

Objective

Wildlife trafficking, illegal logging and timber trade are a global problem with significant negative economic, environmental and social impact. This two-and-a-half day workshop will provide the participants with an overview of EU legislation on the illegal timber trade and wildlife trafficking affecting biodiversity. By addressing the issues that may be relevant for administrative or criminal judges as well as prosecutors, it will facilitate the handling of future national court procedures in this field.

Key elements of the workshop

- Introduction to the economic, environmental and social impact of illegal wildlife trafficking
- Aims and features of EU legislation (CITES, FLEGT Regulation and Timber Regulation)
- Various case studies on the role of the judge and prosecutor in this matter
- Role of international organisations in tackling wildlife trafficking

Who should attend?

Administrative and criminal law judges and prosecutors from all EU Member States who are interested in environmental law.

Speakers & training managers

Nicholas Crampton, former Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service, Norfolk

João José de Bastos Loureiro, Head of Portuguese CITES Management Authority, Lisbon

Ingrida Ilgauskienė, Course Director, Public Law Section, Academy of European Law, Trier

Matthias Quarch, Presiding Judge, Criminal Chamber, Regional Court, Aachen

Matthias Keller, Presiding Judge, Administrative Court, Aachen

Klaus Lernhart, retired Presiding Judge, State Administrative Court, Mannheim

John M. Sellar, Anti-Smuggling, Fraud and Organized Crime Consultant, Aberdeenshire

Emily Unwin, Senior Lawyer, Climate and Forests, ClientEarth, London

Helge Elisabeth Zeitler, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels

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HOW TO ENFORCE EU LEGISLATION ON BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

WORKSHOP FOR JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS

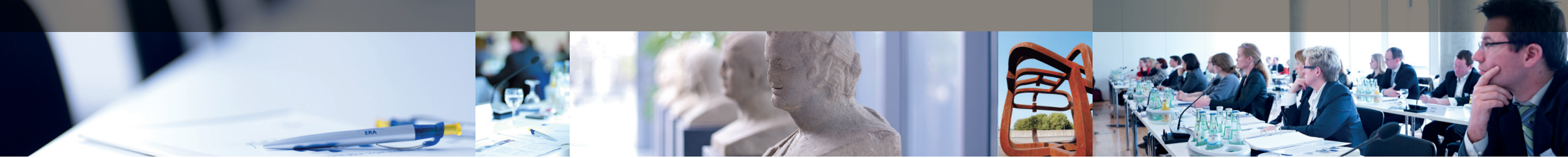
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Wednesday, 20 April 2016

- 09:00 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:30 **Welcome and introduction**
Ingrida Ilgauskienė, Course Director
- I. SETTING THE SCENE**
- 10:00 **What are the environmental, economic, social, and criminal impacts of wildlife trafficking and illegal logging?**
Helge Elisabeth Zeitler
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **How does the EU counter wildlife trafficking, illegal logging and trade in timber? A general introduction**
Helge Elisabeth Zeitler
- 12:30 Lunch break
- II. ILLEGAL LOGGING AND TIMBER TRADE**
- 13:30 **EU legal framework on logging and trade in timber: the FLEGT and Timber Trade Regulations**
Emily Unwin
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Case study on FLEGT and Timber Trade Regulations**
- Introduction to the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Emily Unwin*
- 17:00 End of the first workshop day

Thursday, 21 April 2016

- III. WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING**
- 09:00 **Enforcement of EU wildlife protection and implementation at national level**
João José de Bastos Loureiro
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case study on wildlife trafficking**
- Introduction to the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- João José de Bastos Loureiro*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- IV. ENFORCEMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL**
- 13:30 **Role of a judge / prosecutor when enforcing EU instruments on wildlife trafficking and illegal logging and trade of timber – administrative v. criminal procedures**
Matthias Keller and Matthias Quarch
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Case study: the role of a judge / prosecutor when dealing with files on wildlife trafficking and illegal logging and trade of timber**
- Introduction to the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Matthias Keller and Matthias Quarch*
- 17:00 End of the second workshop day

Friday, 22 April 2016

- V. PRACTICALITIES OF ENFORCEMENT: ACTORS AND INSTRUMENTS**
- 09:00 **Mapping of actors and instruments for cooperation in enforcing wildlife trafficking**
Nicholas Crampton
- 10:00 **Investigation and prosecution of wildlife crime**
John M. Sellar
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Case study on evidence-gathering and sanctions for wildlife trafficking and illegal logging and trade in timber**
- Introduction to the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- John M. Sellar*
- 13:00 **Evaluation of the workshop**
- 13:30 End of the workshop