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CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS (CCPE)

Questionnaire for the preparation of the CCPE Opinion No. 17 (2022) on the role of prosecutors in protection of environment

In your answers, please do not send extracts of your legislation but describe the situation in brief and concise manner, including briefly what is happening in practice. Please be brief in general, and please try to limit your whole response to 3 pages at maximum (but it can also be shorter than that).

National aspects

1. Are there any specific national priorities, policy strategic documents or guidance available for prosecutors in your country to guide and support national interventions with respect to environmental crimes?
2. Please indicate which category of environmental crime (e.g. waste crime, wildlife crime, air pollution, etc.) constitutes the majority of the cases.
3. Are there specialised prosecutors or prosecutor's offices for prosecution of environmental crimes in your country?
4. Which reasons for specialisation and specialised training do you consider important for prosecution of environmental crimes?
5. Are prosecutors involved in inter-agency co-operation in your country in the field of enforcement of environmental compliance, for example, co-operation with other law enforcement agencies (inspectorates, administrative bodies, customs, etc.) in concrete cases, membership in strategic groups, developing of action plans/strategic documents,

legislative changes assessment (to submit comments on the drafts legal regulation/law)? If so, please briefly explain.

6. Do prosecutors in your country have effective tools for prosecution of environmental crime ? Please name three most important tools from your point of view. Give reasons very briefly.
7. Are prosecutors in your country involved in administrative and civil law matters in the field of protection of environment? If yes, please briefly describe.

International aspects

8. Do prosecutors in your country make use of effective cooperation tools for pursuing environmental crimes with a cross-border or organised crime element? Please name three most important tools from your point of view relevant in this context. Give reasons very briefly.
9. In which areas in this field do you see a particular benefit for future sharing of best practices and expertise? What, in your opinion, would improve international cooperation in environmental crime cases?
10. Are prosecutors of your country involved in international networks in the field of enforcement of environmental compliance, and if so, which ones?