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Activities and Organisation of the Compliance Forum

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Objective of the Compliance Forum:

Strengthening and harmonising the Compliance Chain!



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Harmonisation means:

common standards and risk analyses in the different "links" of the compliance chain to **achieve the same compliance result** in

- Validation and Permitting
- Inspections or checks of the CA
- Sanctions
- Verification and Accreditation

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This could be done by:

- Guidance notes / working papers
- Finding and sharing best practices

That then later could be used for:

- Legislation (if the directive gives the commission a legal basis)
- The development of training courses (capacity building)
- A peer review or exchange program

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The forum will be a subgroup of WGIII...

- Project proposals aimed at harmonisation of legal requirements or standardisation of procedures can be proposed in WGIII and submitted to the Commission for support.
- Initiatives taken by Commission and member states.
- Products endorsed by the Commission and WGIII
- Similar as the Technical Working Groups
- The Commission will provide the secretariat.
- Examples: guidance notes, working papers, best practices

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But projects could also be done within the IMPEL network

- Project aimed on capacity building or strengthening the compliance chain
- Results could have less 'status' but can be endorsed by WG III
- Examples: the establishment of a digital forum peer review / exchange programs the development of training courses

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Communications are important:

- It starts with the participants of the network.
- Annually the results of initiatives could be presented in a conference/workshop.
- During the year working groups are formed on the working program topics.
- A digital forum and / or a newsletter could support.

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Ideas for a digital forum

- Discussion area / query section
- Library with guidance, best practises and reports from working groups
- Legal area (including court cases)
- News
- The digital forum could feed agenda points and ideas for the 'live forum".

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The next steps...

- Agreement on the working program
- Agreement on the sort of activities
- Participation and initiatives of member states and the commission
- Start, do and evaluate
- We are the Forum!