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Participation of the Public Prosecution Office at
Project Koperslag

Motivation Project Koperslag

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Voluntary agreement to fight Coppertheft between June 2011 and December 2013

It was a special collaboration between organisations of the government and private organizations. It was a project for a period of two and a half year which ended at december 31th, 2013

Partners:

- ProRail: Dutch Railway infrastructure manager
- TenneT: administrator high voltage grid
(Transmission System Operator)
- Police
- Public Prosecution Office
- Metal Recycling Federation
- Ministry of Security and Justice

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Agreed actions for all the participants

1. Preventive measures
2. Increase probability of detection: catch the thieves
3. Higher penalties requirements
4. Interfering in the market of stolen copper
5. International cooperation

Results of the project Koperslag

- 70 % Decrease of coppertheft at the railway
- 33 % Increase of coppertheft at the electricity. The reason for the increase is partly to be found in the accurate registration in 2013 compared to 2011
- Probability of detection is considerably increased
- Intensive enforcement of the registration and identification requirement

Reason for the Public Prosecution Office for participation at the project Koperslag

Criminal prosecution is at the end of the proces, the final element in the fight against coppertheft.

The main reasons for the public prosecution office to participate at the project where:

- the degree of security risks by coppertheft
- damage for the community by coppertheft

Actions of the Public Prosecution Office

We were responsible for a few actions at the project:

- Enforcement policy for the compliance of the identification and registrations requirement for the buyer of metal
- Instructions to the local prosecutor about the penalties that should be demanded by metaltheft and special attention to the degree of risk/danger
- The communication to the public when a metaltheft suspect is condemned

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Results for the public prosecution office and points of attention

- The public prosecution office has secured all the actions in the regular proces.
- By participation we have delivered a contribution at the project:
 - ✓ to make the community more safe
 - ✓ for the fight against coppertheft and metaltheft in general
- That is our motivation and we stay alert to metaltheft!

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Thank you for your attention!

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