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**Joint environmental inspections:
Good practices and lessons learnt**

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Background

Joint environmental inspections at international level are organised with the participation of different countries' environmental inspectorates. Joint inspections play a key role in fighting environmental crime. They also allow inspectors to share their knowledge and expertise, to develop and test new methodologies and to identify good practices. Consequently, such inspections build capacity of participating inspectorates and contribute to a level playing field among them.

The European Union encourages co-operation and co-ordination among its Members' compliance assurance authorities, including through joint enforcement actions. The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) has carried out joint inspections during the implementation of several projects.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The main objective of the meeting is to facilitate joint inspections among the environmental inspectorates of the Eastern Partner countries. It will present EU countries' experience with joint inspections, focusing on several IMPEL projects, paying particular attention to good practices, lessons learnt and specific tools developed. The event will include a practical exercise with environmental inspectorates from the Eastern Partner countries to brainstorm and draw up a joint regional inspection plan for waste shipments.

Participants

Participants will include environmental inspectors and regulators from the Eastern Partner countries; environmental compliance assurance professionals from European countries, including IMPEL project leaders; and representatives of the OECD Secretariat.

The meeting is organised under the EU4Environment Programme. It falls under component 3.2 on Environmental Compliance Assurance and Liability Regimes, which seeks to strengthen environmental compliance assurance and enforcement systems and instruments in Eastern Partner countries at national and regional levels.

About EU4Environment

The "European Union for Environment" (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus¹, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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¹ There is currently no co-operation with Belarus.

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Time	Item
Welcome and introductions	
12h00-12h10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate • Ms. Olga Olson, Project Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate
Presentation of joint inspection initiatives at European level	
12h10-12h35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marinus Jordaen, Senior Staff Officer, Enforcement, DCMR Environmental Agency (Rotterdam area), the Netherlands; IMPEL leader of a working group on joint inspections: Joint inspections in Europe <p><i>The IMPEL Supporting the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) Implementation Project (2021-2024) aims to share knowledge and good practices among regulatory professionals, and develop guidance and training materials to support effective implementation of the IED. The project includes many routine and non-routine joint inspections in a variety of sectors, such as waste incineration.</i></p> <p><i>The 2015-2020 IED Implementation Project carried out 12 inspections in 10 countries, involving 26 inspectors from 19 different countries. It also developed a guidance document on joint inspections.</i></p>
12h35-13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Romano Ruggeri, Environmental Officer at the Sardinian Environmental Protection Agency, Italy: the “Landfill Inspection Guidance” issued within the IMPEL Project “Waste Management and Circular Economy”; a non-routine inspection campaign on landfills in Sardinia: from preparation to enforcement. <p><i>The IMPEL Waste Management and Circular Economy project is moving through the waste hierarchy steps in order to achieve a common understanding of the key points of the Waste Framework Directive and homogenize behaviours across EU Member States. At the initial stage, the project was focused on the Landfill Directive with the aim to identify good inspection practices. Joint inspections have been performed across the European Union, and the following reports have been produced:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Treatment of waste before landfilling according to art. 6 of the Landfill Directive</i> ○ <i>Guidance book for landfill inspections (currently under revision)</i> ○ <i>Landfill Directive implementation gaps analysis</i> <p><i>The Sardinian Environmental Protection Agency performed in 2021 a campaign of inspections at landfills for industrial waste, which highlighted the main critical issues in landfill management.</i></p>
13h00-13h35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katie Olley, Waste Shipment Specialist and International Projects Manager, Producer Compliance and Waste Shipment Unit, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), United Kingdom; Project Leader of IMPEL’s Shipments of Waste Enforcement Actions Project (SWEAP): Results of the SWEAP project focusing on joint inspections <p><i>The LIFE Shipment of Waste Enforcement Actions Project (SWEAP) (2019-2023) is co-funded by the European Commission LIFE fund and co-ordinated by IMPEL. The overall purpose of the project is to support the circular economy by disrupting illegal waste trade at EU level by increasing the skill set amongst inspectors and law enforcement agencies; intensifying collaboration nationally and internationally; developing innovative tools and techniques; creating an EU-wide</i></p>

inspection data set; and providing intelligence products. The project plans to perform EU co-ordinated inspections throughout the waste management chain, including at waste management sites and during waste shipments.

13h35-13h50

Coffee break

13h50-14h55

Practical exercise: An inspection plan for a joint waste shipment inspection

The practical exercise is moderated by **Ms. Katie Olley**, Waste Shipment Specialist and International Projects Manager, Producer Compliance and Waste Shipment Unit, SEPA, United Kingdom; Project Leader of the SWEAP project.

The practical exercise will provide an opportunity to environmental inspectors from the Eastern Partner region to brainstorm and come up with an inspection plan for a joint waste shipment inspection.

- Select sector/installation using a risk assessment methodology
- Come up with a possible inspection plan/operational order
- Brainstorm on possible participants, documents to bring and equipment

In preparation for the exercise, participants are encouraged to register for [IMPEL PREVENT – Portal for Environmental Enforcers \(impel-prevent.eu\)](https://impel-prevent.eu) at least two weeks before the event and to read the sections on “Inspection and Detection” and on “Safe Container Opening”.

14h55-15h00

Conclusions and way forward

- **Mr. Krzysztof Michalak**, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate