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## Regional Workshop on Implementation of the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations

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**16 - 17 March 2021**

**Online**

### **Beneficiaries:**

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia,  
Serbia and Turkey

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### **Aim of the Workshop:**

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The aim of the Workshop is to provide advice and guidance so as to enhance capacity regarding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations. This should assist in improved cooperation between CITES authorities of the EPPA beneficiaries and the EU Member States, in particular in the field of enforcement and combating wildlife trafficking. The Workshop will touch upon the European Commissions' recommendation 2007/425/EC that identifies a set of actions for the enforcement of the CITES regulation. Case studies will be provided to highlight the duties and roles of the EU management and enforcement authorities, including how to tackle illegal trade, how to manage problems, management of cross-border cooperation.

### **EU MS Speakers:**

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- Mr. Antonio Galilea **Jiménez**, CITES Management Authority, Spain
- Mr. Ondrej **Kloucek**, CITES Management Authority, Czech Republic
- Mr. Levente **Kőrösi**, CITES Management Authority, Hungary
- Ms. Ljiljana **Lepotinec**, former Head Croatian Customs, Croatia
- Mr. João José **Loureiro**, CITES Management, Scientific and Enforcement Authority, Portugal
- Ms. Elke **Malfait**, CITES Management Authority, Belgium
- Ms. Anita **Pokrovac Patekar**, Environmental Expert, State Inspectorate, Central Office Zagreb, Croatia
- Ms. Pavla **Rihova**, Charles University, Czech Republic

### **Other Speakers:**

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- Mr. Jonathan **Barzdo**, Senior Expert, former Chief of Governing Bodies of CITES Secretariat, former Chair of Committee II of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES and former Deputy Secretary General Ramsar Convention
- Mr. Darko **Blinkov**, Head of Department for International Cooperation, State Environmental Inspectorate, IMPEL national coordinator, North Macedonia
- Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**, EPPA Team Leader
- Ms. Pia **Jonsson**, Enforcement Support Officer, CITES Secretariat
- Ms. Miet **Van Looy**, International Relations Officer, CITES and EU Wildlife Trade Regulations, DG Environment, European Commission

## Day 1: Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Chair: Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**

08:30 - 09:00	<p><b>Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants' issues</b></p> <p>8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform</p>
09:00 - 09:20	<p>Introduction of the Workshop: context, agenda and objectives</p> <p>Mr. Mihail <b>Dimovski</b></p> <p>Introduction of the participants</p>
09:20 - 10:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>The EU and CITES: general context</p> <p>The EU Enforcement Working Group established under (EC) 338/97 role, tasks and activities</p> <p>Update on the draft Commission Regulation amending the current rules on wildlife trade, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030</p> <p>Ms. Miet <b>Van Looy</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>CITES Support in combatting illegal trade - Reports and Notifications by the CITES Secretariat International Consortium in Combatting wild Life Crime Tools, services and actions</p> <p>Ms. Pia <b>Jonsson</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
<i>10 min break</i>	
10:40 - 11:10	<p>Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) use of trade sanctions for noncompliance with the treaty.</p> <p>Mr. Jonathan <b>Barzdo</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
11: 10 – 11:40	<p>Role of the CITES Management Authorities to combat illegal wildlife trade to support Enforcement Authorities</p> <p>Verification of CITES permits and certificates.</p> <p>Mr. Ondrej <b>Kloucek</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
<i>10 min break</i>	
11:50 – 12:30	<p>Ensuring Affective and Dissuasive sanctions for non-compliance</p> <p>Requirement to ensure effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions in case of non-compliance. Interplay of administrative and criminal sanctions. Importance to ensure that the killing, destruction, possession or taking of specimens of protected wild fauna or flora species and the</p>

	<p>trading in specimens of protected wild fauna or flora species or parts or derivatives thereof (except for negligible quantity with negligible impact on the conservation status of the species) are considered criminal offences in line with Article 3 of Directive 2008/99/EC</p> <p>Mr. Antonio Galilea <b>Jiménez</b> Mr. João José <b>Loureiro</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
12:30 – 13:10	<p>Role of Customs and cooperation with enforcement authority/ inspection for CITES controls / Risk based CITES border control/Case study Croatia</p> <p>Ms. Ljiljana <b>Lepotinec</b> Ms. Anita <b>Pokrovac Patekar</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:40- 14:20	<p>Examples of enforcement actions in EU member states (case studies, examples of seizures, confiscations and investigations)</p> <p>Ms. Pavla <b>Rihova</b> Mr. Levente <b>Karosi</b> Mr. Antonio Galilea <b>Jiménez</b></p> <p><i>5 – 10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
14:20- 14:50	<p>The role and requirements for controls and importance of cooperation among enforcement agencies and the customs offices on carrying out checks and observe the required procedures for the introduction into and export from the EU of specimens covered by the regulation (EC) 338/97 (Art. 12 )</p> <p>Ms. Elke <b>Malfait</b></p> <p><i>5-10 min Q&amp;A</i></p>
14:50	<i>Closure of day 1</i>

## Day 2 Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Chair: Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**


08:30 – 09:00	<p><b>Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants' issues</b> 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform</p>
09:00 – 10:10	<p>The importance of cross-border cooperation to combat wildlife crime Key players and instruments for cooperation on combating wildlife crime What is needed to combat global wildlife crime effectively, the main players and key instruments for cooperation on crimes (Interpol, Europol, Eurojust, ICCWC, regional WENs, Networks of Prosecutors and Judges). Actions needed to improve the cooperation between EU and the enlargement countries.</p> <p>Ms. Pia <b>Jonsson</b> Mr. João José <b>Loureiro</b></p> <p>15 min intervention from other speakers / Q&amp;A</p>
<i>15 min break</i>	
10:25 – 12:00	<p>Panel discussion and presentation from EPPA beneficiaries participants Enforcement of CITES regulation in EPPA beneficiary countries / Barriers and potential solution. Presentation of enforcement activities and Discussion on the involvement of enlargement countries in the key instruments for cooperation on crimes and wildlife crimes.</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Darko <b>Blinkov</b></p>
12:00 – 12:40	<p>Requirements for controls by enforcement agencies</p> <p>Mr. João José <b>Loureiro</b> Ms. Pavla <b>Rihova</b></p> <p>5-10 min Q&amp;A</p>
<i>10 min break</i>	
12:50 – 13:30	<p>Examples of best practice monitoring of compliance and investigation of infringements (Art 14)</p> <p>Mr. Levente <b>Kőrösi</b> Ms. Elke <b>Malfait</b></p> <p>15 min Q&amp;A</p>
13:30	Closing remarks

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