

4th GLOBAL MEETING OF WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NETWORKS

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**Session 2 – Increased collaboration and communication,
both within and between networks**

EU Wildlife Trade Enforcement Group



1. Best practices, key challenges and lessons learned

- Information with links to suspects in other Member States is shared
- Tightening of ivory legislation
- Information sharing through EU-TWIX
- Analysis of trade data, inspections and criminal investigations
- Communication through instant messaging apps
- Difficulties tackling illegal trade in birds, reptiles and amphibians, eels, elephant ivory and big cats

2. Key communication and collaboration challenges identified within the network and with other networks

- Increasing need for specialization within enforcement authorities and lack of specialized enforcement authorities
- Enlarged network of experts: forensic, social and conservation
- Better collaboration with non-European countries
- Faster communication between EU Member States
- Do approach the EU Wildlife Trade Enforcement Group for issues involving the EU

3. Opportunities to enhance collaboration within the networks and with other networks identified

- Joint seminars on wildlife crime for enforcement partners
- Behavior change for which the application of necessary permits is required