

Welcome to

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Tackling Metal Theft

Police – Private Partnership to Tackle Metal Theft





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Conference agenda

- Welcome and PoI-PRIMETT overview - PUAC
- Transnational collaboration - Europol
- A case study of law enforcement – Guarda Nacional Republicana
- PoI-PRIMETT research findings – Agenfor Lombardia
- Intelligence and enforcement – British Transport Police
- Prevention and deterrence - BT
- The recycling industry – BIR
- Lunch
- Legacy of good practice - PUAC
- PoI-PRIMETT II - SOCA
- Q&A
- Summary and close



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Three year project: September 2010 – August 2013

The international phenomenon of metal theft



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Aims

- ⊙ Develop a police-private sector partnership to reduce metal theft across Europe
- ⊙ Improve collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the private sector to provide a better understanding of metal theft
- ⊙ Create an Expert User Group from law enforcement agencies and the private sector to improve communication and to share information and good practice
- ⊙ Provide a legacy of collaboration and a reduction in metal theft



Objectives

- ✓ Reduce risks and improve security for organisations using metal in their daily operations
- ✓ Develop technological and operational solutions to tackle metal theft
- ✓ Influence national and European policy and legislation



Project structure

Legislation

Developing
good practice
guides

Developing
media
strategies

Understanding
the involvement
of OCGs

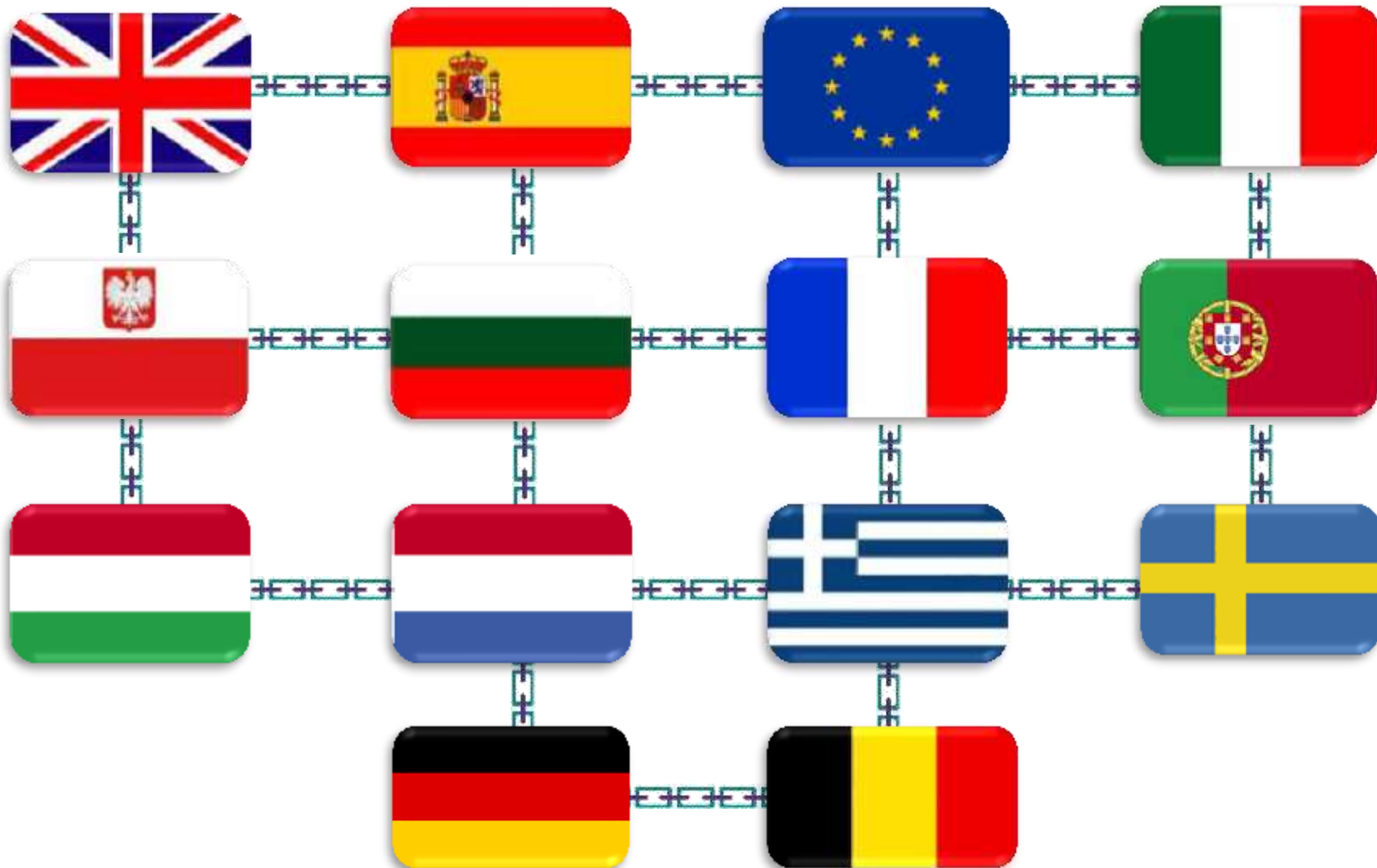
Identifying gaps
in knowledge
and intelligence

Encouraging
public – private
collaboration



Promoting transnational collaborative working

Avoiding duplication, working in isolation or 'reinventing the wheel'



Expert User Group (EUG) meetings

Key note speakers

Action focused workshops

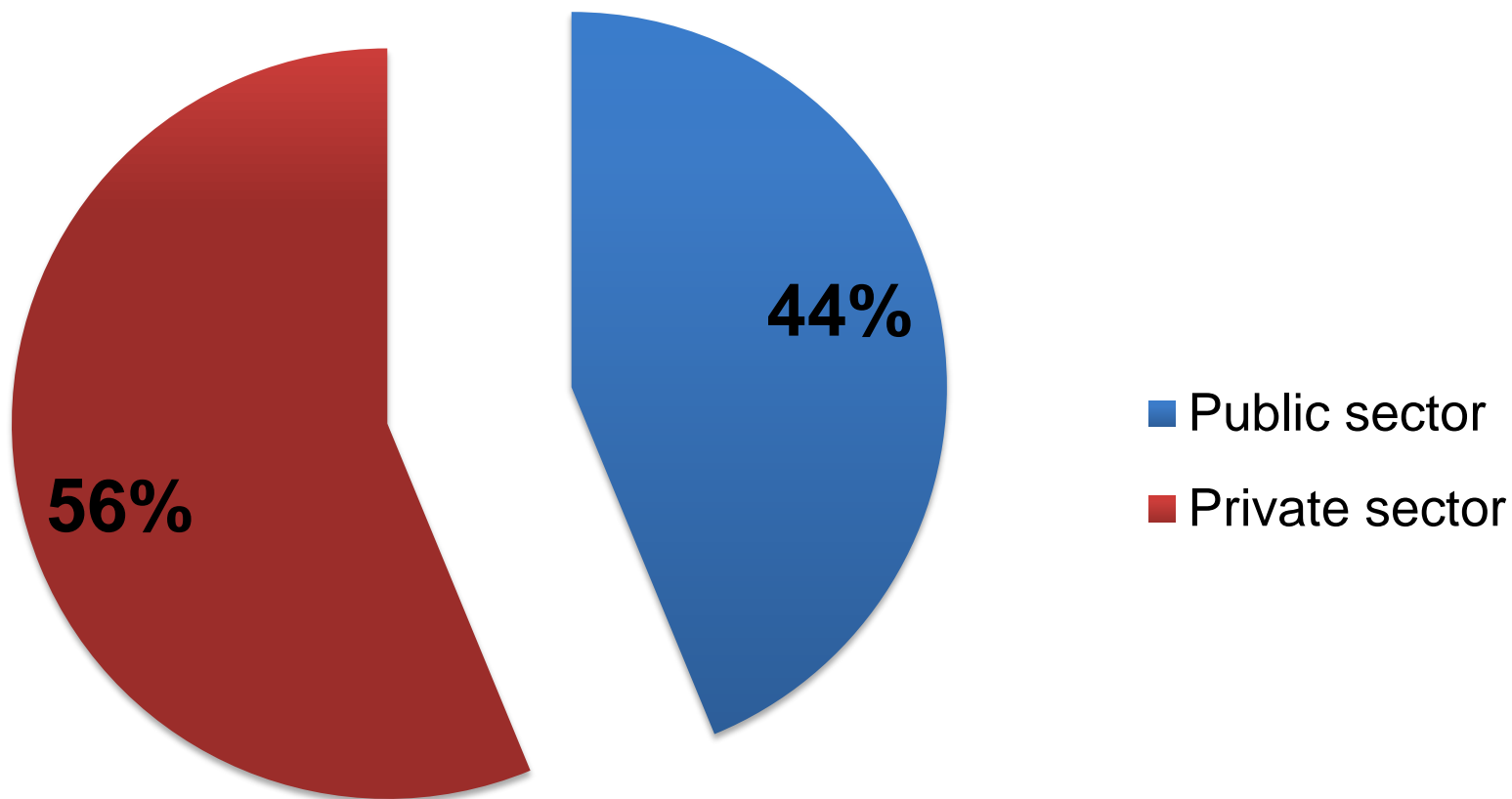
Future actions and activities agreed



Breakdown of attendees at EUG meetings

Location	Date	Number of attendees	Number of organisations	Number of countries represented
Sheffield, UK	November 2010	35	18	5
Rome, Italy	March 2011	48	26	5
Wakefield, UK	June 2011	33	23	6
Sofia, Bulgaria	December 2011	75	31	5
London, UK	March 2012	54	34	9
Athens, Greece	July 2012	78	46	9
Valencia, Spain	November 2012	67	43	10
Valencia, Spain	March 2013	28	21	10

Public – private participation at EUG meetings



EUG workshop themes

- Developing legislative recommendations
- Environmental enforcement on metal recycling
- Utilising existing legislation
- Impact of legislative change
- Developing an EU good practice guide
- Developing media strategies
- Involvement of organised crime groups
- Knowledge and information gaps



EUG workshop themes

- Implementation of DNA solutions
- Tax evasion linked to metal theft and recycling
- Exporting metals and opportunities to detect at ports
- Creating local, national and transnational databases
- Informing the judiciary system of the impact of metal theft



EU legislation review



Member State	Legislation reviewed since 2009?	Cashless?
Austria	X	No
Belgium	✓	No
Bulgaria	✓	Yes (2014)
Cyprus	✓	No
Czech Republic	X	No
Denmark	X	No
Estonia	X	No
France	✓	Yes (2011)
Greece	X	No
Hungary	✓	No
Iceland	X	No

EU legislation review

Member State	Legislation reviewed since 2009?	Cashless?
Ireland	✓	No
Italy	x	Limited to €1000
Lithuania	✓	No
Malta	x	No
Norway	x	No
Portugal	✓	Limited to €50
Romania	✓	No (rejected April 2013)
Spain	✓	Limited to €2500
Sweden	✓	Voluntary
UK	✓	Yes (2012)

Legislation overview

- Some Member States do not have legislation specific to metal theft – categorised under general theft
- Variations in licensing metal recyclers - managed by the police, government, environment agencies
- Some countries opted to remove cash from the recycling industry - some introduced a cash limit from €50 - €2500
- Police 'right to enter' premises of recyclers increased in some Member States
- Metal theft is not recorded separately to other theft in some Member States





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