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During the [recent conference](#) hosted by the three partner networks on 20th and 21st September 2017, and in the presence of the European Commission and EU Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE), a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between IMPEL, ENPE and Envicrimenet.

The MoU is a clear signal of intent by the three networks to work together to strengthen the effective implementation and enforcement of European environmental and related criminal law and the compliance chain as a whole.



Signing of the MoU by Mr Roel Willekens (Chair of Envicrimenet), Mr Chris Dijkens (Chair of IMPEL) and Ms Anne Brosnan (Chair of ENPE) in presence of representatives of EUFJE and the European Commission

The signing of this agreement was hailed by the European Commission who said that a common vision in tackling Environmental Crime is needed and that they hope this will help to deliver greater compliance assurance across Europe.

The MoU formalises the cooperation and collaboration between the three networks, which begun in Utrecht in 2016 at the first joint networks conference .

The agreement aims to:

- Improve the knowledge on the implementation of environmental legislation.
- Facilitate cooperation and collaboration between public authorities on the practical application of environmental law.
- Align strategies where possible.

It also stresses the need for working with key partners and networks of peers such as the European Commission, Council, Committee of the Regions and European Parliament, Interpol, Europol and Eurojust.

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