

# Smart Enforcement: How to Target Environmental Law Enforcement Efforts in Times of Crisis

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# How to Make Enforcement against Environmental Crime Smarter

## Practical Perspectives

# “Smart Enforcement”

- Appealing idea for law enforcement agencies (LEAs)
- Use of IT, organisations (Europol), networks (EnviCrimeNet)
- Priority setting (EU policy cycle)
  
- Risk and threat assessments
- Profiling (e.g. of offenders – wildlife crime/EU Twix)
- Pro-active policing

# Monitoring & Inspection

- NOT directly a police/LEA matter
- BUT crucial for detection of crimes
- Environmental crimes => control crimes!

## Policing examples:

- Drugs trafficking
- Organised crime (OC) and red light districts
- Money laundering

What is the reality for environmental crimes? Four examples from recent conversations...

# Example 1: Traffic Controls

Traffic police checks waste transports (**'risk based'**)

Nobody wants to have the case

Costs have to be paid by police

Data is not stored (or analysed)

Criminal statistics look fantastic – no need to take further action?

## Example 2: Italian OC and Waste

Italian OC groups are engaged in international waste trafficking, a multi million Euro business

Some EU Member States (MS) are not 'aware' of this

Some MS had/have a few investigations

Where are the other cases? What are the inspection results?

# Example 3: Inspection vs (Law) Enforcement

'Environment agencies' where the criminal investigators do not have access to the inspection data

Inspections have to be announced in advance

Random inspections are not foreseen

Why is that and who is in charge (department/ministry)?

# Example 4: Inspections & Controls

Examinations of suspicious substances are expensive

In some MS a single examination is exceeding the annual budget

Smart enforcement? Certainly good statistics...



# 'Smart Law Enforcement'

Low case numbers everywhere:

- Data needs to be collected (e.g. like MARPOL)
- Data needs to be accessible to LEA
- Information needs to be exchanged internationally
- Information exchange needs established channels
- LEA needs to be independent from other interests
- Existing rules and policies need to be followed
- Priorities & resources need to be reconsidered

Then *ex ante* monitoring &c. can be considered...



Thank you

**Questions please...**

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