



ENPE - EUROJUST Conference ***The EnviCrimeNet role***

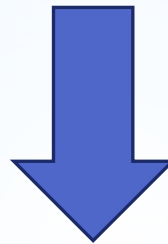
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What's EnviCrimeNet?

is an initiative established as an answer to the
Council's Resolution (10291/11)



informal network of contacts and a cooperative group committed
in all aspects of tackling criminal activities against environment

Role of Europol as Secretariat



AIM

Enhance the effectiveness of members' efforts to tackle criminal activities against the environment

Detect, investigate, disrupt and prosecute criminals and criminal organizations by exchanging information and experiences about best practices etc.

Enhance and facilitate Investigation Units' information exchange with particular emphasis on environmental crime, using already existing legal frameworks



KEY OBJECTIVES

Effectiveness of cross-border environment crime investigation and improve inter-agency co-operation in combating serious environmental crime

Promote and encourage Member States to combat environmental crime

Establish a European Centre of Excellence on criminal investigation on environmental crime

Enable the network to support, enhance and use Europol network SIENA (Secure Information Exchange Network Application) and EPE (Europol Platform for Experts).

Exchange information of good practices and seek areas for improvement in the investigation of environment crime aiming at combating **serious and organised crime** affecting the European Union

Facilitate training, on request, in all aspects of combating environment crime

Act as an advisory group to appropriate authorities



CURRENT SCENARIO

COUNTER ACTION IN THE FIELD OF INVESTIGATIONS

The investigations have highlighted that the crimes related to the environment represent the *means* of the illegal actions aimed at achieving an unfair economic gain, even though it can affect the environmental health.

The involvement of the public administration very often comes to light related to the commission of crimes such as:

- fraud;
- bribery and corruption;

aimed at :

- obtaining authorizations or licenses;
- acquiring a public tender.



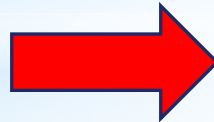
CURRENT SCENARIO

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME (1/2)

Related to the concept of corporate crime

Multifaceted phenomenon strictly linked with business plots, companies and criminality (organised)

*Characterized by Transversality, **Transnationality**, Mutability, Flexibility*



Investigations have pointed out how it is possible to outline the crime starting from the companies, directly interested in avoiding the costs related to the disposal of the hazardous waste. Hence, the criminal organisations have been attracted by this thriving sector, with growing interferences in the different activities (so called *eco-mafie*).

*The police units involved in such investigations must search for criminal dynamics which are **systematic** and **complex**.* Therefore, knowledge of the:

- functioning of the public administration;
 - laws concerning the public tender;
 - technological progress in the fields of the renewable energies,
- is ESSENTIAL.



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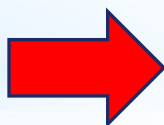
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME (2/2)

Transnationality of the crime (rich profits with low risk)

Lack of customs in EU countries

Different legislation and lower level of penalties

Falsification of the EWC (European Waste Catalogue) and Movement Document for Transportation



Have facilitated the trans-boundary expeditions towards EU countries and extra EU countries.



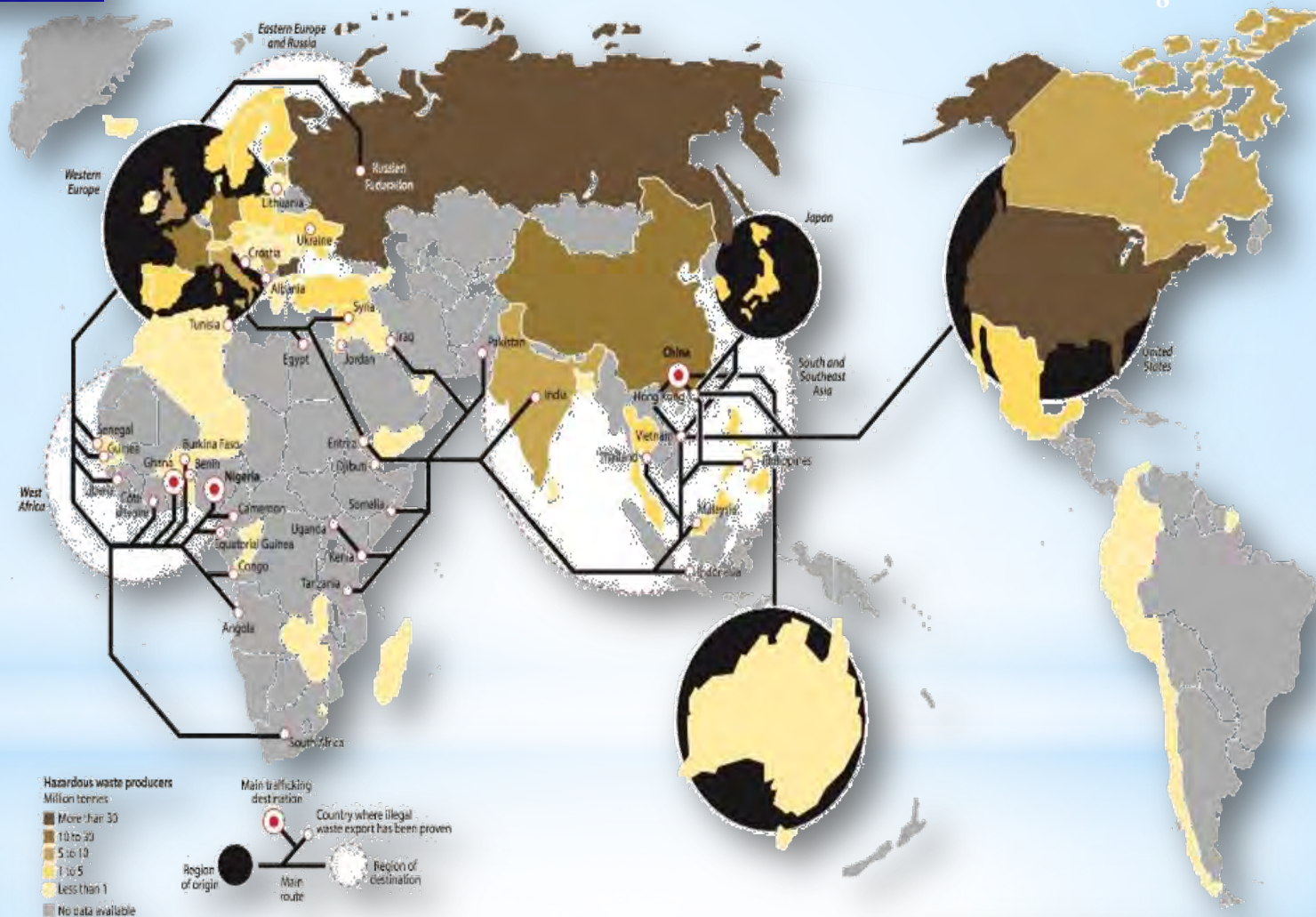
National controls represent a hot spot:

- multiple companies with specific licenses;
- different means of transportation used;
- remarkable presence of brokers.



Hazardous waste trafficking

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Sources: United Nations Statistical Division, 2011; UNODC, Transnational Organized Crime in East Asia and the Pacific, 2011; Insee, TFS, 2006; Threat Assessment Project; and World Customs Organization (2011) Operation Dandelion final report, supplemented with data from the Dutch national audit as appeared in the Coordinated audit of the enforcement of 'The European Waste Shipment Regulation'



Current Activities

Two steps are crucial to succeed in our scope

STEP 1

Deepening “hot topics”

- Plastic and waste fires;
- WEEE trafficking;
- Illegal fishing;
- Evaluation of the ECD.

STEP 2

Enlarge the Net

Involving new countries (primarily Eastern European) that represent flourishing markets for the OCG's.



Vision of the future

fundamental role in enhancing the effectiveness of members' efforts to tackle criminal activities, particularly focused the OCG's

valuable instrument in combating criminal phenomena at a strategic level

focus the activity to highlight, study and deepen the emerging threats through the delineation of the “modus operandi” in order to steer the choices of the competent authorities in modern and relevant sectors, where the criminal groups show major operational capability

represent a preferred platform where information and experiences on major criminal contests can be shared, focusing the attention on predictive visions concerning the phenomena

become a **European Center of Excellence** in the framework of the EU competent authorities in charge of tackling the Environmental Organized Crime



Thank you for your attention