

ANNEX IV

PROJECT EVALUATION, CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS

Introduction

During the last conference in Brussels, December 2007, the project was evaluated thoroughly. The specific objectives of the Brussels conference included:

- an evaluation of projects' activities, products and management;
- to discuss and decide on ideas for improvement for the follow-up of the Enforcement Actions I project.

First part of the conference (day 1) consisted of experiences exchange in interactive sessions ('Experience circle'). Second part of the conference (day 2 morning) consisted of filling in a questionnaire called 'Honest Game' and discussions on the outcome. Third part of the conference (day 2 afternoon) consisted of ranking the inventoried ideas for improvement ('Ranking the Stars').

Part 1: Results 'Experience circle'

Following main results came out of the experiences exchange and discussions.

General:

- New countries are joining the project;
- Lots of inspections / exchanges have been executed, but we still can improve the number and quality of the inspections;
- Everybody wants to learn;
- Exchanges are very fruitful;
- (inter)national network is important.

Experiences:

- WSR is implemented and interpreted differently;
- Waste shipment fraud is being committed (Latvia);
- Classifying waste (or not) is very difficult, especially ELV's, (W)EEE, tyres, batteries and radioactive waste;
- Cooperation with Customs and police is very important; the cooperation with them can be improved;
- Every country is facing problems like lack of capacity or support by the management of politics;
- Dilemma of humanitarian vs. stringent enforcement.

Ideas for improvement:

- (political) Awareness raising is necessary;
- Strengthen the network and knowledge;
- Use your brains and eyes (administrative and physical inspection);
- Show your work (registration, reporting & communication);
- Make and use waste (companies) profiles/databases.

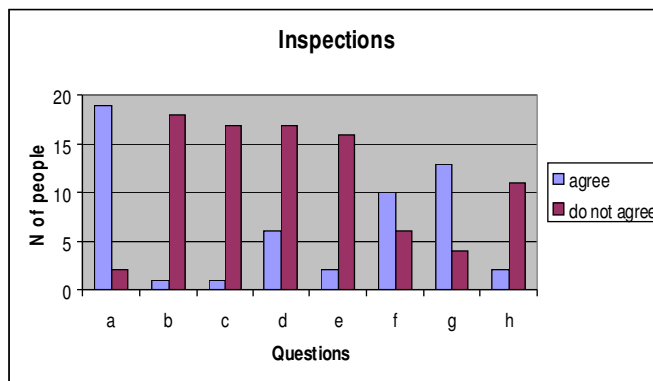
Part 2: Results 'Honest Game'

The questionnaire was filled in by 21 people. The results from the questionnaires are presented below. The answers and results are subdivided into four groups namely:

1. inspections and verifications;
2. exchange of inspectors;
3. project products;
4. project management.

1. Inspections and verifications

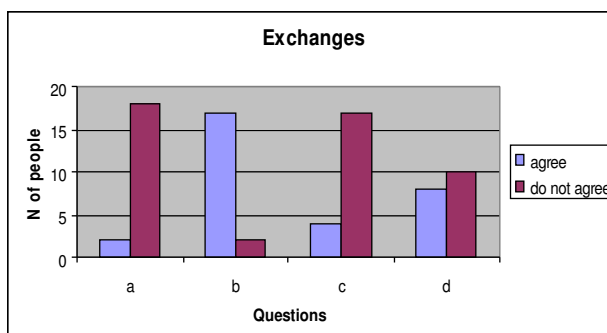
Next figure shows the results of the filled in questionnaire on inspections and verifications.



- a. Control on waste shipments creates good insight in waste market and waste flows!
- b. Doing inspections is like 'mopping with the tap open'!
- c. Inspections other than transport and company inspections are useless!
- d. Organizing (waste shipment) inspections in my country is easy: enough money, people and means are available!
- e. I rather perform inspections with my own organization!
- f. New WSR 1013/2006 has simplified control and enforcement
- g. In case of doubts verification requests are obligatory!
- h. Verification requests are always executed and replies are given in time!

2. Exchange of inspectors

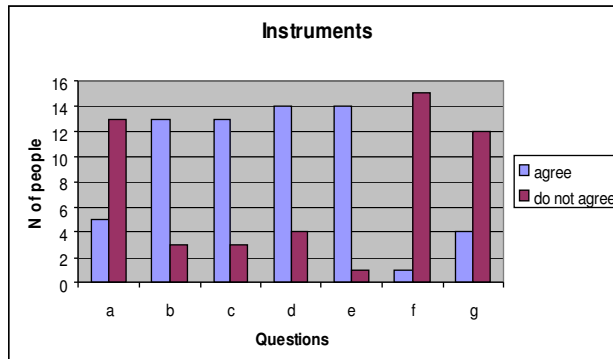
Next figure shows the results of the filled in questionnaire on exchanges.



- a. Exchanges of inspectors are not effective enough!
- b. Exchanges stimulate me to organize inspections in my own country!
- c. Exchanges without (more) experienced countries are useless!
- d. Exchanges should be structured better and organized centrally!

3. Project products

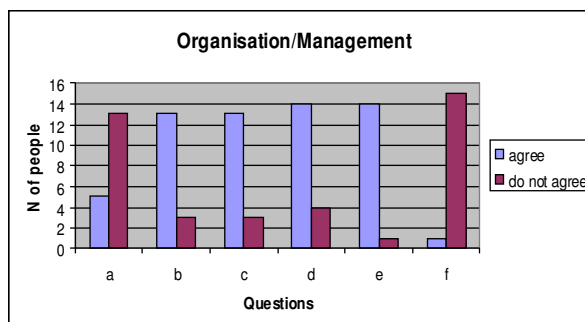
Next figure shows the results of the filled in questionnaire on the project products or instruments.



- a. I always use the Guideline!
- b. The inspection forms are simple and easy to use!
- c. Viadesk is the place to look for any information on the project!
- d. I have communicated the results of the inspections!
- e. The newsletter is clear, interesting and useful!
- f. Communication on inspection results has no effect
- g. Newsletters should be published more frequently

4. Project management

Also the project management was evaluated. Next figure shows the results of the filled in questionnaire on project management.



- a. My country faces too many problems to tackle all waste problems!
- b. Thanks to our network I always get answers to my questions and I get them quickly!
- c. If other countries don't give priority to control and enforcement of waste shipments, it's no use being as active as our country is!
- d. All tasks and responsibilities within this project are too much for me!
- e. The project management (project manager, project assistance, country coordinator, location coordinator and inspection specialist) is adequate!
- f. More help and support from the project management is needed!

Part 3: 'Ranking the Stars'

All themes and issues that came out of the interactive sessions, questionnaire and discussions were ranked in order of priority:

1. High priority: Must have/do;
2. Medium priority: Like to have/do;
3. Low priority: Not interesting;
4. No priority: Not necessary or 'split views';

Table III.1: Evaluation of inspections

<p style="text-align: center;">Medium priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU standards on specific waste streams or issues • Do more inspections • Cooperate better with customs and police • Make priorities on specific waste streams 	<p style="text-align: center;">High priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New countries should start with small steps • Training depending on experience • Instructions how to handle Annex VII • Develop waste profiles / flow analyses
<p style="text-align: center;">No priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large database on waste 	<p style="text-align: center;">Low priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together with companies • Share data on criminal companies

Table III.2: Evaluation of exchanges

<p style="text-align: center;">Medium priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical information how to organize exchanges • Exchange with non EU Member States • Focus on small projects 	<p style="text-align: center;">High priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open up to exchanges with police and customs • Train the trainers • Use Customs (harmonized) codes to target inspections
<p style="text-align: center;">No priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send appropriate people working in the field 	<p style="text-align: center;">Low priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with the Basel Network • Official invitation letters project management

Table III.3: Evaluation of products / instruments

<p style="text-align: center;">Medium priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic course for customs 	<p style="text-align: center;">High priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum requirements for inspections • EU should address ministers
<p style="text-align: center;">No priority</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Low priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the guideline • Less burdensome forms • Improve newsletter (current one is good)

Table III.4: Evaluation of project management

<p style="text-align: center;">Medium priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the project • Get the other countries in • List contact details of all authorities in all countries 	<p style="text-align: center;">High priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and training at national level with all enforcement partners
<p style="text-align: center;">No priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't rank the countries • Commission should stick the countries to minimum amount of controls 	<p style="text-align: center;">Low priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push the countries

Based on these outcomes of the above summarized project evaluation it was concluded that all participants subscribe the necessity to **continue joint enforcement actions in projects like this**. The ranked ideas for improvement are translated into the following recommendations.

In order to be able to contribute to a more permanent common and consistent level of WSR enforcement within Europe:

- EU should support joint enforcement actions more actively and address national Ministers to raise awareness and strengthen capacity building;
- EU should develop and distribute minimum requirements for inspections and waste flows/waste flow analyses, make priorities and standards on specific waste streams or issues and work out clear instructions how to handle Annex VII of WSR;
- more meetings and (electronic) training courses should be organized at national level with all enforcement partners, starting with 'train-the-trainers' programmes on international level;
- customs (harmonized) codes should be used more frequently to target inspections and track and trace (illegal) waste shipments.

To demonstrate that the EU Member States continue joint European enforcement:

- projects like this should be supported more (financially) on EU and national level;
- more countries should be encouraged to join enforcement projects, either on EU level, bilateral or just by sending the results of their ad hoc inspections;
- the intensity and amount of joint inspections should be increased gradually and on a voluntary base: don't push the countries.

To provide for a more easy accessible European enforcement project:

- new countries should start with small steps, small-scale projects should be encouraged and non EU Member States should also be involved in exchanges;
- practical information how to organize exchanges should be developed;
- exchanges should open up more for customs, police and other authorities involved in waste shipment enforcement;
- a list with contact details of all authorities in all countries should be made, distributed and maintained.