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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