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About environmental crime

The killing of elephants for their tusks, the export of harmful waste in contravention of existing regulations, the deliberate discharge of noxious substances from vessels into water bodies or large scale industrial spill accidents can all be considered environmental crimes. Environmental crime damages the environment and often also has a negative impact on people living in affected areas and society at large.

Environmental crime is sometimes linked to organised crime or corruption. However, due to its nature, environmental crime and its impact are difficult to detect, quantify and counteract.

There are different approaches to combating environmental crime, such as tracking and restricting the movement of certain goods across borders or penalising certain activities. At the EU level, the 2008 Environmental Crime Directive, and the 2005 Ship-Source Pollution Directive are important legal acts. The new provisions of the Lisbon Treaty provide opportunities for increasing the effectiveness of EU measures against environmental crime through harmonisation and better co-ordination among Member States.

About the project

EFFACE is a research project involving 11 partners from various European countries; it started on 1 December 2012 and will end by 31 March 2016. Its overall aim is to develop options and policy recommendations for the EU on how to better fight environmental crime. EFFACE includes the following work packages:

- + A conceptual framework will lay down the research questions and definitions to be used in the project.
- + An analysis of instruments, actors and institutions will yield insights on how the fight against environmental crime has been approached so far within the EU and the strengths and weaknesses of the existing approaches.
- + The costs and impacts of environmental crime will be quantified, to the extent feasible, for different types of environmental crime.
- + Several case studies on various countries will shed light at the mechanisms and impacts of different types of environmental crime within and outside of the EU and possible counter-measures.

Activities

EFFACE will engage in a dialogue with stakeholders and disseminate research results through various channels, including the project website www.efface.eu and an online forum.

An advisory board consisting of practitioners and academic experts working on environmental crime will provide input to EFFACE and ensure its results are of practical relevance and a pertinent contribution to existing research.

EFFACE includes several workshops and conferences open to the public. Stakeholders and policy makers will be invited to both learn from EFFACE and share their insights with the EFFACE researchers.

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