



FUTURE ACTIONS: PROPOSALS TO POLICY MAKERS ON PREVENTION AND DETECTION AND NEEDS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH



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Future actions

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Develop the efficient information sharing and intelligence exchange networking

- Develop intelligence exchange tool on tackling illegal traffic of waste and chemicals in 6 languages and with on-line translation function
- The member countries should involve its Customs, Environmental inspection departments and others.
- To organize regional and national trainings to use this tool.
- To conduct intelligence exchange for 1 year in some countries based on this tool.
- To form the intelligence exchange networking involving different related government among member countries based on the intelligence exchange tool.

Develop risk analysis tool and capacity building



- Compile the risk analysis methods, measures and experience at global level
- Choose 2-3 participating countries (e.g. China), cooperate with local governments to develop the national risk analysis tool for inspection/tackling of waste and chemicals trade
- Conduct trainings to use the risk analysis tool



Interpretation of the new legislation on Import Ban in China

- To develop a handbook of the new legislation on Import Ban in China in English and disseminate among the relevant stakeholders in EU countries
- Conduct trainings on the import Ban for the stakeholders from other countries



Future actions

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@Strategic level

- Pro-active approach based on trends, policy developments and changes in legislative frameworks
- Improving environmental compliance and combating environmental crime can not be a short or mid term priority
- Systematic approach required, not only project-based
- EU wide enforcement strategy required respecting the sovereign principle but increase coordination and collaboration



@Practical level

- Waste shipment inspection planning
- Evaluation of the Waste Shipment Regulation: take into account enforceability and practicability
- Draft joint EU action plan with key enforcement partners on risk assessments, priorities, capacity building, joint actions, collection of nominal and non nominal data and analysis
- Improved skills and know-how (sustainability of tools, innovative tools, (joint) training curricula, specialised modules, exchanges, etc.)

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Recommendations to the Legislator



Close Loopholes Identified at EU Level

- Rewording the language to simplify and aligning the implementation among MSs

Address Vulnerabilities at National Level

- Rationalising the number of competent authorities and aligning the system of license and permits



Recommendations to Law Enforcement

- Develop methods to improve the control of documents to avoid falsification should be implemented
- Authorities should have a common understanding of legislation and regulations at both national and transnational level
- Target prevention efforts at uncovering criminal networks
- Proactivity efforts should be targeted also to point where the crime is prepared and planned



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- Increase the number of trained LEAs, creating special environmental units, and intensifying controls
- Harmonize response measures among MSs by improving coordinating investigative and prosecutorial capacities and aligning sanctions



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- Promote **multi-agency cooperation and information exchange** within the Member States > provide legal framework
- Promote **proactive information exchange and strategic analysis of intelligence**
- Promote criminalisation of waste trafficking as a ‘**serious crime**’, in order to facilitate cross-border investigation as well as involvement of Europol and Eurojust
- Encourage cooperation between the **different informal networks** active in the field of environmental crime
- Improve enforcement cooperation with **third countries**



Recommendations for Data Collection

- Additional and more accurate data are necessary to redefine and extend the methodology of estimating the size of the illicit waste market
- Support development of a database in which authorities can report details of intercepted shipments. The EC could also facilitate the development of a European information system for notifications



Recommendations for Policy Mix

- Increase Barriers
 - waste criminals: probability of detection = tools / strict sanctions / removal of criminal proceeds
- Reduce Drivers
 - waste producers: subsidisation of costs / creation of legal demand
 - reduce the economic benefits to the criminals by impacting the supply
- Minimise Contributing Factors
 - move to circular economy = less waste (NB. increase of the global volume)
 - Increase knowledge = less ignorance

Policy Mix Needed

INFORMATION

Capacity building in EU & receiving countries
Citizen education

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Information sharing platforms
Online information /
Electronic databases

ADMINISTRATIVE DISINCENTIVES

Administrative fines to
waste producers /
transporters for
irregularities
Removal from waste
transport register
Name and shame

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

Simplification of EU
waste transport
regulation /
documentation system

INCENTIVES

Legal markets for
secondary raw material in
EU / receiving countries
EEE deposit systems
Subsidisation of the costs
of legal waste management

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Minimum life cycle for
products



Future Steps in Research

1. Improve measurement of the crime proceeds from this criminal market
2. Refine the methodology of estimating the size of the illicit waste market according to renewed data availability
3. Analyse the criminal networks in the field of waste management
4. Apply the crime script method to specific types of waste and to differences between trafficking of different types of waste
5. Analyse the connection of IWT and circular economy targets
6. Develop multidisciplinary research projects on the topic

