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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission attaches great importance to the complete and timely transposition of the Directive (EU) 2024/1203 on the protection of the environment through criminal law ('the Directive') by the Member States. In order to support Member States, the Commission organised three transposition workshops, provided a detailed guidance document and held bilateral meetings with Member States to address specific issues, upon their request. On 21 May 2026, the deadline for Member States to implement the Directive expired. As of June 2026, the Commission received notifications of national transposition measures from nine Member States of which only two indicated a full transposition. The Commission is closely following the transposition process, and will take appropriate steps, as relevant.

In accordance with Article 25 of the Directive, the Commission will assess the Member States' compliance with the Directive by 2028, carry out an evaluation of the impact of the Directive by 2031 and submit the respective reports to the European Parliament and the Council. In accordance with Article 24 of the Directive, the Environmental Crimes Data Committee was set up to establish a standard format for transmitting statistical data to the Commission, as provided under Articles 22-23 of the Directive. Two Committee meetings have already been held, and a third one is foreseen in September 2026.