

**Smart Enforcement:
How to Target Environmental Law Enforcement Efforts in Times of Crisis**

Mid-term Conference of the project on [European Union Action to Fight Environmental Crime](#)
In Cooperation with the [Flemish High Enforcement Council for the Environment](#)

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Venue: Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

P R O G R A M M E

- 13:30 **Arrival and Registration**
- 14:00 **Opening of the Conference**
Welcome by **Wouter Veening**, Chairman / President, Institute for Environmental Security
Opening Remarks by **Philippe Keraudren**, Deputy Head, 'Reflective Societies' unit, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
Introduction of the EFFACE project by **Christiane Gerstetter**, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Panel Discussion I: The Theoretical and Empirical Case for Smart Enforcement**
Moderator: **Christoph Stefes**, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute
- **Sandra Rousseau**, Head of Research, Research Centre for Economics and Corporate Sustainability, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
 - **Miroslav Angelov**, Legal and Policy officer, Unit D.4 - Governance, Information & Reporting, DG Environment, European Commission
 - **Florentin Blanc**, Consultant and Specialist on Business Inspection Reforms
 - **Discussion**
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee break**
- 16:30 – 18:00 **Panel Discussion II: How to Make Enforcement against Environmental Crime Smarter – Practical Perspectives**
Moderator: **Michael Faure**, Professor, Comparative International Environmental Law / Professor in Law and Economics and Director, METRO Research Institute, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University
- **Andrew Farmer**, Director of Research and Head of Industry, Waste and Water Programme, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
 - **Werner Gowitzke**, Seconded National Expert (SNE), Mass Market Fraud & Environmental Crime, Europol
 - **Anne Brosnan**, Chief Prosecutor, Legal Department, Environment Agency, UK
 - **Henk Ruessink**, Netherlands National Coordinator, European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)
 - **Discussion**
- 18:00 – 18:30 **General discussion**
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Reception**
- 19:30 - **Dinner**

About the Speakers

Wouter Veening is co-founder and Chairman / President of the Institute for Environmental Security. His work focuses on the policy and legal responses to security risks emanating from environmental degradation in key regions of the world.

Philippe Keraudren is Deputy Head of the 'Reflective Societies' unit in the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission. The unit is currently involved in Societal Challenge 6 of Horizon 2020 'Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' and it was in charge with the implementation of the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities Theme of the Seventh Framework Programme for R&D.

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=home>

Christiane Gerstetter is a lawyer and works as a Senior Fellow in the Ecologic Institute's legal team. Her main research interests are development, climate change, and international trade policy, as well as the linkages between these areas. She is the coordinator of the EFFACE project.

Christoph H. Stefes, PhD is Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute and Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Colorado Denver. His areas of expertise include the politics of renewable energy development in the United States and Germany as well as transatlantic relations concerning climate and environmental politics. Furthermore, he specialises in political and economic developments in the former Soviet Union, the European Neighbourhood Policy, energy and environmental politics in the Caspian region and the connection between climate change and international security.

Sandra Rousseau is Head of Research, Research Centre for Economics and Corporate Sustainability and Professor in Environmental Economics at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. She has published widely on environmental crime and on the economics of law enforcement. Her most recent publications include:

Rousseau, S. and T. Blondiau. (2014; Forthcoming). Act-based versus harm-based sanctions for environmental offenders. *Environmental Policy and Governance*. Doi: 10.1002/eet.1660

Billiet, C.M., T. Blondiau and S. Rousseau (2014; forthcoming). Punishing environmental crimes: An empirical study from lower courts to the court of appeal. *Regulation and Governance*. Doi: 10.1111/rego.12044

Billiet, C. and S. Rousseau (2014). How real is the threat of imprisonment for environmental crime? *European Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 37(2), p.183-198

Miroslav Angelov is Legal and Policy officer at the European Commission, DG Environment, Unit D.4 'Governance, Information & Reporting'. He is in charge of the EU legal framework on environmental inspections, the cooperation with environmental enforcement networks and the evaluation of the implementation of [Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law](#). For further reading: [Information collection and impact assessment of possible requirements for environmental inspections in the area of EU legislation on water, nature protection and trade in certain environmentally sensitive goods](#).

Florentin Blanc, is a Consultant and Specialist on Business Inspection Reforms, (a topic on which he is currently completing a PhD in Leiden University). He has been working for over 10 years for the World Bank Group, and has undertaken assignments on enforcement and inspections for the OECD and several EU and OECD member countries. His specialties include Business inspections reform, Licensing reform, Technical regulations and product markets regulation, Administrative simplification, Regulatory burden reduction, Stakeholders participation and consultations. He was a consultant for the study on [Regulatory Enforcement and Inspections, OECD Best Practice Principles for Regulatory Policy](#).

Michael Faure is Professor comparative international environmental law and in Law and Economics and Director, METRO Research Institute, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University. He published on environmental criminal law and is the chair of the Flemish High Enforcement Council for the Environment.

Andrew Farmer is Director of Research and Head of Industry, Waste and Water Programme, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). He is co-author of [*“Study on possible options for strengthening the EU level role in environmental inspections and strengthening the Commission’s capacity to undertake effective investigations of alleged breaches in EU environmental law”*](#). Dr Farmer also leads IEEP’s work for the “Make It Work” project of IM (NL) and Defra (UK) on developing a smarter environmental acquis.

Werner Gowitzke Werner Gowitzke is a German police officer and currently Seconded National Expert (SNE) for Mass Market Fraud & Environmental Crime at Europol, in charge of the EnviCrimeNet Secretariat and the Intelligence Project on Environmental Crime (IPEC). He is an organised crime investigator and team leader since 1993 and a Master of Science in International Police Science (University of Portsmouth, UK). His main research interests are police culture and environmental crime.

Anne Brosnan is the Environment Agency’s Chief Prosecutor and Deputy Director of Legal Services. She has been a qualified solicitor for some twenty five years. Previously Anne headed up the Environment Agency’s Serious Casework Group which deals with the Agency’s most difficult prosecution work. Anne’s background is in criminal defence; she spent her early years as a lawyer in private practice including partnership in a regional firm.

Anne has Higher Rights of Audience in Criminal Proceedings. She also has a Masters degree in Environmental Quality Management. Anne was the Agency lead lawyer involved in the introduction of civil sanctions.

In 2005 she spent a year in Sydney Australia on a working exchange to the then Department of Environment and Conservation of New South Wales where she is admitted as a solicitor. Anne is Co President of the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment- ENPE- founded in September 2012.

Henk Ruessink is the Netherlands National Coordinator in the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL). As an international liaison for the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, he is involved in international collaboration projects and activities of inspection services at the European and global levels. He is experienced as a trainer for international capacity building programs. In a previous capacity, he was a senior lecturer and researcher on environmental enforcement issues at the Police Academy of the Netherlands.

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