

# SPOT STOP WASTE CRIME

**LIFE PROWhiBIT**  
PREVENTION - DETECTION - DISRUPTION  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE CRIME



## ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE CRIME IS A CRIME WITH “VICTIMS”

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The present deliverable D3.3 contains the detailed Networking Activities with other LIFE projects and constitutes one of the outputs of Action D3 of the project.

## 2 LIFE NATURA THEMIS

### 2.1. Introductory Meeting

General Details

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>March 19, 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>11:00-13:15</b>
<b>LIFE PROWhIBIT Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angeliki Rontogianni, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Manager, Ministry of Environment &amp; Energy</li><li>• Eleni Glipti, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Coordinator, Head of the Environmental Inspectorate of Southern Greece, General Directorate of the Body of Inspectors and Auditors, General Secretariat of Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE)</li><li>• George Velegrakis, LIFE PROWhIBIT Green Fund Local Project Manager &amp; IS Coordinator</li><li>• Rania Pilidou, LIFE PROWhIBIT Communications Manager, Green Fund</li></ul>
<b>LIFE NATURA THEMIS Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michalis Probonas, Project Coordinator, University of Crete - Natural History Museum of Crete (NHMC)</li><li>• Popi Baxevani, Communications Manager, University of Crete - Natural History Museum of Crete (NHMC)</li></ul>
<b>Recording</b>	<a href="https://angelikirontogianni.my.webex.com/angelikirontogianni.my/jdr.php?RCID=e80af61b66ee4d579a0dcdcd6ab28028">https://angelikirontogianni.my.webex.com/angelikirontogianni.my/jdr.php?RCID=e80af61b66ee4d579a0dcdcd6ab28028</a>
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Agenda Topics

- Short Presentation of both Projects
- Implementation specifications and details



- Identification of synergies & mutual support actions
- Next steps

#### Key Issues Raised


Given that both projects involve the usage of a mobile app (and website) to report environmental crime cases, LIFE NATURA THEMIS representatives discussed with LIFE PROWhIBIT representatives a series of issues that they have faced and should be taken into consideration by LIFE PROWhIBIT, such as:

- Clearing out of cases received through the mobile app proved to be a daunting task (LIFE NATURA THEMIS has been receiving non-relevant cases).
- They faced difficulties with the classification of environmental crime cases and assignment of their handling to the right authorities, based on how serious each case was.
- Authorities' response time was not satisfactory.
- LIFE NATURA THEMIS is facing difficulties in resolving the after-LIFE maintenance of their mobile app, so as to keep it operating after the project's completion.


#### Key Actions Decided

- Collaboration on communications and dissemination activities.
- Exploration of whether LIFE NATURA THEMIS' mobile app can be utilized by the LIFE PROWhIBIT project, as a transition stage until the nation-wide mobile app of LIFE PROWhIBIT is ready.
- Communication between the Lawyers' Associations in Crete that partnered with LIFE NATURA THEMIS project and the Project Coordinator of LIFE PROWhIBIT, in order to explore the process of obtaining data on related criminal cases.
- Signing of an MoU on the collaboration of the two projects.

## 2.2. Key Further Collaboration Action: MoU



**ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ - ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟ ΦΥΣΙΚΗΣ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ**  
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### DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Signed in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, between:

The **University of Crete – Natural History Museum of Crete**, Knossos Avenue Premises, GR-71409 Heraklion, Crete, Greece, implementing the project **LIFE14/GIE/GR/000026** “LIFE Natura Themis”, represented by Dr. **Michalis Probonas**, Project Coordinator

**AND**


The **General Secretariat of Environment and Water of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy**, Mesogeion Avenue 119, 115 26, Athens, implementing the project **LIFE18/GIE/GR/000899**, “LIFE PROWHIBIT - Prevent of Waste Crime by Intelligence Based Inspections” represented by Prof. Konstantinos Aravossis, Secretary General of Natural Environment & Water.

### PREAMBLE

Acting for the protection of natural resources in Natura 2000 sites and the awareness rising on wildlife prosecution and remedying in Natura 2000 sites, we declare the wish to cooperate in the implementation of projects co-financed by the European Commission under the Financial Instrument of LIFE. This Declaration confirms the willingness to realize the partnership, with the following objectives:

1. Provide support, exchange of experiences during the implementation of projects coordinated by Partners, in issues connected with administrative, financial, nature conservation on Natura 2000 sites and social communication tasks.
2. Partners are willing to cooperate on the basis of their experience, to achieve aim indicated in the point 1.
3. As the part of the agreement, if necessary, meetings will be organized to exchange partner’s experiences.

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«Προώθηση της ευαισθητοποίησης για την άσκηση δίωξης για εγκλήματα κατά της άγριας ζωής και την ανάδειξη της περιβαλλοντικής ευθύνης για την αποκατάσταση ζημιών της βιοποικιλότητας σε περιοχές του Δικτύου NATURA 2000 στην Κρήτη»  
 «Promoting awareness of wildlife crime prosecution and liability for biodiversity damage in NATURA 2000 areas in Crete»  
**LIFE14/GIE/GR/000026 (Acronym: LIFE Natura Themis)**





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4. Partners will promote each other projects by posting on the website link to the project, its logo and name.
5. Cooperation started under this declaration is valid for the period of projects implementation by partners from the date of its signing.

Additionally, the exchange of experiences may especially refer to one or all of the following aspects:

- I. Encourage state prosecutors, police authorities and other stakeholders to act and to investigate environmental crime.
- II. Draft guides on prosecution procedures (e.g. evidence collection), liability information (e.g. enforcement of the ELD Directive) and remedying actions (e.g. care and handling of species).
- III. Analyze statistical data, propose legislative changes, audit environmental crime factors, and public reporting.

Declaration signed in two identical copies, one for each of the Partners.

**Michail Promponas**  
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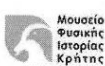
**Dr. Michalis Probonas**

**LIFE14/GIE/GR/000026**  
**"LIFE Natura Themis"**

21/04/2021

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**Secretary General of Natural**

**Environment & Water**  
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**"LIFE PROWHIBIT"**



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### 2.3. Key Further Collaboration Action: Info Day Speech

The Coordinator of LIFE Natura Themis (LIFE14 GIE/GR/000026), Mr MICHALIS PROBONAS (Physicist - Environmental Scientist, PhD), delivered a speech at LIFE PROWhIBIT 2<sup>nd</sup> Info Day, focused on Crete, that took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

## 3 LIFE-IP CEI-Greece (CIRCULAR GREECE)

### 3.1. Introductory Meeting

General Details

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>May 07, 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>10:30-11:30</b>
<b>LIFE PROWhIBIT Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angeliki Rontogianni, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Manager, Ministry of Environment &amp; Energy</li> <li>• Eleni Glipti, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Coordinator, Head of the Environmental Inspectorate of Southern Greece, General Directorate of the Body of Inspectors and Auditors, General Secretariat of Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE)</li> <li>• George Velegrakis, LIFE PROWhIBIT Green Fund Local Project Manager &amp; IS Coordinator</li> <li>• Rania Pilidou, LIFE PROWhIBIT Communications Manager, Green Fund</li> </ul>
<b>LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Plati, Project Manager, Ministry of Environment &amp; Energy</li> <li>• Erofili Politopoulou, Project Secretariat, Ministry of Environment &amp; Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Medium</b>	E-presence (recording is not available on the platform)

Agenda Topics

- Short Presentation of both Projects
- Implementation specifications and details
- Identification of synergies & mutual support actions
- Next steps



#### Key Issues Raised

- Type of waste that each project deals with and goals of each project related to waste.
- Description of Green Spots developed by LIFE-IP CEI-Greece project and identification of their relation to waste crime (i.e., whatever is not processed at the Green Spot can be considered a waste crime).
- General description of the platform that will be developed for donation and redistribution of unused food.
- Identification of overlap areas and synergies among the two projects.
- Technical issues related to the organization of digital conferences and info days (due to COVID-19 restrictions).

#### Key Actions Decided

- Regular communication & close collaboration on dissemination activities.
- Further exchange of relevant information via emails.
- Organization of a joint info day to communicate and explain to the public how the two issues addressed by the two projects are interconnected: “any case where waste that should be handled in the circular economy cycle, is treated differently, is a potential waste crime case”.
- Exchange of reports by experts.
- Organization of a presentation of the LIFE PROWhIBIT project to the General Directorate of Waste Management.





## 4 SWEAP | WasteForce | SpiderWeb | SRSS Cyprus

### 4.1. Introductory Meeting

General Details

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>May 28, 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
<b>LIFE PROWhIBIT Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angeliki Rontogianni, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Manager, Ministry of Environment &amp; Energy</li><li>• Eleni Glipti, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Coordinator, Head of the Environmental Inspectorate of Southern Greece, General Directorate of the Body of Inspectors and Auditors, General Secretariat of Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE)</li><li>• George Velegrakis, LIFE PROWhIBIT Green Fund Local Project Manager &amp; IS Coordinator</li><li>• Rania Pilidou, LIFE PROWhIBIT Communications Manager, Green Fund</li></ul>
<b>IMPEL Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simonne Rufener IMPEL Expert</li><li>• Allison Townley (UK) Team co-Leader Expert Team Waste and TFS</li></ul>
<b>Recording</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KjdYW6VTEkFkPMxeb8Ya4b3vWpn1ufq9/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KjdYW6VTEkFkPMxeb8Ya4b3vWpn1ufq9/view?usp=sharing</a>

Agenda Topics

- General presentation of the projects
- Main outcomes & tools
- Exchange of experiences regarding the implementation of the projects
- Possible future synergies between the projects

Key Actions Decided

- Regular communication & collaboration on dissemination activities with SWEAP project.

- Further exchange of relevant information via emails with SWEAP project.
- Given that the other three projects presented by IMPEL representatives (WasteForce | SpiderWeb | SRSS Cyprus) have been completed, the further actions related to those projects are limited to the review, by LIFE PROWhIBIT representatives, of the those projects' related online material and outcomes.

#### 4.2. Key Further Collaboration Action: Attendance Waste Force Webinar

Angeliki Rontogianni, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Manager (Ministry of Environment & Energy) attended the “Last Joint WasteForce Webinar: Inspection Reporting and Reference Applications” that took place in May 2021.

### 5 IMPEL Network

Presentations of LIFE PROWhIBIT project,t by Angeliki Rontogianni, LIFE PROWhIBIT Project Manager (Ministry of Environment & Energy):

- 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 - IMPEL Waste & TFS NCP Meeting (see Agenda below)




**IMPEL-TFS NCP Best Practice Meeting 2021**  
 Virtual Meeting, 10th June 2021  
 AGENDA

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 Simonne Rufener (SUI, IMPEL Waste & TFS Steering Group Deputy Lead, NCP Project Lead)  
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Link to access the meeting: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/1953ad0da733d4dce4e269996de6c05dfdf1%40thread.tacv2/16224503815627?context=%7b%22t%22%3a%22c8a6b65d-5496-49ad-87d7-3b4c51663b09%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22e11c22b-01e2-4853-95f9-4e1290687500%22%7d>


**Thursday, 10th June 2021, 9.00 - 16.00 CET**

8.30 - 9.00	<b>Online Registration, Log-in</b>
9.00 - 10.00	<b>Opening and introduction</b> by Martin Zemek and Simonne Rufener <b>Informal Meeting:</b> “Tour de Table” – introduction of NCPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To do the informal meeting a bit more lively we will ask all participants to switch on their cameras for the “Tour de Table”</li> <li>• We also ask you to show any object or word written on a paper to the camera that accompanied you during the pandemic or that you want to show to the NCP group. E.g. your cat that always sits on your keyboard, your favourite chocolate bar (as you probably nibble more in your HO than at work :-), etc. etc. please be creative!</li> </ul>
10.00 - 11.00	<b>Project updates part I:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Effects of International Restrictions on Plastic Waste Shipments and Challenges posed by the Basel Plastic Waste Amendment:</i> Brian Heffernan</li> <li>• <i>Waste Management and Circular Economy (WMCE):</i> Romano Ruggeri</li> <li>• <i>End of Life – Ships:</i> Beate Langset</li> <li>• <i>The Big/Little TFS project:</i> Jonas Lundin and Emma Meijer Bååth</li> </ul>
11.00 - 11.15	Virtual Coffee break
11.15 - 12.15	<b>Project updates part II:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>WEEE Article 17:</i> Anne Sachse, Janka Steinert and Michael Owens</li> <li>• <i>SWEAP:</i> Katie Oiley</li> <li>• <i>WasteForce:</i> Allison Townley</li> <li>• <i>ProWhit:</i> Angeliki Rontogianni</li> <li>• <i>SRSS Cyprus:</i> Donna Brodie</li> </ul>
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch break
13.00 - 13.30	<b>Update by the Secretariat</b> – Introduction of Secretariat members, Project Management Pilot Study by Pinar Topkaya
13.30 - 13.45	<b>IMPEL Board update</b> by Allison Townley
13.45 - 14.15	<b>Country presentation</b> by Bojan Pockar, Slovenia. Case study on repatriation of plastic waste from Indonesia
14.15 - 14.30	Virtual Coffee break
14.30 - 15.30	<b>Joint Session with the Expert Team/ Steering Committee</b> Project proposals for 2022
15.30 - 16.00	<b>Conclusions and End of the Meeting</b>

Note: Time frame is only indicative

- 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 - IMPEL Waste & TFS Annual Meeting (see Agenda below)



**IMPEL Waste & TFS remote Annual Meeting**  
 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Wednesday, 17 November 14.00pm	
14.00	<b>Conference Opening</b> Allison Townley, co-lead of the IMPEL Waste & TFS Expert Team
14.10 – 15.20	<b>Update by Partner Organisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Convention (Tatiana Terekhova)</li> <li>- The European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment - EUFJE (Farah Bouquelle)</li> <li>- European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment - ENPE (Rob de Rijck)</li> <li>- ENVICRIME Network (Miguel Angel)</li> <li>- African Collaboration (Harry Barnes-Dabban)</li> <li>- European Commission DG Environment (Yorg Aerts)</li> </ul>
15.20 – 15.40	<b>Comfort break</b>
15.40 – 16.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The progress of the circular economy action plan European Commission DG Environment (Enrique Garcia John)</li> <li>- End of waste database (Romano Ruggeri)</li> <li>- Plastic End of waste: practical example (Hannah Wooldridge)</li> <li>- End of waste: practical example (Hannele Nikander)</li> </ul>
16.20 – 17.05	<b>Update on IMPEL Waste and TFS projects and Partnership Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMPEL WEEE Article 17 Enforcement Working Group (Janka Steinert)</li> <li>- Waste Management &amp; Circular Economy (Romano Ruggeri)</li> <li>- NCP Best Practice Meeting (Simonne Rufener)</li> <li>- End of Life Ships (Beate Langset)</li> <li>- Effects of International Restrictions on Plastic Waste Shipments and Challenges posed by the Basel Plastic Waste Amendment (Brian Heffernan)</li> <li>- Big Little TFS project (Jonas Lundin)</li> <li>- SWEAP (Katie Olley)</li> <li>- PROWhiBIT (Angeliki Rontogianni)</li> </ul>
	<b>Close session</b>
18.30 – 19.30	<b>Small Beer Evening session – a social event</b>

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