

# ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION NETWORK IN SPAIN:

# REDIA

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# SUMMARY:

- Who: About us
- Why: Reason why we created this network
- When: When we started this project
- **How**: Work Plan followed to create this network
- Where: Where we are now. Successful Goals and Threats
- Statutes: Contents of the statutes that we approved
- **Projects**: Our first projects
- **Next steps**: What are the next steps to be followed
- Our web-site.



Who?

- Spain:
- ✓ 46 million inhabitants
- ✓ 505,000 Km<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ 3,200 IPPC sites
- ✓ 200 Environmental Inspectors
- $\checkmark$  No. of sites/No. of inspectors = 30



Members: All the Autonomous Communities and the Environmental Ministry.

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□ Why?

- ✓ The environmental inspection network is an instrument for cooperation and sharing experiences among those persons responsible for environmental inspections of the autonomous communities
- ✓ We needed to establish a permanent forum, allowing participation and the opportunity to share knowledge and experience about inspections and to develop common interest projects.



U When?

- On December 10, 2007, Galicia organized one training activity for environmental inspectors.
  - ✓ Madrid presented the software programme they used for doing the environmental reports.
- In 2008, Madrid invited Galicia, Basque Country, Andalusia and Rioja to its government office and taught them how to use the software programme.
  - ✓ During the meal, we decided we needed to create a Spanish environmental inspection network and we designed a plan we called "the table cloth plan". (06/25/08)



□ **How?** In the "table cloth plan", we had three important goals.

- Celebrate an initial <u>meeting</u> in <u>Galicia</u> in which we would present the statutes draft for our network. It was <u>very important</u> that almost <u>all the</u>
  <u>Spanish regions and the Spanish Environmental Ministry</u>, could <u>attend this meeting</u>.
- Hold a second <u>meeting</u> in <u>Basque Country</u>:
  - $\checkmark$  To approve the statutes
  - $\checkmark$  To design an annual activity plan.
  - ✓ And to promote participation in this meeting, we would organize our first activity.
- Hold a third meeting in Madrid to consolidate the project (November 2009)



THE ORIGINAL TABLE CLOTH PROJECT







□ Where we are now?

- Successful Goals:
  - $\checkmark$  We approved the statutes
  - $\checkmark$  We have an activity plan
  - ✓ We concluded three REDIA activities included in the activity plan.
  - ✓ We improved the collaboration among the Spanish regions
  - ✓ We created a website within the Spanish Environmental Ministry website.



Where we are now?

### Potential Threats:

- ✓ We have a high turnover in the staff that manages environmental inspections in the Spanish regions.
- ✓ We need to make a big effort "to sell" this interesting network to our environmental authorities, so that any problem that environmental inspector managers could find, they would be able to solve them easily.



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# □ <u>Statutes:</u>

Mission:

Contribute to protect the environment environmental inspection operations.

Members:

All the Spanish regions and the Spanish government.

Spanish government it is the Secretariat



- Executive Committee:
  - $\checkmark$  Five regions.
  - Every two years we have to review the regions that are members.
  - $\checkmark$  This committee chooses the president.
- Plenary: Every year a plenary meeting is required.
  All the members participate.
- Projects: Three projects a year.
  At least 3 members must participate



- ✓ Inspection planning:
  - Priority (*Doing the right things II*, IMPEL project)

#### "DOING THE RIGHT THINGS II"

Step-by-step guidance book for planning of environmental inspection



 $\checkmark$  Environmental inspections of IPPC activities





# Other projects:

- ✓ Environmental inspection performance indicators
- $\checkmark\,$  Electronic tools to manage inspections results
- $\checkmark$  Inspection training plan reviewing
- ✓ Inspector exchange programme
- ✓ Comparison among regional inspection performances.
- ✓ Control of Collaborating Administrative Entities (ECAs) in this field.



- ✓ Register REDIA as an official association.
- ✓ Include REDIA activities, in all the members inspection plans.
- $\checkmark$  Inspector exchange activities.
- ✓ Increasing the commitment of the regional environmental authorities. European/Spanish Legislation?
- $\checkmark$  Studying the REDIA activities financial opportunities.
- ✓ REDIA Objective: To implement the IMPEL recommendations (RMCEI 2001/331/EC).
- ✓ Define a protocol with the requirements for the staff working in Collaborating Administrative Entities (ECAs).
- ✓ Becoming an IMPEL member



### Our web-site: <u>Spanish Environmental Ministry Website</u>

http://www.mma.es/portal/secciones/calidad\_contaminacion

≻ REDIA:

- $\rightarrow$  What is REDIA?
- $\rightarrow$  The objectives of REDIA
- $\rightarrow$  REDIA structure
- $\rightarrow$  Projects
- $\rightarrow$  Other links: IMPEL
  - CIRCA (Communication and Information Resource Centre Administrator)





# Thanks for your attention

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