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IMPEL – Outlook & Call to Action

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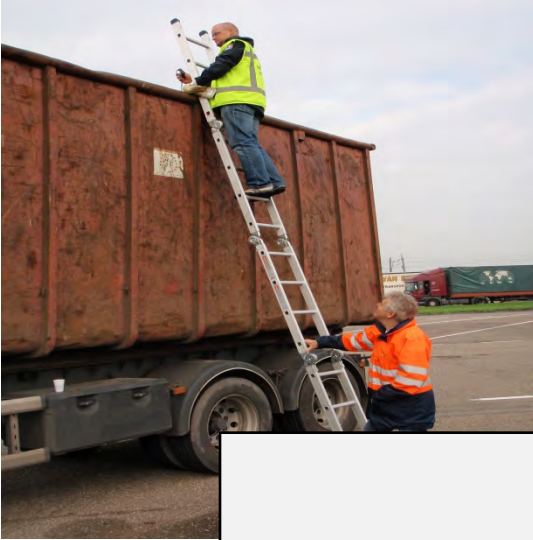
29-30 October 2019, The Hague

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IMPEL: a network of practitioners since 1992
36 Member countries – 54 Members organisations

- ✓ inspectors
- ✓ permit writers
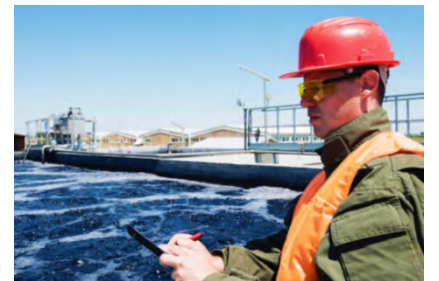- ✓ policy staff
- ✓ lawyers

IMPEL's mission:

'to contribute to protecting the environment by promoting the effective implementation and enforcement of EU environmental law'

IMPEL helps:

- **Countries get to compliance more quickly**
  - ➢ sharing knowledge, skills and good practices, peer reviews (IRIs)

- **Organisations to implement strategies to use their limited resources more effectively**
  - ➢ by producing technical guidance and promoting the use of risk-based approaches to target effort

- **Coordinating action between countries**
  - ➢ enforcement of regulations to tackle illegal trans-frontier movements of waste

- **Facilitating communication between different actors and networks**
  - ➢ prosecutors, judges, ombudsmen, international networks

- **Informing policy with practical experience and expertise**
  - ➢ Feed the regulatory process with outcomes of IMPEL activities

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FIVE THEMATIC AREAS

INDUSTRY AND AIR

WASTE AND TFS

WATER AND LAND

NATURE PROTECTION

CROSS-CUTTING

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IMPEL work on environmental/waste crime

- LIFE SWEAP Project

The IMPEL LIFE SWEAP project (LIFE17 GIE/BE/000480) has received funding from the LIFE programme of the European Union

- WasteForce Project

The WasteForce project is funded by the European's Internal Security Fund - Police (ISFP/2014/AG/ENV/821345)

- SPIDERWEB Project

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LIFE SWEAP Project - Aims

To support the circular economy by disrupting the illegal waste trade by:

Training and Capacity Building:
- 150 customs officers
- Inspection exchanges

Co-ordinated Inspections:
- 45.000 inspections
- Joint actions

Innovative tools:
- Reporting app
- Inspection app
- GPS tracking
- Shipment mapping
- Online training

International co-operation and Communication:
- Linking with other initiatives
- Industry information package

Data & Intelligence:
- Intelligence products
- Nominal data exchange
- Working with Europol

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LIFE SWEAP Project – Interim results

- Inspection Data Reporting App: test version ready in October (tested at TFS Conference)

- Online capacity building platform (launch Oct)

- Online visualisation tool Spotfire used to analyse and visualise inspection data

- Industry survey (102 responses) - Industry information package being prepared

- Joint operations with the WCO

- GPS trackers purchased
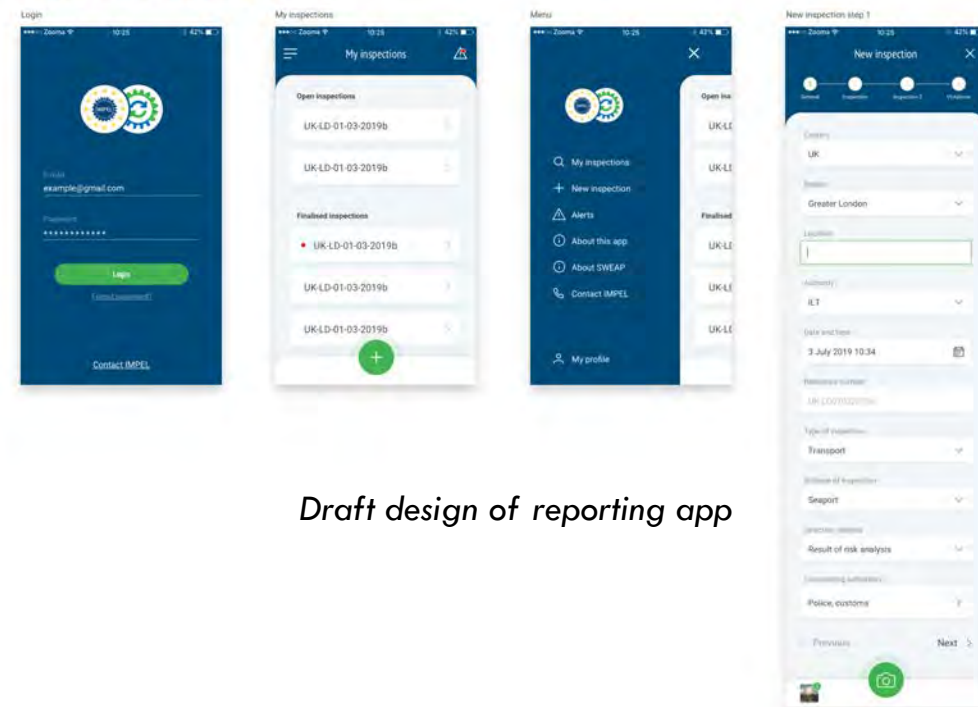
Draft design of reporting app

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LIFE SWEAP Project – Interim inspection data

Inspections June 2018 – June 2019

- Admin inspections   2776
- Physical inspections 9658
- Waste   5412
- Admin violations   165 (6% hit rate)
- Physical violations   2248 (41.5%)

Violations by Destination Country

Size of pie charts denotes the number of instances where the waste type is reported for each destination country

Legend:
- Aqueous - Non Haza...
- Asbestos
- Ashes, Slags & Filter...
- Batteries & Accumul...
- Batteries, ELVs & Ca...
- Cables - Non Hazard...
- Catalysts
- Chemicals
- Compressors
- Construction & Dem...
- Edible Oil
- ELV
- ELV & WEEE
- Fuel Oil
- Garden
- Gas Cylinders
- Glass
- Green List
- Household
- Industrial
- Metal - Ferrous
- Metal - Non Ferrous
- Mixed

All Violations by Region / Country
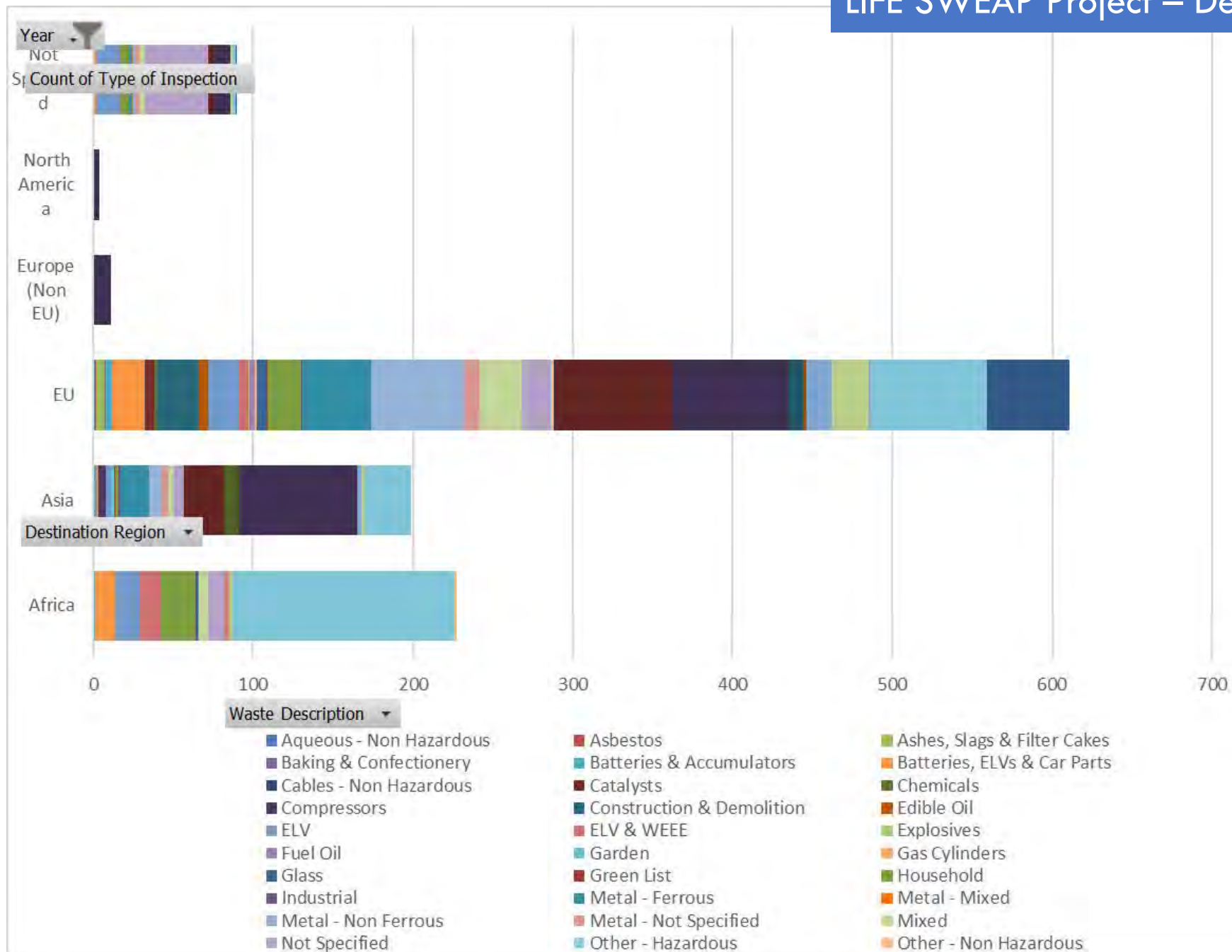
LIFE SWEAP Project – 2018-2019 Violations to non EU contries

Hover over bars on graph to see a summary of the data

Count(Waste Description)

Destination Country

Legend:
- Batteries & Accumulators
- Batteries, ELVs & Car Parts
- Compressors
- ELV
- ELV & WEEE
- Garden
- Green List
- Household
- Industrial
- Metal - Ferrous
- Metal - Non Ferrous
- Mixed
- Not Specified
- Paper
- Paper
- Plastic
- Textiles
- Textiles
- Tyres
- WEEE
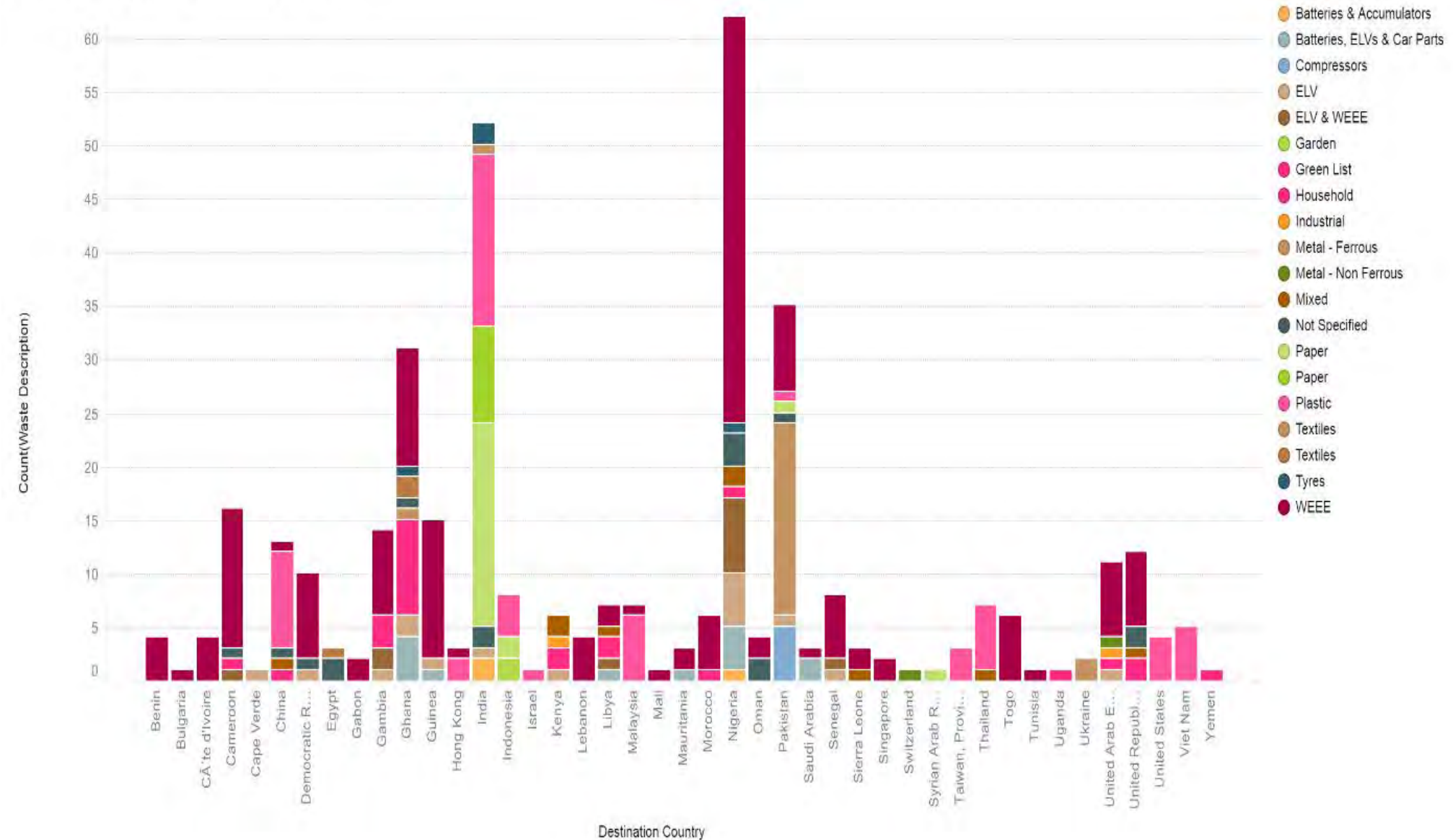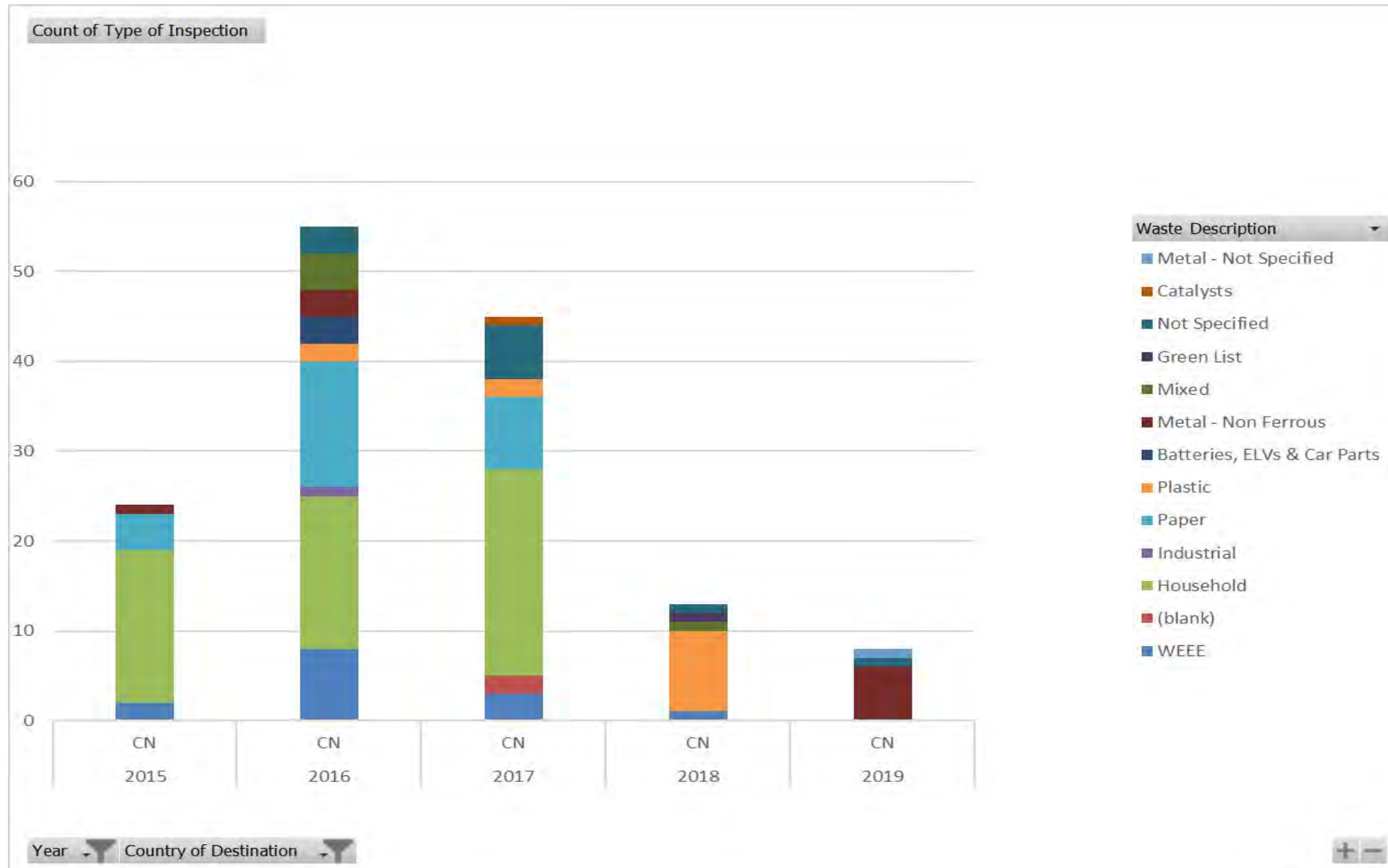
WasteForce Project
Waste Enforcement Forensics and Capacity Building Project

- 2 year running project December 2018 – December 2020
- Funded by the Internal Security Fund - Police
- IMPEL is the leading beneficiary
- United Nations University (UNU) is co-lead
- Associated Beneficiaries:
  - Slovenia (IRSOP)
  - Portugal (IGAMAOT)
  - Germany (Police University)
  - Ireland (Limerick University)
  - Netherlands (Dutch Forensics Institute)
  - United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

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WasteForce Project - Aims

To boost the operational activities and capacities of authorities involved in the fight against illegal trade and management of waste through:

1. Development of new practical tools and methodologies;
2. Implementation of multi-stakeholder capacity building activities; and
3. Support of operational networking among practitioners in Europe in the Asia-Pacific region

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WasteForce Project - Progress

- **3 Waste Crime Alerts published ([link]())**

- **Online tools:**
  - [Research Library]()

  - Capacity Building toolkit (launch November)

  - Clearing House Mechanism (launch November)

  - Inspection App Watch-IT (in online app stores)

- **Trainings:**
  1. Portugal 27-29 November on Prosecution of Waste Crime (IGAMAOT)

  2. Germany March 2020 (Policy University)

  3. Slovenia May 2020 (Environmental Inspectorate)

  4. Thailand June 2020 (UNEP-AP)

Modules of the online toolkit

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WasteForce Project - Progress

- Inventory of information exhange mechanism between EU and Asian Pacific countries

- Guidance for prosecutors (consultations in Asia and the EU coming up)

- Draft of the methodologies:

  1. Measure the impact of environmental damage

  2. EU and Global Policy Impact Analysis Methodology

SPIDER **WEB**

Strategic Project to Increase the Detection and Disruption of Environmental Crime in the Western Balkans

- Conducted by IMPEL
- Jointly financed by the EU and the Federal Republic of Germany
- Grant agreement between IMPEL and GIZ
- Part of a larger project: Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans
- Time: July 2018 – December 2019

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SPIDERWEB Project - Aim

Increase awareness and skill set of all actors in the enforcement chain to prevent, detect and prosecute Wildlife and Waste crime in the Western Balkan, by:

1. Baseline research in 6 beneficiaries
2. Training needs assessment in 6 beneficiaries
3. Deliver small scale practical training nationally, involving all relevant authorities
4. Developing and providing an online Training toolkit

Focus Areas: Waste & Wildlife Crime

SPIDER WEB

Strategic Project to Increase the Detection and Disruption of Environmental Crime in the Western Balkans

(SPIDER WEB is jointly financed by the European Union and the Federal Republic of Germany on the basis of a grant agreement with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GmbH) within the IPA/ 2017 Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans Project)

6 TARGET COUNTRIES
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Republic of North Macedonia
- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- Serbia

Baseline study
Training needs assessment
Training
Tools

FOCUS AREAS: Waste Crime, Wildlife Crime

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Take aways

➢ Shift from administrative apprach to penal law approach

➢ Specialisation required for prosecutors

➢ Statistics to support cases

➢ Collaboration with NGOs/Citizens/Ombudsman

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Dynamic

Unpredictable

Global

- Modern economy :

- Rules and Institutions should adapt : How?

- Break the cycle of: low risk ~high profit

- Call to Joint Strategy and Action

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"We scientists don't know how to do that"

"I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change.

I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems.

But I was wrong.
The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy...

...and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation

- and we scientists don't know how to do that."

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