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NPRI Seminar
March 21st and 22nd 2023
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Universitas Mercatorum
Palazzo Costaguti
Piazza Mattei, 10 – Roma

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* Participation in Teleconference to deliver speeches



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Attendance synopsis:

- 27 People
- 17 Organizations
- 10 Countries + EU Commission

SEMINAR AGENDA

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IMPEL PROJECT VI WG – NPRI SEMINAR
NATIONAL PEER REVIEWS:
 EVOLUTION, FIRST EXPERIENCES AND THE WAY FORWARD

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The graphic includes the IMPEL logo, the European Union flag, and the text 'Funded by the European Union'. The main title is 'IMPEL PROJECT VI WG – NPRI SEMINAR NATIONAL PEER REVIEWS: EVOLUTION, FIRST EXPERIENCES AND THE WAY FORWARD'. Below the title is an illustration of four people in business attire sitting around a table in a meeting, with a globe and scales of justice in the background. At the bottom left, there are links for registration: 'CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION' and icons for Zoom and YouTube.

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About 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 and potential candidates to join the European Community.

Its mission is ensuring effective implementation and enforcement of European environmental law by promoting professional collaboration, information, and best-practice exchange between environmental regulators.

The expertise and experience of the participants within IMPEL make the network uniquely qualified to work on both technical and regulatory aspects of EU environmental legislation.

The National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI) IMPEL Project

The project aims at setting the basis for the development of autonomous Peer Review activities in National Networks of Environmental Authorities and Agencies. It can be used as an instrument to improve own performances through dialog, collaborative confrontation and sharing of good practices among the peers belonging to the same network.

The NPRI has been recognized as a powerful tool to support the implementation of the EU ECA initiative, in particular because of its potential to apply good and best practices and its contribution to harmonisation in the execution of tasks and responsibilities by authorities.

The NPRI project involves 20 institutions from 15 European countries that are part of IMPEL.

The NPRI seminar, scope and target

The seminar is designed to inform the IMPEL community and other institutions involved in environmental protection about the NPRI methodology, to showcase experiences and developments, and to give IMPEL members the opportunity to interact with the project, and to organise the implementation of an NPRI in their countries.



AGENDA

DAY ONE – MARCH 21ST, 2023

Origin, development of the NPRI project and methodological result

Chaired by the Project Leaders: **Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati, Pieter-Jan van Zanten**

09:30 – 09:50

WELCOME ADDRESS

Giovanni Cannata

Magnifico Rettore Universitas Mercatorum

Pasquale Fimiani

Fondazione Vittorio Occorsio Scientific Committee;
Advocate general at Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome;
Full ENPE Member

09:50 – 10:10

OPENING ADDRESS

Miroslav Angelov

DG Environment EU Commission

10:10 – 10:30

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR

Martine Blondeel

IMPEL Cross Cutting Expert Team Leader

Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati,

Pieter-Jan van Zanten

NPRI Project Team Leaders

10:30 – 11:00

**PEER REVIEW AS INSTRUMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF THE PERFORMANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS:
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

(UN, OECD, European Commission, IMPEL IRI and others)

Chris Dijkens

11:00 – 11:20

BREAK

Networking

11:20 – 11:40

LESSONS LEARNT AND THE NPRI PROJECT START-UP

Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati,

Pieter-Jan van Zanten

11:40 – 12:15

**THE NPRI IMPEL PROJECT'S FLEXIBLE METHODOLOGY –
RELEVANT ELEMENTS (1): THE STRUCTURE OF A PEER
REVIEW NATIONAL GOVERNANCE, SCOPING,
ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**

Chris Dijkens

12:15 – 12:30

Q&A AND COMMENTS ON THE MORNING SESSION

All

12:30 – 14:30

LIGHT LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NPRI METHODOLOGY –
RELEVANT ELEMENTS (2): STAKEHOLDERS ANALYSIS,
PEER REVIEW MISSION, MANAGEMENT OF THE
OUTCOMES, THE TOOLBOX**

Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati

15:30 – 16:00

DISCUSSION ON THE METHODOLOGY

All

16:00 – 16:30

BREAK

Networking

16:30 – 17:00

**PEER REVIEWS AND OTHER REVIEW INSTRUMENT IN
COMPARISON, POTENTIALS OF THE TECHNIQUE AND
SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE ONGOING NPRI
EXPERIENCES EXPOSED IN DAY 2 OF THE SEMINAR**

Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati,

Pieter-Jan van Zanten

17:00 – 17:15

Q&A AND COMMENTS ON THE AFTERNOON'S SESSION

All

17:15 – 17:30

RECAP AND CLOSING OF THE FIRST SEMINAR DAY

Chris Dijkens



DAY TWO – MARCH 22ND, 2023

The implementation of the NPRI methodology: National ongoing experiences and further developments

Chaired by the Project Leaders: **Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati, Pieter-Jan van Zanten**

09:30 – 09:40

OPENING OF THE DAY

*Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati,
Pieter-Jan van Zanten*

09:40 – 12:30

**EXPERIENCES IN PEER REVIEWS AT NATIONAL LEVEL,
ONGOING; EACH ONE OF THE REPORTS WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY A SHORT DISCUSSION AND Q&A**

NPRI Project team members

(timing approx.)

● 09:40 – 10:15

THE NETHERLANDS

| *Marc du Maine*
| *Gert-Jan Guis*
| *Pieter-Jan van Zanten*

● 10:15 – 10:50

ITALY

| *Raffaella Melzani*
| *Adele Lo Monaco*

● 10:50 – 11:10

BREAK

| *Networking*

● 11:10 – 11:50

ROMANIA

| *Monica Crişan*

● 11:50 – 12:30

SLOVAKIA

| *Enikő Oroszlányová*

12:30 – 14:30

LIGHT LUNCH

14:30 – 15:50

**NEWCOMERS: OPEN DISCUSSION I
THE PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS PLANNING TO
IMPLEMENT NPRI IN THEIR COUNTRIES WILL PRESENT
THEIR POINT OF VIEW, THEIR NEEDS, THEIR
PERSPECTIVES**

15:50 – 16:10

BREAK

Networking

16:10 – 17:00

FINAL DISCUSSION

All

17:00 – 17:15

**THE SEMINAR OUTCOMES: OBSERVATIONS FROM A
METHODOLOGICAL AND PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW**

Chris Dijkens

17:15 – 17:30

FINAL RECAP AND CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR

*Fabio Carella, Giuseppe Sgorbati
Pieter-Jan van Zanten*

PANELISTS:

Fabio Carella

Director General ARPA Lombardia and NPRI Project Team Leader (IT)

Monica Crişan

National Environmental Guard (RO)

Chris Dijkens

International Peer Review Expert, NPRI Project Consultant (NL)

Gert-Jan Guis

Omgevingsdienst de Vallei (NL)

Adele Lo Monaco

ARPAE Emilia-Romagna (IT)

Marc du Maine

Rijkswaterstaat (NL)

Raffaella Melzani

ARPA Lombardia (IT)

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PRESENTATIONS

Seminar presentations were uploaded at:

<https://3.basecamp.com/4481666/buckets/17164552/vaults/5797100240>