



Environmental Compliance Assurance



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Commission Action Plan on Environmental Compliance and Governance



Why do people break environmental rules?

What can we do about it?

What is the EU doing about it?





1992-2012: EMERGENCE OF EUROPEAN PRACTITIONER NETWORKS

- **IMPEL (inspectors)**
- **EUFJE (judges)**
- **EnviCrimeNet (police)**
- **ENPE (prosecutors)**
- **NEPA (environmental agencies)**



TYPES OF BEHAVIOUR AND RESPONSES




REWARD


ENGAGE


ENABLE/FUND


EDUCATE


INSPECT/CHECK


ENFORCE



COMMISSION APPROACH

Develop a concept to address the different types of behaviour

Work with the networks and Member States

Develop an Action Plan to support Member States inspectors, police, prosecutors and judges

Create an expert steering group





CHALLENGES

Working together across borders

Getting a better picture of compliance and governance in each Member State

Training

Combatting environmental crime

Improving farming-related compliance

Dealing with complaints from the public

Exploiting new technology, including satellites



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COMMISSION PACKAGE

Commission Communication (COM(2018)10)

Commission Staff Working Document (SWD(2018)10), see Annex 1 with actions description

Commission Decision establishing a new Commission Expert Group (C(2018)10)

More information and a summary fact sheet available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/compliance_en.htm







ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND GOVERNANCE FORUM

- New formal high-level Commission expert group to help steer compliance and governance actions
- Composition: Member States, representatives of EU-level enforcement networks, Europol and Eurojust
- EP, EESC, CoR, European Ombudsman also invited
- Twice yearly meetings, first meeting took place on 13 March 2018, second on 7 December 2018, third scheduled for 14 May 2019



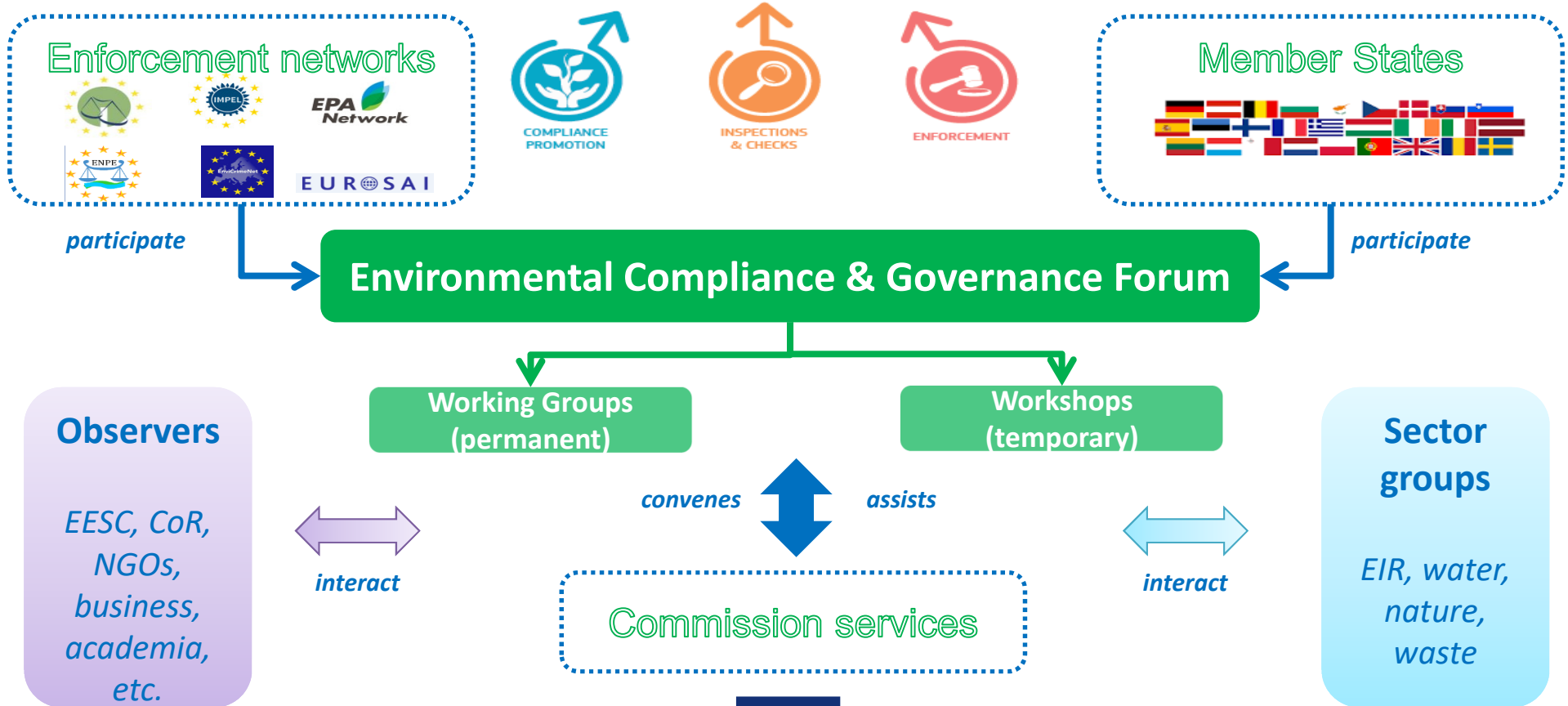


ROLE OF FORUM

- **Steer Action Plan**, e.g. suggestions on individual actions/possible endorsement of final products
- **Joint agenda-setting** for the future (post-2019)
- **Strategic discussion on wider environmental governance topics**
- **Achieve more cohesive approach between policy-makers, agencies, practitioners and networks**



Organisational Chart





Interest for academics

- **Ideas for future actions: period to September 2019**
- **5 broad work areas identified:** (1) guidance, practice sharing and communication; (2) training; (3) joint actions and capacity building; (4) innovative tools and (5) assessment and progress monitoring.
- **Contribute expertise**





Thank you for your attention!

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