



# “European Union Action to Fight Environmental Crime” (EFFACE)

## An EU research project

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# FP7 projects in general

- ④ .... large and general rather than very specific, aimed at integrating insights from a variety of perspectives
- ④ .... interdisciplinary
- ④ .... with strong focus on policy impact at EU (and member state) level, dissemination and stakeholder involvement

# Basic facts on EFFACE

- 🌐 December 2012 - March 2016
- 🌐 11 European partners (universities & think tanks)
- 🌐 Involving lawyers  
(international/criminal/environmental),  
economists, political scientists, criminologists....
- 🌐 Funded in the EU's FP7, budget of ca. 2,8 Mio  
EUR
- 🌐 Altogether about 200 person months, of which  
170 on research

Overall aim: Develop policy recommendations aimed at EU (and its Member States) on how to better combat environmental crime > focus on efforts to combat environmental crime, rather than details on how it works

No limitation to specific types of environmental crime or specific discipline, but research focus on EU

# Components

- ⊕ WP1: Analytical framework
- ⊕ WP2: Actors, instruments & institutions
- ⊕ WP3: Costs and impacts of environmental crime
- ⊕ WP4: Case studies
- ⊕ WP5: Interactive policy analysis (stakeholder involvement)
- ⊕ WP6: SWOT analysis of EU efforts to combat environmental crime
- ⊕ WP7: Options and policy recommendations

**Methods:** Analysis of legal instruments, case studies, research interviews, data analysis, but no strong focus on generating „new“ empirical data

# WP2: Actors, instruments, institutions

- 🌐 Country case studies on Sweden, Italy, France, Poland, UK, Spain, Germany as well as EU/international level with regard to legal framework and institutional set-up relating to environmental crime
- 🌐 Analysis of actors such as NGOs, resources available etc. (including research interviews)
  - > Rather descriptive, but possibly identification of „best practices“, what works/what does not

# WP3: Costs and impacts of environmental crime

- 🌐 Review of existing data sources
- 🌐 Quantitative overview of the extent of damage and impacts of environmental crime
- 🌐 Economic analysis of (monetised) costs of environmental crime

# WP4: Case studies

- ④ 1. Illegal fisheries within the EU
- ④ 2. Illegal waste shipment in East Asia
- ④ 3. Local illegal pollution incidents within the EU
- ④ 4. Effects of organized crime on air and soil pollution levels in Italy
- ④ 5. Illegal logging and trade in illegal timber
- ④ 6. Illegal wildlife trade in Norway and the UK suggestions for improvement within the EU.
- ④ 7. Industrial spill accidents in Romania and Hungary
- ④ 8. Corruption and environmental crime in Armenia
- ④ 9. Smaller case studies on environmental impact of illegal drug production and the war on drugs & use of mercury in gold mining (Latin America)



# WP5: Stakeholder involvement

- 🌐 Advisory Board
- 🌐 9 semi-public workshops to present results and get feedback from stakeholders
- 🌐 Midterm/final conference
- 🌐 Online „Environmental Crime Research and Action Guide”

# How to stay tuned

- 🌐 Take a look at our website ([www.efface.eu](http://www.efface.eu))
- 🌐 Register for our newsletter (3 - 4 times/year) at the website
- 🌐 Follow us on twitter: Environmental Crime @EnvCrime

# How to contribute

- 🌐 Participate in one of our public events (midterm/final conference)
- 🌐 Invite us to your events
- 🌐 Become a member of our international contact group (by invitation)
- 🌐 Contribute to the online „Research and Action Guide“

... Any other idea? Let us know about it!