



“Protecting habitats and endangered species in Europe through tackling environmental crime”

Introduction, including the conference theme

This unique conference brings together four different projects, all with the common purpose of improving the environment.

Species and habitat protection, including water resources, are key objectives for each, underpinned by a focus on tackling environmental crime. Over the next two days, we will hear from a wide range of specialists involved in this work, ranging from representatives of international organisations discussing the global challenges facing us all, to national environmental experts, chief prosecutors, leading academics and regional specialists all of whom are united in their commitment to environmental improvement.

Our breakout sessions have been organised to focus on specific environmental themes and will include local speakers who will be sharing their findings on habitat and species protection through case study presentations, as well as experts from across Europe sharing innovative techniques and technologies to improve consistency in prosecuting environmental crime.

We are grateful for the support of the EU Life programme in our work in this area and acknowledge the contribution made by them to this conference.

Conference Programme

Monday 22 October 2018

14.00 hrs: informal cultural excursion, Temple of Knossos, Knossos (meet at the entrance).

Regular buses to Knossos (number 02) depart from Eleftherias Square in Heraklion.

19.30 – 22.30 drinks & light bites, PAGOPOIEION Creative Bar Restaurant, Heraklion, 1 Papagiamali & Agiou Titou str. (<http://www.pagopoieion.gr/contact/>)

Tuesday 23 October 2018

08.45 – 09.30: Conference registration including coffee/tea and networking (Exhibition Halls of the University of Crete – Natural History Museum of Crete [UoC – NHMC], Multimedia Hall; Level-1, Visit-Plan: <http://www.nhmc.uoc.gr/en/exhibition/visit-plan>)

09.30 – 10.15: Opening of Conference (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

- Professor Ioannis Karakassis, Deputy Rector of University of Crete
- Mr Humberto Delgado Rosa, DG Environment Director for Natural Capital
- Welcome by the conference chairs:
 - Anne Brosnan, ENPE President and LIFE-ENPE Project sponsor;
 - Dr Michalis Probonas, LIFE Natura Themis Project Coordinator;
 - Dr Johannes Fritz, LIFE Reason for Hope Project Manager;
 - Chris Dijkens, IMPEL Chair.





The conference will be formally opened by special guests from the European Commission and the Rector of the University of Crete. The Chairs of the conference will set out their main aims and objectives of the conference.

10.15 – 11.00 Plenary Session: Tackling Environmental crime, wider perspectives (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

- Jane Morrison, INECE: Global challenges in tackling environmental crime
- Huang Weiping, The Chinese Supreme People’s Procuratorate: A view from China

Moderator: Anne Brosnan

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break & networking (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall Foyer; Level-1)

11.30 – 12.30 Plenary Session: Habitats and Endangered species protection (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

- Laura Aguado, Co-ordinator for the UNEP task force on illegal killing of birds
- Lieutenant Colonel Giuseppe Tedeschi & Major Claudio Marrucci, Carabinieri Forestali: Anti-poaching investigations in Italy and the National Plan against poaching
- Mrs Stavroula Pouli, Environmental Liability Directive: What happens in Greece - an administrative perspective

Moderator: Johannes Fritz

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch & networking (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Coffee & Lunch Foyer; Level +1)

13.30 – 15.00 Breakout Groups (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, rooms as below)

Habitats Water pollution crimes/protection Multimedia hall; Level-1	Species Prosecution – birds 3rd floor hall; Level+3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giuseppe Sgorbati, ARPA Lombardia (IT) IMPEL Water and Land expert team: Innovative surveillance technologies in environment protection – Earth observation: nature, water, waste • Dr. Aggeliki Kallia-Antoniou: NATURA 2000 and Water Framework Directive: Implementation in Greece • Mrs Shen Hongyan: The Role of Prosecutors on the Protection of Species and Habitats along the Yangtze River 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicky Petkov & Dimitar Gradinarov, LIFE Safe for flights & LIFE+ Reason for Hope projects • Lars Magnusson, LIFE-ENPE WG 1 Chair: Findings from Segovia workshop • Dr. Stavros Xirouchakis, LIFE Natura Themis: Conservation – Protection of Vultures in Crete: Threats, measures and management actions

Habitats Moderator: Michalis Probonas

Species Moderator: Johannes Fritz





15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break & networking (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall Foyer; Level-1)

15.30 – 17.00 Breakout Groups (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, rooms as below)

Habitats (Land pollution) 3rd floor hall; Level+3	Species Prosecution cases Multimedia hall; Level-1	Innovative technologies and approaches to assist prosecution of environmental crime Temporary Exhibition hall; Level0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco Falconi, ISPRA (IT) IMPEL Water and Land expert team • Dr Charalampos Fassoulas: Protection of the Geodiversity in Greece through the Initiative of Geoparks: The case of Crete • Rob de Rijck, LIFE-ENPE WG2 Chair: Waste crimes Working group update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Van den Berghe, EUFJE: Belgian hare coursing case • Dr John Sayas, & Emilia Kiaska, Greek Ombudsman: Environmental Mediation as a tool for combating environmental criminality. Citizen's complaints and the Role of the Greek Ombudsman in the Protection of Species and Habitats in Greece • Moritz Klose, WWF Germany: Shoot, shovel and shut-up – illegal killing of large carnivores • Mrs Konstantina Ntemiri, The Egyptian Vulture New Life project: Joining forces against wildlife poisoning: the work of the Antipoison Task Force in Greece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christos Georgiadis, LIFE Natura Themis: Application for Smart Devices of LIFE Natura Themis project: Design, Implementation and Results • Dr Johannes Fritz & Carla Campanaro, LIFE RfH: Illegal killings, investigations and innovative tracking technologies • Iain Brockie, LIFE Smart-Waste: Project aims & outcomes • Mrs Maria Maniadaki, LIFE Natura Themis: Tackling environmental crime with the help of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Databases

Habitats Moderator: Michalis Probonas

Species Moderator: Reason for Hope project

Innovation Moderator: Shaun Robinson

17.00 – 17.30 Plenary session: reporting from all breakout group sessions (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

- **Habitats**
- **Species**
- **Innovative technologies**

This will be an opportunity for the breakout groups to report back on the summary of the discussions, including outputs and next steps agreed.

Moderator: Chris Dijkens

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17.35 – 18.05 ENPE Members only – General Meeting (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1); Chair: Anne Brosnan

ENPE will hold its General meeting, with attendance limited to the network members only. Delegates are requested to notify the network secretariat contact of their wish to attend

Conference Dinner – MURMURA Seafood Stories Restaurant, Heraklion, 11 Sofoklis Venizelou Avenue (<https://www.facebook.com/murmuraseafoodstories/>)

19.00 – 19.30 Arrival of delegates at MURMURA Seafood Stories Restaurant

19.30 Guests to be seated for dinner

21.30 After dinner entrainment (Local music group, Greek Rebetika Songs, TBC) 1-1.5 hours

Wednesday 24 October 2018

09.00 – 11.00 Plenary Session: International and national initiatives in environmental prosecution (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1) – parallel session with IMPEL Water & Land Expert Team: Water Crimes Project workshop

- Kate Robinson, Director of Env, Operations & Energy Legal Services division, Department of Planning & Environment, NSW, Australia: Perspectives from afar - Context and balance in environment protection
- Mr Pasquale Fimiani, Deputy Prosecutor General, Italy: The Italian Environmental Network of Prosecutors General
- Heidi Nummela, District Prosecutor, EUROJUST: helping prosecute environmental crimes
- Dr Georgios Sbokos, LIFE Natura Themis: Impacts on Environmental Prosecution after the EU-IMF Structural Adjustment Plans in Greece

Moderator: Anne Brosnan

09.00 – 11.00 IMPEL Water & Land Expert Team: Water Crimes Project workshop NHMC Temporary Exhibition hall; Level0

- Workshop activities, including reporting on project
- Invited speakers

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break & networking (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall Foyer; Level-1)





11.30 – 12.30 Breakout Groups: Update on progress of specialist teams/groups involved in habitat and species protection – parallel session with IMPEL Water & Land Expert Team: Water Crimes Project workshop

Habitats 3rd floor hall; Level+3	Species Multimedia hall; Level-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christos Naintos LIFE-ENPE WG 3 Chair: Air pollution Working group update • Mr Wu Xiaohua: The Role of Prosecutors in the protection of birds in Fujian • João Pedro Silva, EU LIFE Communications Team: Life Programme's contribution to fight Wildlife crime in the EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Alessia Mariacher, Veterinary: Forensics for prosecution best & worst practices • Dr Carole Billiet, LIFE-ENPE WG 4 Chair: Sanctioning practices & biodiversity • Prof Sandra Rousseau, KU Leuven: Putting a price on nature

Moderator: Michalis Probonas

Moderator: Johannes Fritz

11.30 – 12.30 IMPEL Water & Land Expert Team: Water Crimes Project workshop (NHMC Temporary Exhibition hall; Level0)

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12.30 – 13.30 Lunch & networking (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Coffee & Lunch Foyer; Level +1)

13.30 – 14.30 Plenary Session: Feedback from breakout session; Conference chairs – learning from conference and next steps (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the 2nd days breakout sessions & IMPEL workshop • AB; MP; CD; JF: Learning from the conference and next steps |
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This session offers the chance to reflect on the key messages arising from the conference, and critically, what next steps are required to further improve the fight against Environmental crime to protect habitats and endangered species with a short summary from each network chair.

14.30 – 15.00 Inspiring Speaker – Harvey Bradshaw (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

Harvey will share what has been achieved at the conference and what more can be done.

15.00 – 15.10 Closing of the Conference – Anne Brosnan & Project chairs (Exhibition Halls of NHMC, Multimedia Hall; Level-1)

16.00 – 17.30 (approximate timings only) Cultural excursion: Archaeological museum visit, Heraklion (Eleftherias Square, centre of the city, meet outside the museum).





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Heraklion – Crete (Gr)

23th – 24th October, 2018

IMPEL Water Crimes workshop

24th October, 2018

parallel session with International and national initiatives in environmental prosecution

1st part - NHMC Temporary Exhibition hall; Level0.

1	09.00 – 09.15	Presentation of the IMPEL Water Crimes project - Claudia Carpino – Project Manager and Chair of the Workshop
2	09.15 – 09.45	Results from the IMPEL Water Crimes Survey – Lorenzo Segato
3	09.45 – 10.30	3 Case studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greece - Thalia Statha - Slovenia - Darija Stanic-Racman - Romania - Hirean Mircea
4	10.30– 11:00	Methodology for Threat and Risk assessment – Giuseppe Sgorbati

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break & networking

2nd part - NHMC Temporary Exhibition hall; Level0

5	11:30 – 11:50	ENPE experience on prosecution on water crimes - Tom Ledden
6	11:50 – 12:10	Water crimes and Environmental Compliance Assurance Initiative – Chris Dijkens, IMPEL Chair
7	12:10 – 12:30	Roundtable/discussion on EU Water Security Strategy – What next?

