



Countering Environmental Crime in the EU

- Latest trends and developments
- Update on EU policy and the revised EU Environmental Crime Directive
- Detection, investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes

Online,
30 November - 1 December 2023



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

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Key topics

- EU policy and revision of the EU Environmental Crime Directive
- Latest trends in environmental criminality in the EU
- The involvement of organised crime groups in environmental crimes
- Law enforcement, judicial cooperation and national enforcement bodies' challenges in national and cross-border environmental crime cases
- Detection, investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes

Language
English

Event number
323D40

Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)



Countering Environmental Crime in the EU

Thursday, 30 November 2023

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants / connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**

Ramin Farinpour

I. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU'S ACTION FRAMEWORK TO COUNTER ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:05 **Setting the scene: countering environmental crime in the EU within a globally operating illicit market**

- World Atlas of illicit flows and environmental security
- Wildlife crime, fisheries crime, forestry crime and pollution, and related crimes
- Partnerships to counter environmental crime (governmental, intra-governmental and non-governmental)

Marco Foddi

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Update on EU policy, legislative proposals and guidance on countering environmental crime**

- Proposal for a new Environmental Crime Directive: where do we stand?
- Communication on stepping up the fight against environmental crime
- Guidance on combating environmental crime and related infringements

Miroslav Angelov

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Latest developments in Europol's role in assisting with environmental crime investigations**

- Latest trends and threats
- Linking organised crime to environmental crime and following the financial flows
- Report on environmental crime in the age of climate change
- Latest actions, including the waste crime taskforce, and case studies

José Antonio Alfaro Moreno

12:15 Discussion

12:30 **An update on Eurojust's role in assisting with environmental crime investigations and mutual legal assistance**

- Supporting judicial authorities
- Report on Eurojust's casework on environmental crime
- Latest actions, including joint investigation teams (JITs)

Representative of Eurojust

13:15 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

II. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, TOOLS AND CHALLENGES AT INTRA-EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL LEVEL

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

14:30 **Insights on guidance and coordination of the work of the Member States' environmental authorities in countering environmental crime**

- Awareness-raising, capacity-building, peer review, exchange of information and international enforcement collaboration

Katie Olley

15:00 Discussion

Objective

This online seminar will present legislative, operational and judicial cooperation developments in the fight against environmental crime at EU and national level, in particular within the context of organised crime.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers, as well as policy officers active in the detection and combatting of environmental and organised crime.

You will learn...

- about the latest developments in the EU's action framework to counter environmental crime, including the proposal for a new Environmental Crime Directive and guidance on combating such crime.
- about the latest trends in environmental criminality in the EU and the involvement of organised crimes.
- About law enforcement and judicial challenges in countering environmental crime, both at national and cross-border level, and how various actors, including Europol, Eurojust, Member States and NGOs assist in combating it.

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15:15 **Countering environmental crime and enforcing sanctions from the perspective of a specialised inspection and control body: the Romanian National Environmental Guard**

- Waste crime and illegal logging
- Cooperation with other national and transnational state authorities, law enforcement and prosecution services

Christian Coaje

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Work and insights of EnviCrimeNet – the European law enforcement centre of excellence on environmental crime**

- Exchange of best practices and lessons learned, identifying new threats, drawing attention to legislative shortcomings and presenting new proposals
- LIFE+ SATEC project: defining international legal frameworks, new investigation methods and cooperation between relevant actors

Ondrej Koporec

17:00 Discussion

17:15 **Supporting financial institutions in addressing and reporting suspicious transactions relating to illegal wildlife trade: the Financial Flows Toolkit**

Dickon Johnstone

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of first seminar day

19:00 Guided tour of the city of Trier and dinner for face-to-face participants

Friday, 1 December 2023

08:30 Connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Practical experience in investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes: a closer look at waste and wildlife crime and illegal fishing**

- Enforcement, sanctions, and ancillary orders in the prosecution of offences
- Challenges in national and transnational cases

Anne Brosnan

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Case study on water crime and effective prosecution**

Anne Brosnan

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Ensuring access to justice and rights are protected in environmental crime cases**

Nils Courcy

12:00 Discussion

12:15 **Insights into dealing with environmental crime cases in court**

- Access to justice
- Judicial cooperation
- Conflicts of jurisdiction
- *Ne bis in idem*, interrelation between criminal and administrative enforcement

Judge, EUFJE

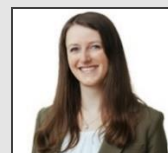
13:00 Discussion

13:15 End of seminar and lunch

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