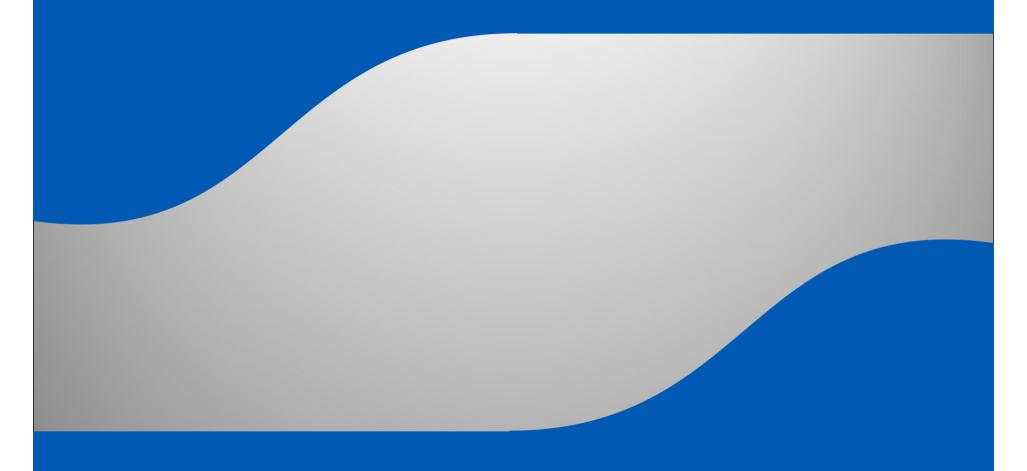
# **RAILPOL**





The Hague-Europol 23-04-2014

# RAILPOL

**Network of RAIL**way **POL**ice organizations which, under the responsibility of the competent national authorities, are charged with carrying out police tasks related to the Railway transport in the EU member states.

#### The EC- marks of recognition for RAILPOL

# European Network of Railway Police Forces since 2003

RAILPOL 2004 - 2007 Applicant

TRANSEC RAIL 2007 - 2010 Framework
Partner

RSA 1 -5 2010 - 2014 Monopoly
Organization

**EU Network of Railway Police Forces** 

# RAILPOL

EC\*: "RAILPOL is the only European network of railway police forces and the only organization for law enforcement tasks in the field of railway transport in the context of the RAILPOL network in view of the off setting security risks of increasing internationalization of rail transport in Europe".

<sup>\*</sup> Brussels,1.July 2011 - home.a.4(2011)

# Mission

RAILPOL strives for a Safe and Secure Rail-Transport by

establishing effective crossborder law enforcement cooperation

> on the main European railwaycorridors

# General goals

Determining the conditions for and exchanging of best practices and information

Outlining the areas in which co-operation and harmonisation could take place

Organising joint activities and operations

Providing National and EU authorities with advices based on joint visions and policies

Gearing activities and operations to current and future European developments

# Main activities 1

Maintain an <u>operational</u> law enforcement network

Organising joint international law enforcement operations

Stimulating multilateral co-operation

**Exchanging of best practices/information** 

# Main activities 2

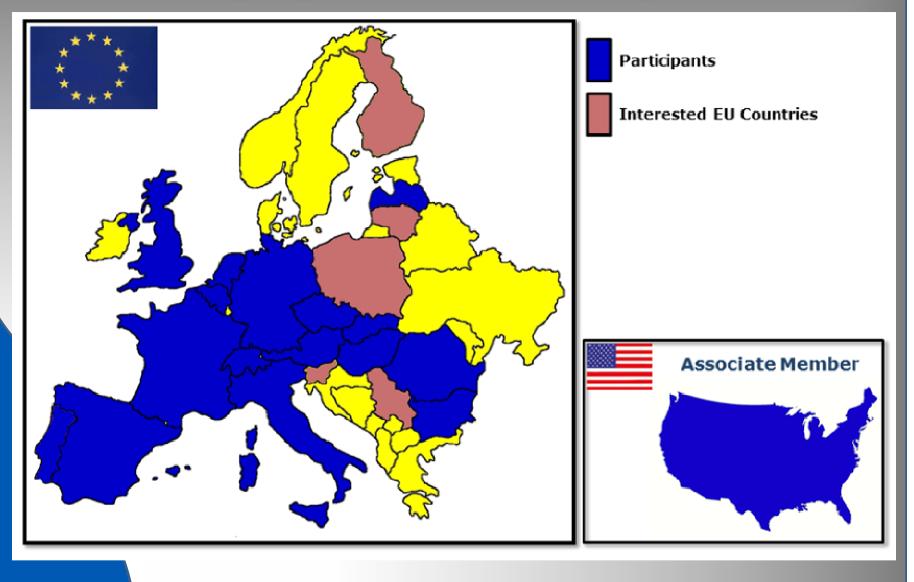
Generating new initiatives

**Providing advices** 

Anticipating on the European Commission's plans to harmonise legislation, inspections and sanctions

Preparing for an increase in rail transport (of passengers and freight)

#### Participating Countries RAILPOL - 1st April 2014



# (Some) Partners













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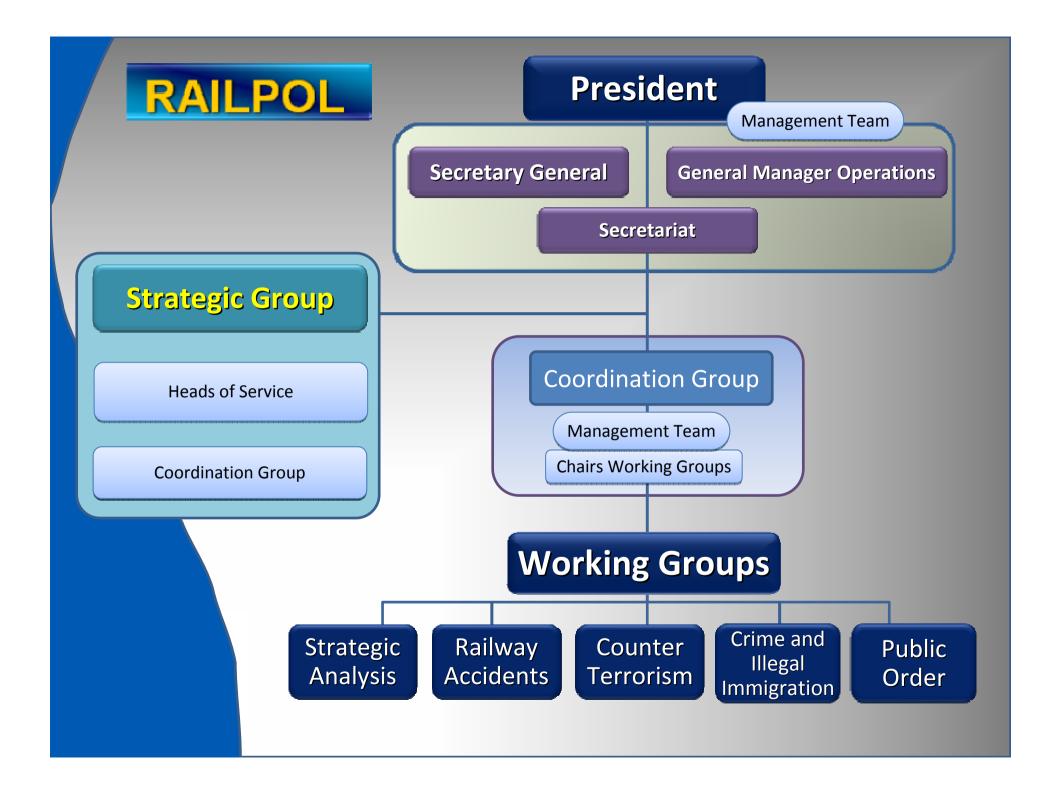








RSA 1-5



### Some Results

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# **24BLUE** RAD'S –Comparison

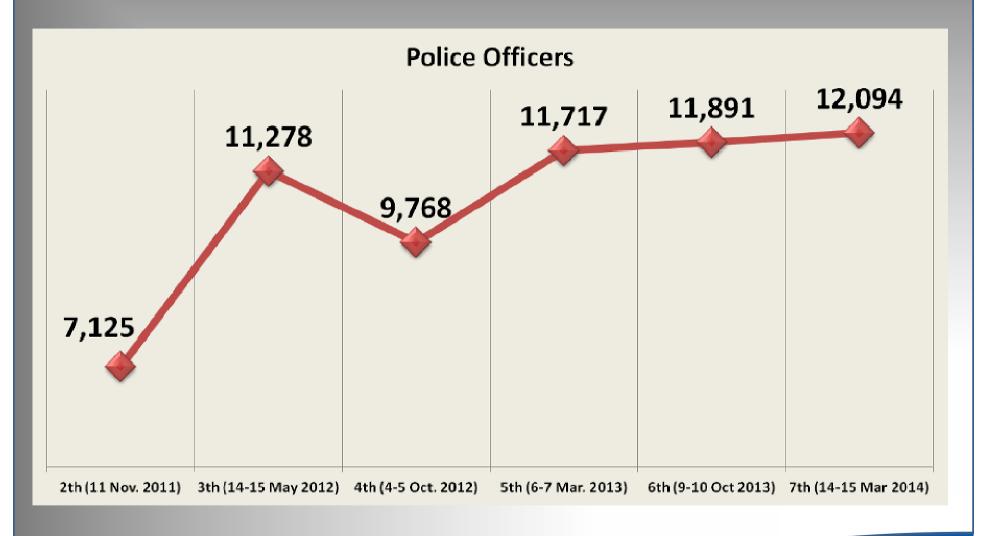
PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES						Results of controls in Metal Depots/Scrapyard		
RAD'S	Police Officers	Checked Trains	Checked Stations	Checked Persons (ID-CHECK)	Checked Metal Depots Scrap Yard	Kg. Of Copper and/or Metal recovered/seized		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> (11 Nov. 2011)	7.125	2.979	2.731	79.699	799	1.151		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> (14-15 May 2012)	11.278	4.992	4.856	27.897	2.065	17.657		
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> (4-5 Oct. 2012)	9.768	5.018	3.066	28.074	2.207	9.989		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> (6-7 Mar. 2013)	11.717	4.771	3.309	27.255	923	20.692		
6 <sup>th</sup> (9-10 Oct 2013)	11.891	6.143	5.166	31.303	2.858	231.786		
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> (14-15 Mar. 2014)	12.094	5.407	5.325	37.125	2.356	13.379		

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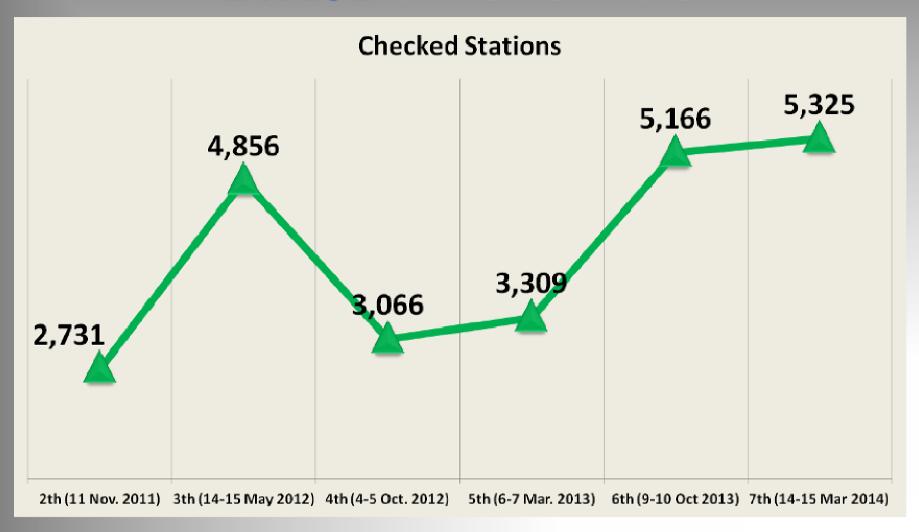
#### **COUNTERACTING ACTIVITIES**

	ARRESTED / REPORTED PERSONS										
RAD'S	Theft Pickpocketing		etal/Copper Kg. of Copper recovered	thefts Kg. of Metal recovered		Pelated crimes  Drugs recovered	Illegal Immigration and/or Stay	Aggression Antisocial behaviour	Thefts from Cargo Trains	Graffiti Damages Vandalism	Other Crimes
<b>2<sup>th</sup></b> (11 Nov. 2011)	48	6	19	91	41	121 grams	31	40	0	6	n/a
<b>3<sup>th</sup></b> (14-15 May 2012)	55	68	2	1	44	15,6 kgs	179	45	0	14	153
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> (4-5 Oct. 2012)	12	28	794	6.623	44	6,13 kgs	183	36	0	12	183
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> (6-7 Mar. 2013)	35	27	422	1.810	17	198 grams	247	32	1	3	634
6 <sup>th</sup> (9-10 Oct 2013)	21	64	710	2.200	28	13,4 kgs	244	44	0	19	258
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> (14-15 Mar. 2014)	20	17	578	3.568	125	3,7 kgs.	175	58	0	74	216

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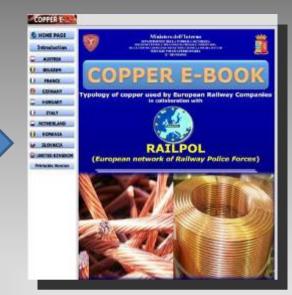


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<sup>\*</sup> Different data collection system

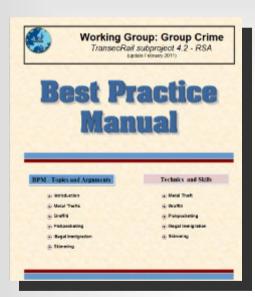














The RAILPOL website



#### **COPPER E-BOOK**





# RAILEX





### REAL TIME INFORMATION LINE















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#### **Priorities 2014 - 2019**

with a special focus on the EU policy-cycle in the domains, on intelligence-led policing and on interdisciplinary and cross-border law-enforcement cooperation:

Maintain an operational network

Focus on the **domains** of :

**Counter Terrorism** 

Crime and Illegal Immigrations

Investigation in Rail Accidents and other Dangerous Interferences

**Public Order** 

**Strategic Analyses** 

Strengthening <a href="linkage to">Iinkage to</a> <a href="relevant">relevant</a> <a href="bodies">bodies</a>

New Memberships (open for law enforcement organisations)

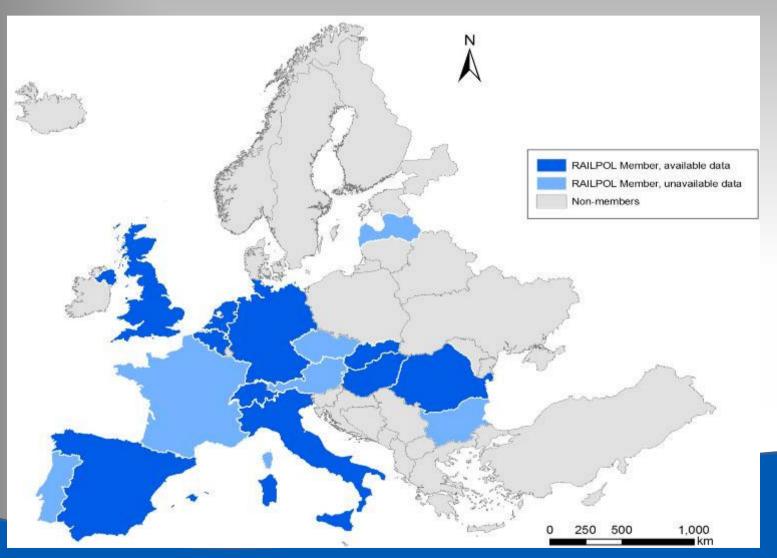
#### **OBJECTIVE**

The analysis report aims at supporting and orienting the measures to be taken at a European level by reporting and analysing statistics on metal thefts committed in the railway environment





# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES





#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

- 2010 vs 2011: increase of 53% (+ 6188 cases)
- Increasing trend followed by 8/10 countries
- Absolute number of metal thefts is put into relation to the total number of railway lines.
  - ⇒ 2011: 1.2 metal theft per 10 km railway

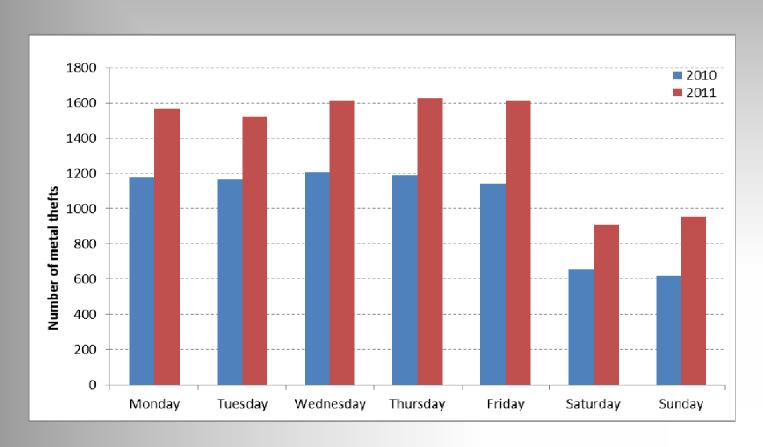
    This ratio varies strongly from one country to another



- Top months: March + October
- Most metal thefts occur during weekdays
- Explanation:
  - Opening hours of scrap dealers
  - Thefts discovered when employees are back on construction sites





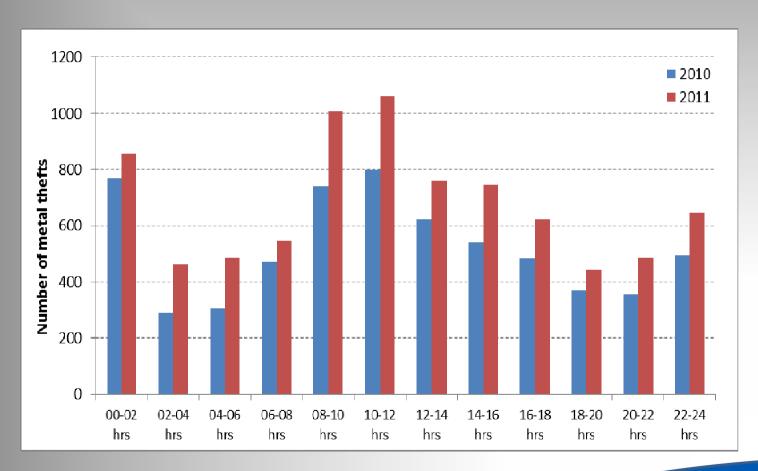




- Number of thefts per interval of hour
  - 10-00 PM and 00-02 AM: low density of traffic + darkness
  - 08-10 AM and 10-12 AM: hypothesis = time of registration









## KNOWN OFFENDERS

- 64 % are between 20 and 40 years old (good physical abilities)
- Excluding native offenders top 5:
  - Romania
  - Bulgaria
  - Serbia
  - Poland
  - Tunisia



#### PLACES TARGETED

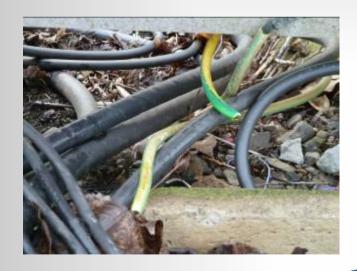
- 92 % alongs railway lines (most traffic disturbances)
- 5 % in depots (represent great lengths of metal stolen)
- 3 % on construction sites





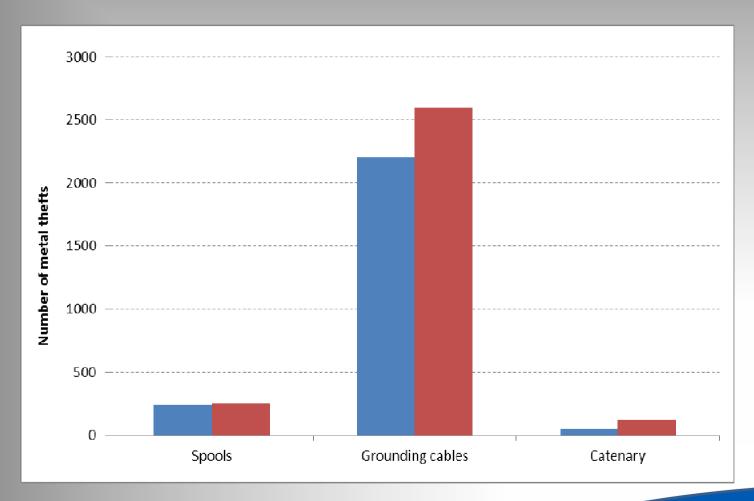
### MATERIALS TARGETED

- 87 % grounding cables (easier access)
- 9 % spools
- 4 % catenaries





# MATERIALS TARGETED





# OFFENDER GROUPS



- 3 different groups:
  - Professional offenders: well-prepared, wellequiped, often use stolen vans or cars
  - Non-professional offenders: unemployed, living in vicinity, stealing small amounts, using own car, bike
  - Inside offenders: people who work(ed) for the railway company or subcontractor, knowing the dangers



#### LOCATION

- Remote areas/along secondary lines
- On construction sites (not very well protected, materials easily accessible)
- Depots (often no fences or cameras)





## PREVENTION & REPRESSION

Checks or controls with scrap dealers
 (different methods per country) – very
 important since thefts are committed in
 function of opening hours scrap dealers





#### PREVENTION & REPRESSION

- Improvement of storage premises security
- Controls of places and areas prone to theft
- Metal marking
- Replace copper with other materials
- Forensic capabilities
- Gathering intelligence
- Registration sub contractors



#### **TRENDS**

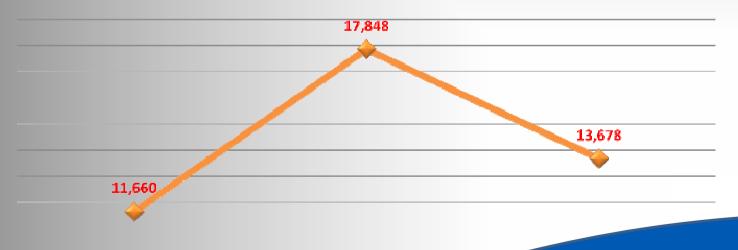
- More professional offender groups from Eastern Europe
- Scrap often sold with scrap dealers in neighbouring countries
- Correlation between high densities of scrap metal dealers and hotspots of metal thefts



# **UPDATE 2012**

• Serious decrease: - 23%

2010	2011	2012
11.660	17.848	13.678
+ 53	% -	23%





2012

## Thank you for your attention!

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