

Improving Environmental Performance: Next Generation Compliance Conference

Organized by INECE; Rotterdam, 21-22 April 2015

Information about the participant and the meeting

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Name of the meeting: Improving Environmental Performance: Next Generation Compliance Tools, Theory, & Practice

Date and place: Rotterdam, 21-22 April 2015

Meeting organizer: INECE

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Meeting's objectives & summary of the proceedings

The conference, which had the theme "Innovating environmental compliance assurance Novel insights and approaches from social sciences" focused on behavioral and social aspects of next generation compliance. Advances in technology and regulatory design are providing new ways to monitor and detect pollution, manage, use and distribute information, respond to and mitigate environmental impacts, and communicate results to the public and regulated community. At the same time, social innovations are leading to new approaches to solve organizational and managerial problems regarding compliance assurance, namely next generation tools, including advanced monitoring, remote sensing, information analysis and disclosure, management systems, and behavioral motivations.

The keynote remarks were presented on the 21st of April, during a panel moderated by Campbell Gemmell, with panelists including Michael Faure, University of Maastricht; Lee Paddock, George Washington University; Annetje Ottow, University of Utrecht; and Muel Kaptein, Erasmus University. One of the strongest messages was that enforcement and compliance is the pitfall of most strong regulatory systems. Michael Faure focused particularly on the conundrum of the EU Environmental Acquis and the steps currently being taken to improve its implementation.

In addition, parallel workshop sessions during the conference focused on topics such as "Regulation as a learning system", "Ethical behavior", "Interventions", "Self-regulation and self-policing" and "Smart Instruments for Public Law Enforcers."

The conference proceedings will be published at a later date.

Main outputs and outcomes of the meeting

- Exposure of the Themis Network to the latest academic work to understand compliance and how to improve it
- Contact with preferred partners INECE and IMPEL and coordination of their input to the forthcoming Themis regional training (June 2015)

Follow up actions

The organizers committed to publish the proceedings of the conference as well as the papers supporting the workshop discussions. When ready, the Themis Secretariat will help disseminate the published proceedings.

Annexes:

List of participants and agenda.

- ✓ Event's official minutes and/or report prepared by the organizers