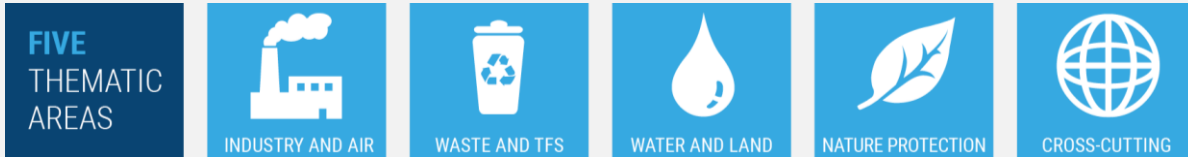




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Dear Sir/Madam,

IMPEL, the **European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law** ([www.impel.eu](http://www.impel.eu)), is an independent non-profit association registered in Brussels under Belgian Law. It is recognised by the European Commission for its significant role in the implementation of EU law.

IMPEL brings together over 58 environmental authorities and associations from 38 countries. Its structure includes a General Assembly (composed of national coordinators), the Board, the Programme Steering Committee, a Secretariat, and five (5) Expert Teams: **i) Industry & Air, ii) Waste & Transfrontier Shipments (TFS), ii) Water & Land, iv) Nature Protection, v) Cross-cutting Tools & Approaches**. Our members primarily consist of inspectorates, permitting authorities, Ministries of Environment, and enforcement bodies. We are currently expanding our network and would be pleased to invite your institution to join.

IMPEL's core activities focus on raising awareness, capacity building, and facilitating the exchange of information and experiences to support the practical implementation and enforceability of European environmental legislation. A list of benefits from being involved with IMPEL is annexed to this invitation.

We would be pleased to inform you about the IMPEL 2025-2027 Work Programme and invite you to explore potential collaboration opportunities within our projects and activities, which could benefit your work while also contributing to the enhancement of IMPEL's initiatives aimed at addressing critical implementation gaps.

We gladly invite and welcome you and your delegates to join our **IMPEL Open Days webinars**:

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The IMPEL Open Days aim to inform all relevant institutions and IMPEL members about the IMPEL 2025–2027 Work Programme and discuss collaboration opportunities across the five (5) key topics. The webinars will also feature presentations on the European Commission's priorities in these areas, providing key insights into current policy directions.

Please find here the [link to register](#), along with the agendas and the work programme (available [here](#)). The link to connect will be sent to all registered participants a few days before each webinar. We kindly ask that you complete the registration form as soon as possible to ensure timely follow-up.

We are available for any additional information you may need via our Secretariat at [fotini.stamati@impel.eu](mailto:fotini.stamati@impel.eu).

IMPEL Board



## Benefits of Being Involved in IMPEL

IMPEL offers numerous advantages for its members, with collaboration, shared learning, and practical experience being central to its mission. By working together, members contribute valuable insights that inform EU policy, offering practical feedback on the implementability and enforceability of environmental law.



**Guidance and Tools.** IMPEL members identify key challenges in environmental law implementation and propose targeted activities to address significant gaps. Through studies and surveys, members gather successful enforcement strategies, develop methodologies, and produce tools like technical guidance, manuals, and digital applications. These resources—such as risk-based approaches and toolkits—are shared across the European community to improve enforcement efforts.



**Capacity Building and Training.** IMPEL facilitates targeted capacity building by offering training through hybrid and online technical workshops and seminars. These events focus on the interpretation and implementation of IMPEL's guidance and tools, helping members enhance their technical expertise and knowledge sharing.



**Forums for Exchange.** Members use IMPEL's Basecamp forums to exchange best practices, enforcement strategies, and solutions to common implementation challenges. These forums provide quick access to insights on how different European countries approach issues such as waste classification and other enforcement matters.



**Joint Activities.** IMPEL members collaborate on joint inspections and site visits to test and refine guidelines, share enforcement experiences, and develop best practices. This collaboration is particularly valuable for transboundary issues, such as illegal waste shipments, and helps to improve compliance and enforcement through the use of new digital technologies.



**Joint learning and Peer Reviews.** IMPEL's Review Initiatives (IRI and NPRI) enable member countries to learn from one another, improving the implementation of EU environmental law. Through peer reviews, members share knowledge, best practices, effective tools, resources, and strategies for solving enforcement challenges, enhancing compliance, and using limited resources more efficiently. These reviews focus on policy, permitting or inspection driven critical issues on themes such as industry, waste, water, and nature protection, depending on the needs of the host;



**Engagement with External Partners and Networks.** IMPEL actively seeks to strengthen coordination with external partners, including other European and international enforcement networks. By engaging with practitioners such as prosecutors, judges, and police ((e.g. biannual 4 Networks Conference), IMPEL fosters collaboration and helps to identify and address implementation gaps through coordinated efforts at the European and global levels.



**Hybrid Meetings and Conferences.** IMPEL's hybrid and virtual meetings provide a platform for wide participation in Expert Team Meetings and conferences. These events bring together practitioners from various roles to exchange information, share case studies, and discuss best practices. Through these forums, IMPEL ensures that the latest developments and project outcomes are efficiently disseminated, enhancing regulatory effectiveness across the EU.



IMPEL's Work Programme 2025-27		
Industry & Air - Supporting IED Implementation	2025-27(I) WG1 New Energy Sources in Steel Production	
	2025-27(I) WG2 Intensive Rearing of Poultry and Pigs (IRPP)	
	2025-27(I) WG3 Hydrogen production, storage and transportation	
	2025-27(I) WG4 Joint inspections & assessment of enforcement actions in IED installations	
	2025-27(I) WG5 IED & Circular economy (CE): preparing to the revised IED	
	2025-27(I) WG6 Waste Incineration BAT Conclusions	
	2025-27(I) WG7 Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Derogations from BAT	
	2025-27(I) WG8 Mining Industry and Historical Wastes	
	2025-27(I) WG10 16th & 17th LLFA Seminar	
	Waste & TFS	Strategic
2025-27(II) WG2 Waste & TFS Annual Conference		
2025-27(II) WG3 Network Collaboration		
Waste Management & Circular Economy		2025-27(III) WG1 Knowledge Exchange Programme WMCE
		2025-27(III) WG2 The use of Artificial Intelligence in waste management and compliance monitoring
		2025-27(III) WG3 Plastic End of Waste
		2025-27(III) WG4 Textiles & Strategic End of Waste Fluxes
		2025-27(III) WG5 Waste recycling Risk Based Inspection Plan Phase II
		2025-27(III) WG6 Applying EU waste legislation to circular business models
TFS		2025-27(III) WG7 Organic waste treatment- management and possibilities
		2025-27(IV) WG1 Plastic Waste Shipments
		2025-27(IV) WG2 WEEE Article 17 Freeriders Project
		2025-27(IV) WG3 Enforcement Actions on waste shipments (follow-up SWEAP)
Water & Land	2025-27(V) WG1 Water Risk Assessment Project (WRAP)	
	2025-27(V) WG2 Self-Monitoring in Water Permits (SMWP)	
	2025-27(V) WG3 Tackling Illegal Groundwater Drilling and Abstractions (TIGDA) - phase 3	
	2025-27(V) WG4 Nitrate and Groundwater – best practices to limit pollution	
	2025-27(V) WG5 Monitoring Macroplastic in EU Rivers (MoMaRi)	
	2025-27(V) WG6 Stop Irregular Landfills	
	2025-27(V) WG7 Landspreading and Treatment of Sludge	
	2025-27(V) WG8 Water and Land Remediation	
	2025-27(V) WG9 Soil health And Ecosystem Services (STATE)	
	2025-27(V) WG10 Water & Land Conference	
Nature Protection	2025-27(VI) WG1 Invasive Alien Species and NIRAM	
	2025-27(VI) WG2 EU Action Plan Wildlife Trafficking	
	2025-27(VI) WG3 Implementation of the Bird and Habitat Directives at European Aerodromes	
	2025-27(VI) WG4 Joint Network for Wild Fungi (JoNeF)	
	2025-27(VI) WG5 BIOVAL Eco System Recovery Calculation (Joint EUFJE, ENPE, and IMPEL)	
Cross Cutting Tools & Approaches	2025-27(VII) WG1 Knowledge and Information Programme (KIP)	
	2025-27(VII) WG2 IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI) Programme	
	2025-27(VII) WG3 National Peer Review Initiatives (NPRI)	
	2025-27(VII) WG4 Environmental Emergencies project	
	2025-27(VII) WG5 Criteria for the Assessment of the Environmental Damage (CAED)	
	2025-27(VII) WG6 Geospatial Intelligence for Environmental Compliance Assurance (GIECA)	
	2025-27(VII) WG7 Network to Reduce Light Pollution (ReLiPo)	
	2025-27(VII) WG8 Compliance Assurance including ECD	
	2025-27(VII) WG9 Zero pollution action plan (ZPAP) - Enforcing Zero Pollution together	
	2025-27(VII) WG10 Artificial Intelligence and Environmental Protection (ARTIC) (2025-2027)	
	2025-27(VII) WG11 Implementation Challenges	
	2025-27(VII) WG12 4 Networks Conference	
	2025-27(VII) WG13 IMPEL Conference	