

EVIDENCE FOR ENVIRONMENT - EFE

International Seminar 2

EIO and TEC: Cooperation in protected species trafficking cases

15-18th June 2021 - Online (Webinar)

COURSE OF THE SEMINAR:

Four times are proposed to punctuate the seminar in order to achieve the pedagogical objectives of the EFE program:

- **Time 1 (Day 1):** Presentation of the importance of this traffic within the European Union, and the interest of developing mutual assistance tools such as the European Investigation Order (EIO) between the Member States.

Transition: once the criminal phenomenon has been described across the countries of the European Union, the effects of this traffic on human health, on the economy and on biodiversity within and outside the European Union are described. This allows to further underline the importance of the trafficking described during time 1 and to show the consequences of this specific crime that must be fought by appropriate means, including the EIO, because of its importance and its particularly harmful effects.

- **Time 2 (Day 2):** Protected species trafficking: a complex crime due to its effects and procedural aspects.

Transition: The complexity of this crime needs to be taken into account by the judicial authority

- **Time 3 (Day 3):** The apprehension of the cross-border dimension by the national judge and the use of the EIO: Practical cases
- **Time 4 (Day 4):** Practical cases and perspectives.

Day 1: June 15, 2021 (2:00-5:30 pm)

Introduction to transnational protected species trafficking: extent and characteristics of trafficking within the European Union

OPENING SPEECH

The purpose of this sequence is to show **the importance of the criminal phenomenon and its links with other criminalities** as well as the very lucrative and low-risk nature of this crime and its links with other criminalities. Hence the interest in developing the use of an EIO.

Focus on the protected species trafficking along 3 axes:

- **Europe as an importing area;**
- **Europe as an exporting area;**
- **Europe as a hub**

Methodology: Practical and concrete presentations, accompanied by practical cases presented or to be organized in sub-groups depending on availability

Day 2: June 16, 2021 (2:00-5:30 pm)

A complex crime by its effects and its procedural aspects

1) Protected species trafficking : the effects in Europe and outside Europe on the human health, the economy and the biodiversity

Protected species trafficking and the link with corruption, sustainable development and money laundering on the African continent

2) Protected species trafficking: focus on procedural difficulties

Scientific evidence

Day 3: June 17, 2021 (2:00-5:30 pm)

The apprehension of the transboundary dimension by the national judge and the use of the EIO.

1) International cooperation in the fight against the protected species trafficking

2) Practical case in sub-group

Day 4: June 18, 2021 (2:00-4:30 p.m.)

Practical cases of EIO use (continued) and perspectives

1) Final case study

2) Perspectives:

- The evolution of the legal framework

Adaptation of the 2008/99 directive on the protection of the environment by criminal law and UNODC texts

- The application of the method to other forms of environmental crime (non-protected plant or animal species) but which have impacts on biodiversity, human health or the economy or which promote the development of crime in general

CONCLUSION