



At the invitation of the hosting country Poland the participating prosecutors and other representatives of the ENPRO member states convened from the 11-12 June 2019 for their annual meeting in Gdansk, Poland.

The president of ENPRO, Dr. Ewald Brandt, recalled the conclusions of the previous meetings and overviewed the ENPRO cooperation with other organizations within 2018/2019.

### **Conclusions:**

#### **1. Manual on Prosecuting Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (Manual)**

All ENPRO members have reviewed the sections of the Manual referring to their respective countries and will report any required modifications to the hosting country Poland until the end of October 2019. An updated version will be published on the websites of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM).

#### **2. Recommendations of the Seminar “Preventing and Sanctioning of Illegal Waste Disposal from Ships at Sea” (Berlin, 29/30 November 2018)**

ENPRO welcomes the action plans of OSPAR and HELCOM containing collective and national actions, which aim to address both land-based a sea-based sources, as well as education and outreach and removal actions.

As far as ENPRO is concerned, the meeting discussed the recommendations of the Berlin-Seminar and decided to report the outcome and recommendations to the national authorities dealing with these issues. In the member states, this may

subsequently lead to discussions about the implementation of measures suggested in Berlin.

In addition, all Member States will review the ENPRO manual as to whether changes and adjustments need to be made to the seminar recommendations.

### **3. Cooperation with other Organizations**

The meeting welcomes a closer cooperation with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and hopes to intensify the relations. The President will clarify particulars. Discussions on further opportunities of cooperation between CBSS and ENPRO should be encouraged. ENPRO should strengthen the cooperation with CBSS (i.a. implementing an extra net for members).

ENPRO continues and welcomes the ongoing cooperation with the North Sea Network of Investigators and Prosecutors (by attending each other's annual meetings and informing about the current activities). Representatives of ENPRO will attend the annual NSN-Meeting 2020 and will report the outcome of the ENPRO-Meeting 2019.

### **4. Contact List**

The hosting country Poland will update the contact list until end of August 2019 and will submit it to all members.

### **5. ENPROs Presidency**

The meeting agreed for Dr. Ewald Brandt (Germany) to remain as President of ENPRO, as suggested by Poland.

### **6. Annual Meeting 2020**

The annual meeting 2020 will be hosted by Poland.

Poland announced that the annual meeting is scheduled to take place in Warsaw in the beginning of September 2020.

The annual meeting 2019 recommended a summary report for 2020, including conclusions, if any, on the environmental cases discussed since 2015 during the annual meetings (evaluation of the data base). Further details are supposed to be agreed between the President and the host country.

### **7. Annual Meeting 2021**

The annual meeting in 2021 is planned to be hosted by Russia pursuant to the alphabetical order of the ENPRO members list.