Programme Implementation Air Quality standards and industrial air emissions</i>), Phase 1	I III VII	Cluster 1	NL	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exchange of information and experiences on key regulatory issues <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A report gathering best practices from IMPEL Member States on the application of of air quality standards in relation to industrial air emissions (how do air quality standards influence permitting, inspection and enforcement of industrial installations), on the basis of exchange of knowledge and information of participating IMPEL members

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2010/8	Linking the implementation of the Water Framework Directive to the implementation of the IPPC Directive. Phase 1	II III V VI	Cluster 1	NL	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To define the relationship (complementary and competition) between IPPC implementation and WFD implementation from the scope of permitting, enforcement and data collection. Also other relevant directives are taken into account e.g. priority substances directive (2008/106/EC) and urban waste water treatment directive (91/271/EC) ➤ An inventory of problems and best practices in the member states, with regard to permitting, enforcement, data collection and data collection systems ➤ Provide recommendations for competent authorities to contribute to better implementation and enforcement of the WFD requirements and the (reviewed) IPPC directive, to contribute to better performance of environmental inspections and permits in the Member States <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report defining the relationship between IPPC and WFD from the scope of permitting and enforcement assembled by the member states point of view

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2010/9	Preparations for the IMPEL Conference 2012	I II III VI V VI	Cluster 1		<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving efficiency, effectiveness and European Harmonization of Permitting, Compliance and enforcement activities in the field of environmental protection ➤ Strengthening dissemination of results and look back by ex-post verification to ensure that the good practices are effectively spread ➤ Strengthening the IMPEL-network on national and regional level; promoting IMPEL and its products; generating new ideas for further co-operation ➤ Improvement of practical implementation (exchange of information on practical issues among civil servants of the Member States and of the Accession Countries, stimulating specific practical co-operation in the execution of enforcement projects) ➤ Stimulate Better regulation. Feeding back practical experiences to the European Commission to improve practicability and enforceability of newly developed policies, instruments and legislation <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The results of the conference will be brought together in a printed report (in English) including the contributions of the speakers and the results of the workshops ➤ The draft report will be distributed as soon as possible after the conference to all national co-ordinators. It will be presented for approval to the first general assembly of IMPEL in 2013

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2010/10	European Waste Enforcement Actions/Joint inspections of waste shipments part II	I/1 I/5 I/7 II/7 II/8 III/1 III/9 VI/1 VI/7	Cluster 1	NL	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To work towards an adequate level of inspections in all Member States and a consistent level of enforcement at all exit points of the EU ➤ To introduce better completeness of the measures taken to prevent and detect illegal waste shipments, by also promoting source checking at (waste)facilities and cradle-to-grave approach in order to achieve maximum environmental outcome ➤ To verify waste destination and the treatment at their destination within or outside Europe ➤ To set up training and exchange programmes for inspectors ➤ To provide for an easily accessible European enforcement project for all Member States ➤ To deter potentially illegal waste exporters ➤ To maintain and improve the network of front line inspectors, inspection methods, exchange of information and exchange of knowledge ➤ Demonstrate that the Member States continue the European enforcement ➤ To promote collaboration between the different competent authorities and enforcement partners ➤ To acquire the necessary skills to enforce the legislation in their own countries for Member States lagging behind in implementation can acquire <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A report that contains the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detailed reports from and results of the European inspections and verifications • An evaluation of existing enforcement gaps, based inter alia on the results of inspections and verifications • The establishing of a network, including application of the network of focal points based on Article 50 of the EU waste shipment regulation, covering, if possible, all Member States, of contacts on operational level • Recommendations for future activities ➤ A toolbox with different inspection-, verification methods and ways to introduce transformation to source checking ➤ A communication protocole ➤ A web based system for exchange and monitoring of inspection data ➤ A network of contacts in countries needed for the collaboration on the enforcement of the Regulation ➤ A recommendation for a minimum level of inspections and enforcement of the Waste Shipment Regulation in order to institutionalize waste shipment enforcement

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2010/11	IMPEL TFS Conference 2010	I/1/4/5/7/8 II/7 III/1/5/9 VI/7/10	Cluster TFS	Switzerland TFS secretariat	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintain, strengthen and expand the IMPEL TFS network ➤ Discuss running and new projects and joint activities ➤ Exchange practical information (e.g. by case studies) ➤ Get updated by other relevant activities from related organisations (e.g. DG ENV, Basel Secretariat, WCO, INTERPOL) ➤ Discuss experiences with the provisions of the Waste Shipment Regulation 1013/06 and Regulation 740/2008 and 1418/2007 and give feedback to the competent authorities and COM ➤ Establish concrete cooperation agreements with third countries, regions and other networks <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A conference report, including conclusions and follow-up actions and a press release
2010/12	IMPEL-TFS NCP Exchange Days	I/1 I/4 I/5 III/2 III/3	Cluster 1	NL/AT	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ strengthen the network of NCP's involved in the enforcement of the WSR 1013/2006 ➤ exchange information, working methods and experiences ➤ inform participants on new developments ➤ To improve enforcement activities of the Waste Shipment Regulation and stimulate consistent application of its provisions <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report, following the workshop

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2010/13	IMPEL TFS - African collaboration follow up	I/1 II/7 VII/1/3	Cluster TFS		<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish contacts in key African countries with Competent Authorities (focus on West Africa) ➤ Assess current situation regarding (illegal) imports from the EU, enforcement structures, treatment possibilities, problematic waste streams and import restrictions ➤ Agree on how to deal with verification requests and detected illegal shipments and their return ➤ Organise two training workshops in Europe in which five African countries (Benin, Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria and Tunisia) will participate. One of the training will be held in the Netherlands. The other is still to be decided. ➤ Co-organise five workshops in each of the five countries together with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and their regional centres in Africa. <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication procedure ➤ Operational network of contacts ➤ Collaboration agreements and ➤ Two trainings and five workshops

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2010/14	Cooperation and Awareness Raising to Prevent Illegal Traffic in Wastes to non-OECD countries in Asia	I/7 II/7 VII/1-4	Cluster TFS	IRE	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raise awareness of the problem and impacts of waste shipments arriving in Asian destinations in contravention of the Basel Convention and TFS Regulation ➤ Establish a simple but robust contact regime so as to better deal with illegal traffic –through National Contact Points ➤ Begin to build better communication between customs, police and environmental authorities in all affected countries ➤ Share experiences between the IMPEL TFS programme in Europe and the experience in Asia ➤ Clarify the national laws and requirements of respective importing and IMPEL-TFS cluster exporting States for waste imports and exports, and to make these requirements available to all National Contact Points ➤ Arrange exchange visits and participation in IMPEL TFS training/inspection projects <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual attendance at Asian Network seminar by 2/3 IMPELTFS representatives and, where possible, at a Basel organised Regional workshop ➤ Annual attendance by Asian Network representatives at IMPELTFS conference ➤ Establishment of National Contact Points with Asian Networks ➤ IMPELTFS website to have links to the Asian authorities on the website and vice versa ➤ A standard format for questions and verification to be developed ➤ Set up a database with answers to verification requests-via IMPELTFS website-to prevent double questions from different countries ➤ Training and exchange programmes as possible ➤ Project Report ➤ Project to run for 5 years from 2010 to 2015 and be reviewed in 2012

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2010/15	Multiple Use of the IMPEL checklist in 2010 and 2011	V VI	Cluster 3	UK	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This project should allow for one assessment in 2010 and one in 2011, each on a legislative proposal to be decided by the Better Regulation Cluster. An assessment would be triggered by a request from the European Commission or a need identified within the Better Regulation Cluster <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reports gathering the information from IMPEL representatives of Member States on the Practicability and Enforceability issues of the legislation
2010/16	Common Regulatory Frameworks in Member States - Comparison Project	II III V	Cluster 3	UK	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To identify examples of common regulatory frameworks developed by different Member States and other countries and describe their history and the reasons why they were developed ➤ To compare the examples and identify the perceived advantages and disadvantages of common regulatory frameworks for regulators and business/industry including administrative burdens ➤ To provide recommendations for IMPEL and Member States on the creation of common regulatory frameworks and best practice ➤ To identify best means of dissemination to a wider audience including relevant conferences and business/industry associations <p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A report assessing Common Regulatory Frameworks in Member States and other countries ➤ Recommendations to IMPEL and Member States on the creation of Common Regulatory Frameworks and best practice