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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

FIVE YEARS FOR THE EU TO TURN THE TIDE



26 MARCH 2025

09:30 - 13:30 CET



EU PARLIAMENT

Paul-Henri Spaak building
Room 5B1



HOSTS MEPs

Sirpa Pietikäinen,
Marie Toussaint,
Michal Wiezik



ORGANIZERS

Spanish Guardia Civil,
TRAFFIC,
UNODC,
WWF

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Environmental crime, such as waste trafficking, wildlife crime (including illegal logging and fishing), and crimes in the mineral sector, poses a significant and growing threat to ecosystems, economies, and societies within Europe and globally.

The European Union, in its new legislative term, is committed to protecting nature, enhancing security, strengthening international partnerships, and securing impactful funding.

This event will highlight the urgency of tackling environmental crime, the sophisticated criminal networks behind it, and the necessary actions for stakeholders.

Discussions will cover the EU's policy, trade, security, and financial responses, emphasising the effective implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive, the prioritisation of environmental crime in EMPACT, and funding opportunities under the next EU budget.

DRAFT AGENDA

WELCOME FROM THE MASTER OF CEREMONY

09:30 - 09:35

Julien GARSANY, Representative UNODC Brussels Liaison Office

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION

09:35 - 10:00

- **Michal WIEZIK**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Teresa RIBERA**, Executive Vice President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, European Commission (TBC)
- **Fernando GRANDE-MARLASKA**, Spain Minister of Interior
- **Claudia FUSCO**, Director Compliance, Governance & Support to Member States, DG Environment, European Commission
- **General Fabrice BOUILLIE**, Commander of Environment and Health Command, CESAN, French Gendarmerie

SESSION 1 CONTEXTUALISATION

10:00 - 10:45

Contextualisation: Addressing Environmental crime's complex challenges through EU policy

- **Latest trends in the environmental crime phenomenon**, Angela ME, Chief Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC
- **A security threat for Europe**, Catherine DE BOLLE, Executive Director, Europol (TBC)
- **The EU policy response to tackling environmental crime**, Ingrid BREIT, Deputy Head of Unit Criminal justice, DG Justice, European Commission
- **The Green Deal legacy**, Richard SCOBAY, Executive Director, TRAFFIC

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2 PANEL DISCUSSION

11:00 - 11:45

From policy to action: Enforcing and strengthening EU's ambition to combat environmental crime

This panel will explore policy initiatives available to enforce EU's ambitions to combat environment crime and discuss their limits and opportunities for the next five years.

- **Moderation:** Anastasiya TIMOSHYNA, Programme Office Director, TRAFFIC Europe
- **Panel:**
 - Ramon GONZALEZ GALLEGRO, EMPACT Driver, Spanish Guardia Civil
 - Elisabet Castello, Assistant to the National Member for Spain in EUROJUST and member of the Environmental Crime Subgroup of the College WG on Economic Crimes
 - Colman O'CRIODAIN, Head of Policy, Biodiversity Practice, WWF International
 - Representative from the private sector (TBC)

SESSION 3 PANEL DISCUSSION

11:45 - 12:40

Resourcing EU's ambition: Leveraging public and private sector efforts to prevent environmental crime and promote sustainable economies

This panel will focus on the financial resources needed to prevent and combat environmental crime including from the EU Multiannual Financial Framework, and highlight how the private sector can benefit from and contribute to sustainable economies and prevent environmental crime.

- **Moderation:** Ester ASIN, Director, WWF European Policy Office
- **Panel:**
 - Chantal MARIJNISSEN, Head of Unit Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources, DG International Partnerships, European Commission
 - Caroline DUHESME, Head of Innovation and Strategy, International Tropical Timber Technical Association
 - Lynn SCHLINGEMANN, Senior Associate Financial Crime and Corruption, Nature Crime Alliance Secretariat
 - Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN, Member of the European Parliament

CLOSING REMARKS

12:40 - 12:50

Marie TOUSSAINT, Member of the European Parliament

WORKING LUNCH AND NETWORKING
