

## Announcement: Waste Force training: Prosecution of Waste Crime

27-29 November 2019, Lisbon, Portugal

The General Inspectorate for Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning (IGAMAOT<sup>1</sup>) is part of the Waste Force Project<sup>2</sup> (Waste Enforcement Forensics and Capacity Building) consortium. The consortium is led by European Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) and co-led by the United Nations University (UNU).

The general objective of the Waste Force project is to develop new tools, forensics and methods in support of the operational activities and capacities of the authorities involved across the enforcement chain.

The project aims at boosting the operational activities and capacities of authorities involved in the fight against illegal trade and management of waste through: (i) development of new practical tools and methodologies; (ii) implementation of multi-stakeholder capacity building activities; and (iii) support of operational networking among practitioners in Europe and with their counterparts in the Asia- Pacific region, one of the main regions of destination of illicit waste shipments.

The project started in December 2018 and will last 24 months. The consortium involves the following entities: IMPEL (Belgium); Inspectorate of Republic of Slovenia for the Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia); United Nations University (Japan); Netherlands Forensic Institute (Netherlands); University of Limerick (Ireland); United Nations Institute For Training and Research – UNITAR (Switzerland); United Nations Environment Programme - UNEP (Kenya); German Police University (Germany) and General Inspectorate for Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning (Portugal).

The project also seeks to enhance international operational networking between Europe and the Asia-Pacific region through information-sharing activities and dedicated training materials. The direct beneficiaries of the project are the authorities involved in waste-related crimes across the enforcement chain, including environmental inspectorates, law enforcement agencies (LEAs), customs and port authorities, and prosecutors both in Europe and in Asia-Pacific region.

Building on those instruments, the project will organise training sessions and webinars to enhance authorities' capacities.

The Portuguese Environmental Inspectorate, IGAMAOT, will organise the first EU training session, in close cooperation with the Portuguese Public Prosecutors Office (Procuradoria Geral da República, PGR<sup>3</sup>) and the National Centre for Judiciary Training (Centro de Estudos Judiciários<sup>4</sup>, CEJ). The event will take place between 27th and 29th of November in Lisbon, at CEJ.

<sup>1</sup> IGAMAOT: <http://www.igamaot.gov.pt/>

<sup>2</sup> Waste Force: <https://wasteorceproject.eu/>

<sup>3</sup> Public Prosecutors Office: <http://www.ministeriopublico.pt/>

<sup>4</sup> CEJ: <http://www.cej.mj.pt/cej/>





The target audience are public prosecutors and judges, although it is open to other authorities such as inspectors, customs and police authorities. The meeting will host lectures of the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE) and European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE).

The programme will contain a combination of lectures, case studies and break out sessions and is organised around the following key themes:

- Setting the scene: 'Scale and impact of illegal waste management'
- Measuring environmental damage
- Evidence collection
- Prosecuting cases of waste crime and illegal waste trafficking
- Inter-agency collaboration

The training will be delivered in English, but translation English to Portuguese will be available.

Funding is available to cover travel and accommodation costs for 25 participants. Some additional places are available for participants covering their own costs.

To register your expression of interest, please complete the [online registration form](#).

The deadline is set for **1 August 2019**. After the deadline, from the beginning of August, you will be informed if your application has been successful.

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