Proposal IMPEL-TFS WEEE project

EU-Asia Collaboration

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Background:



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- Investigations show illegal export of WEEE from Europe to Africa and Asia
- EC concerned over WEEE export in relation to WEEE directive
- Negative environmental impact in Africa and Asia
 Cannibalization of waste for precious metals
 - Poor recovery and disposal condition
- Fraud and identity theft involved

Objectives



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- Strategic threat assessment on European WEEE exports
 - Scale of the problem
 - Key points of activity
- Developing control and intervention strategy (maybe different in different countries)
- Testing the effectiveness of strategy
 - Interventions and tactical actions
 - Waste facility audits, port inspections
 - Collaboration with competent authorities in countries of destination

Schedule



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- 03-2007: Proposal IMPEL-TFS plenary
- 11-2007: Project approval
- 05-2008: Request participation (IMPEL-TFS Plenary in Bulgaria)
- 09-2008: Threat assessment produced
- 12-2008: Strategy produced
- 01-2009: Start interventions & tactical actions
- 12-2009: End of the project

Collaboration: Threat assessment, strategy



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- Information exchange:
 - Definitions (waste/non-waste)
 - Amounts of imported EU-WEEE
 - Problematic WEEE streams
 - Legal recovery facilities
 - Illegal transport route's
 - Etc.

Collaboration: Intervention, tactical actions



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- Information exchange of individual shipments:
 - Does the consignee exist?
 - Is the consignee allowed to receive the equipment?
 - What is the recovery method?
 - Did the shipment arrive?
 - Is the waste processed well?



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Collaboration is needed to stop Illegal WEE shipments & To prevent environmental damage

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