

## Advert for services to support the afterlife activities for the SWEAP project on capacity building and training.

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### IMPEL

The **European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)** is an international non-profit association of the environmental authorities of the European Union Member States, acceding and candidate countries of the EU, EEA and EFTA countries. The association is registered in Belgium and its legal seat is in Brussels. Currently, IMPEL has 55 members from 36 countries and its working language is English.

The Network's **objective** is to create the necessary impetus in the European Community to make progress on ensuring a more effective application of environmental legislation. It promotes the exchange of information and experience and the development of environmental legislation. IMPEL has developed into a widely known organisation in the environment field and is mentioned in several EU legislative and policy documents.

### IMPEL SWEAP project

Between September 2018 and June 2024, the LIFE SWEAP project was implemented and coordinated by IMPEL.

The main aim of the [LIFE SWEAP project](#) was to support the principle of a circular economy by preventing and disrupting illegal waste trafficking and unsound waste management practices. This goal is achieved through various means and methods, including capacity building, coordinated inspections, innovative tools, and the collection and analysis of intelligence.

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The LIFE programme requires an after-life plan for LIFE funded projects, describing how tools and products by the project will be maintained once the project has come to an end. A crucial component of the project involved enhancing the skills and capabilities of law enforcement agencies and environmental authorities concerning understanding the provisions related to waste management, shipments, inspections and enforcement. This includes the development and delivery of comprehensive training programmes, tools, and resources that equip officers with the knowledge and skills necessary to combat illegal waste activities effectively.

The creation and implementation of innovative tools, such as the [PREVENT Portal](#) and [LIFE SWEAP Inspection Reference app](#), provide critical support for law enforcement and regulatory agencies. These tools offer easy access to up-to-date information, guidelines, and best practices, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations.

Post-project activities for SWEAP include the ongoing updating and maintenance of the training tools to ensure they remain current and relevant. This continuous improvement process is essential for adapting to new challenges and advancements in the field of waste management and enforcement. This is especially important, as key pieces of legislation such as the Waste Shipment Regulation and the Environmental Crime Directive have been revised recently.

As part of the afterlife activities, preparations are being made to integrate the SWEAP training tools and resources into the broader IMPEL Knowledge and Information Programme. This integration will extend the reach and impact of the SWEAP project, making valuable information and training accessible to a wider audience within the IMPEL network. The Knowledge and Information Programme aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions across Europe, further strengthening the collective efforts to promote a circular economy and environmental compliance. Any updates of LIFE SWEAP products will be aligned with the developments of the KIP.

By understanding and addressing these key components, the project aligns with IMPEL's overarching goals and contributes significantly to the enhancement of environmental enforcement and compliance across Europe.

### **Service specification**

IMPEL requires a skilled service provider to carry out the following tasks:

#### 1. Reviewing Revised Legislation, guidance and materials

- Conduct a thorough review of revised legislation such as the Waste Framework Directive, Waste Shipment Regulation, the Environmental Crime Directive, relevant OECD decisions.
- Incorporate amendments from the Basel Convention related to plastic waste and e-waste.

#### 2. Updating Information and References

- Update the IMPEL SWEAP Prevent Portal and TFS Inspection Reference app with the latest information, references and visuals
- Ensure that all changes are accurately reflected and that users have access to the most current data and guidelines.

#### 3. Designing Presentations and Exercises

- Develop and update presentations that illustrate the updates and changes in legislation and reflect the content of the various modules.
- Create interactive exercises that help users understand and apply the new regulations.

#### 4. Designing Self-tests and Assessment Questions

- Design self-assessment tests and questions to evaluate users' understanding of the updated legislation and guidelines.

- Ensure that the tests are user-friendly and provide meaningful feedback.

The above-listed activities will involve a combination of desk research and close interaction with the project lead of the IMPEL Enforcement Actions Project, as well as project participants, to gain an up-to-date understanding of current practices, challenges, and approaches. Participation in relevant project activities is also recommended, such as the IMPEL Waste & TFS conference, Best Practice meetings, and/or NCP meetings. Additionally, liaising with the team working on the Knowledge and Information Programme (KIP) is key to ensure a smooth integration.

### **Time schedule**

These activities should start immediately after completion of the tender and be completed in 2024. The chosen service provider should provide a schedule of activities to be carried out to ensure the deadline is met.

### **Essential Requirements**

The service provider should ideally have a knowledge of the IMPEL network and also LIFE funded projects. They should be familiar with relevant legislation such as the Waste Shipment regulation. Knowledge of the SWEAP programme would be an advantage.

### **Application**

All applications should be made in English via e-mail and include:

- Suitability for the service
- Relevant experience
- Qualified quote for delivering the service

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### **The closing date for applications is 06.09.2021**

Teleconference (MS Teams) interviews with those shortlisted will be conducted in the days after the closing date.

For more information on the tendered service, please contact

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