

Police – Private Partnership to Tackle Metal Theft II











# Timeline of initiatives

September 2010

February 2011

June 2011

January 2012

December 2012

# Pol-PRIMETT begins

Police – private partnership to tackle metal theft launched

### ACPO working group

National
public and
private sector
working group
designed to
reduce metal
theft

### Fusion Intelligence Unit

Central policing unit collating and disseminating intelligence from both sectors

# Operation Tornado

A scheme requiring anyone selling scrap metal to provide photographic proof of identity to the dealer

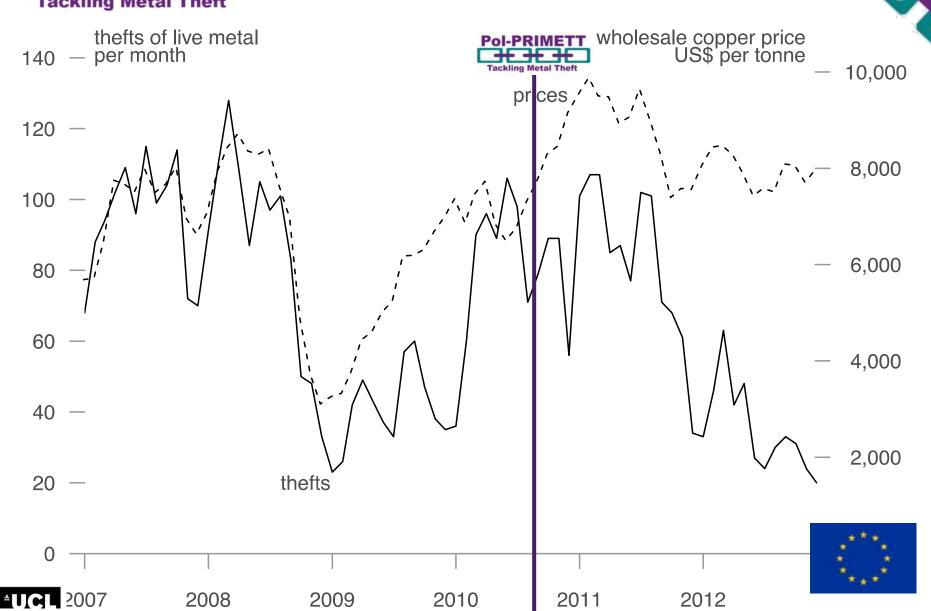
# Cashless legislation

Prohibiting the sale of scrap metal for cash



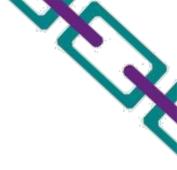


# Copper prices vs UK metal theft





# Adding Value - Not Just Another Layer









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October 2013 – September 2015







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### **Structure**

WP1 Project management

WP leader (WPL): NCA with support from PUAC

WP2 Understanding the involvement of OCGs WPL: NCA

WP3 Legislation and voluntary codes of practice WPL: Gendarmerie OCLDI

WP4 Develop / share good practice; awareness raising; prevention and enforcement techniques to reduce and deter metal theft WPL: British Transport Police

WP5 Identifying gaps in knowledge and intelligence WPL: Agenfor Lombardia

WPL: Guarda Nacional Republicana WP6 Encouraging public-private collaboration

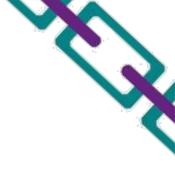
**WPL: PUAC** 

WP7 Communication, dissemination and evaluation





# Integrated Project Activity









# **WP2 Organised Crime**











## Research areas

- Understanding the involvement of organised crime groups (OCGs)
- Evaluate the business model and profitability for OCGs
- Understanding the structure of OCGs across the EU
- Monitoring and anticipating future trends and threats
- Mapping the stolen metal supply chain





# **WP5 Identifying Knowledge gaps**









# Relationship to other crime

# **ORGANISED CRIME**





# **WP 3 Legislation**









#### Clause 41 Serious Crime Bill



#### Offence of participating in activities of organised crime group

- (1) A person who participates in the criminal activities of an organised crime group commits an offence.
- (2) For this purpose, a person participates in the criminal activities of an organised crime group if the person takes part in any activities that the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect—
- (a) are criminal activities of an organised crime group, or
- (b) will help an organised crime group to carry on criminal activities.
- (3) "Criminal activities" are activities within subsection (4) or (5) that are carried on with a view to obtaining (directly or indirectly) any gain or benefit.
- (4) Activities are within this subsection if—
- (a) they are carried on in England or Wales, and
- (b) they constitute an offence in England and Wales punishable on conviction on indictment with imprisonment for a term of 7 years or more.
- (5) Activities are within this subsection if—
- (a) they are carried on outside England and Wales,
- (b) they constitute an offence under the law in force of the country where they are carried on, and
- (c) they would constitute an offence in England and Wales of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(b) if the activities were carried on in England and Wales.
- (6) "Organised crime group" means a group that—
- (a) has as its purpose, or as one of its purposes, the carrying on of criminal activities, and
- (b) consists of three or more persons who act, or agree to act, together to further that purpose.
- (7) For a person to be guilty of an offence under this section it is not necessary—
- (a) for the person to know any of the persons who are members of the organised crime group,
- (b) for all of the acts or omissions comprising participation in the group's criminal activities to take place in England and Wales (so long as at least one of them does), or
- (c) for the gain or benefit referred to in subsection (3) to be financial in nature.
- (8) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to prove that the person's participation was necessary for a purpose related to the prevention or detection of crime.
- (9) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years





# **WP4 Promoting Good Practice**









# **GOOD PRACTICE**

- Transferability?



Can practice be copied and applied in other Member States?





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#### Latest News



#### Lead thieves hit St John's Church roof

#### 16th April 2014

A historic church has been targeted by "despicable chancers" who stole lead worth thousands of pounds from its roof.

Read more



#### Bexley police seize scrap lorries in metal theft crackdown

#### 15th April 2014

More than a dozen scrap metal vehicles were seized in Bexley in a police operation to tackle metal theft.

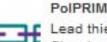
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RT @EHHeritageCrime: CAN YOU HELP @ASPolice identify #metalthieves who attacked St. John's Church #Bridgwater call #Police on 101 or @Crimes...



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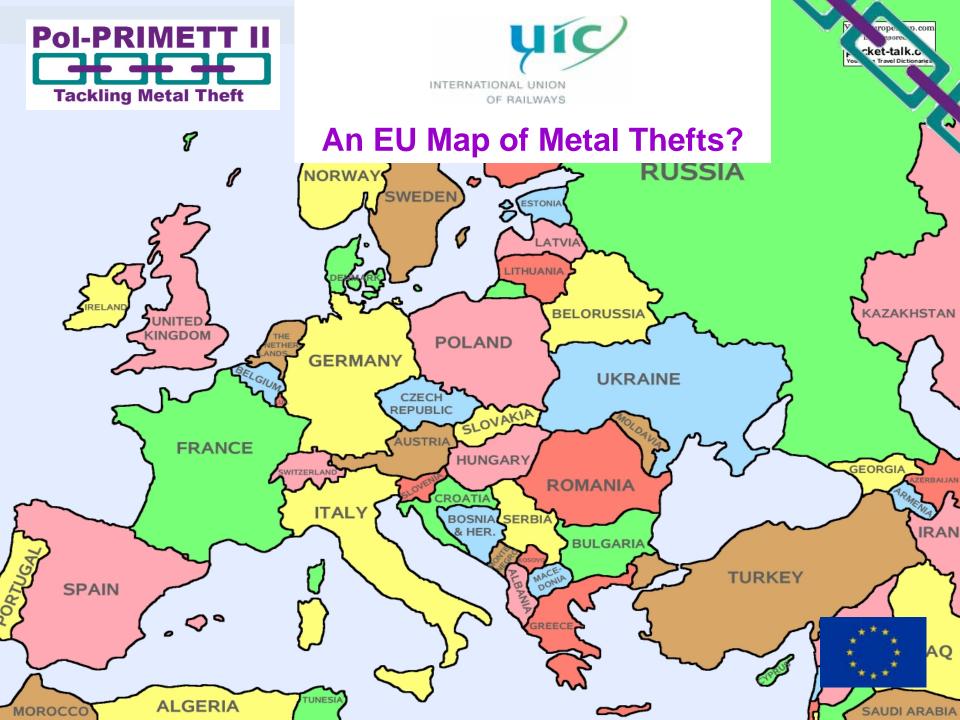
- Free, easy-to-use metal theft alert website
- Available to all businesses, police, local authorities and any organisation affected by metal theft
- Victims post incidents of metal theft which are issued via email to members across the UK

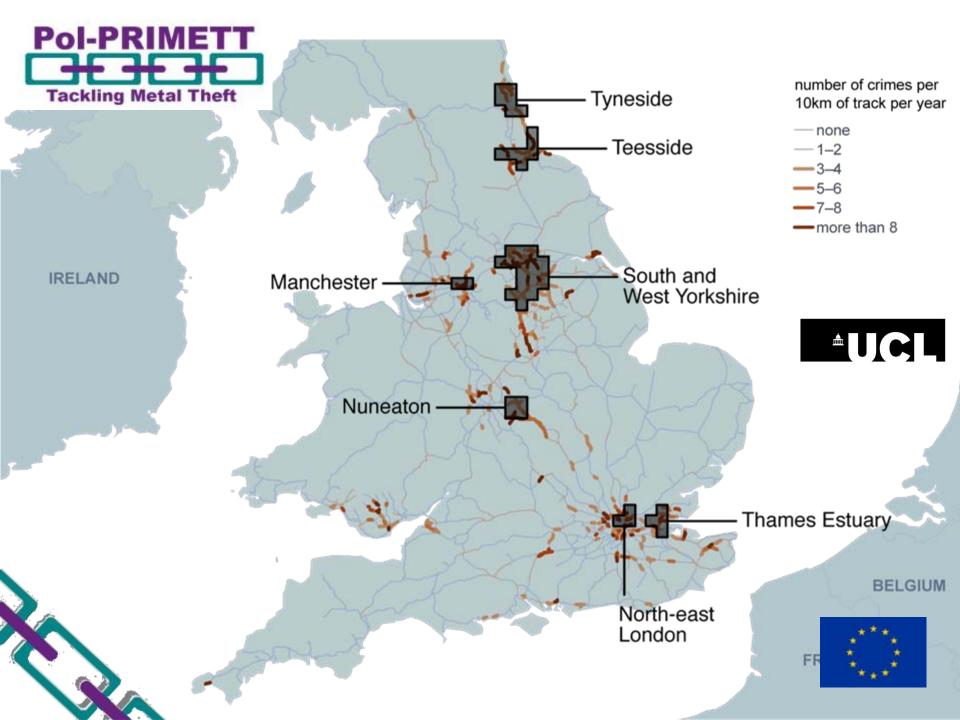
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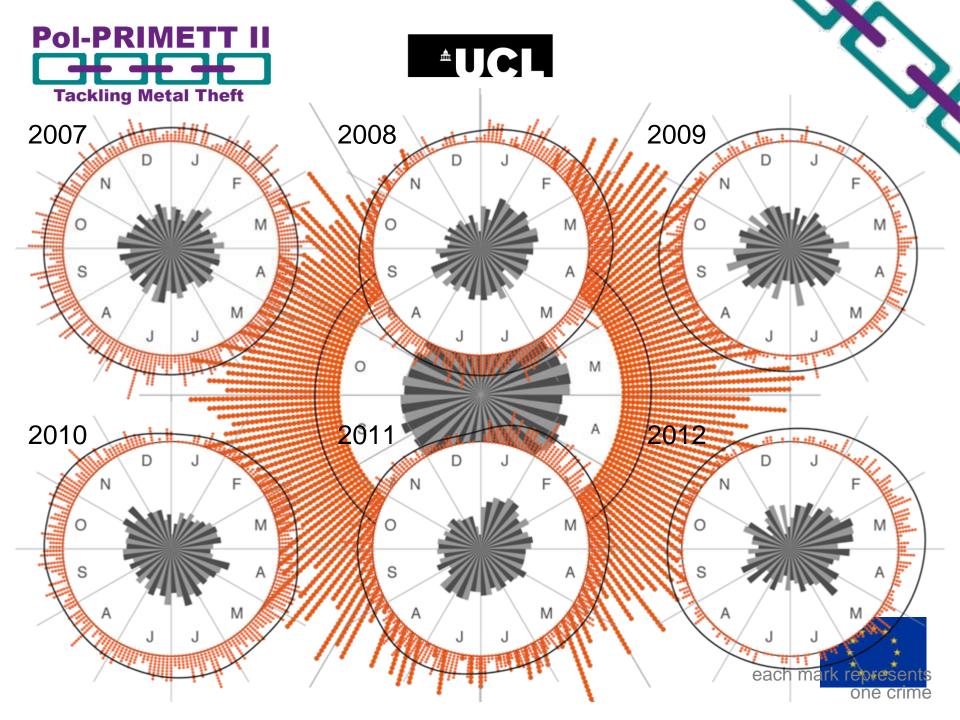












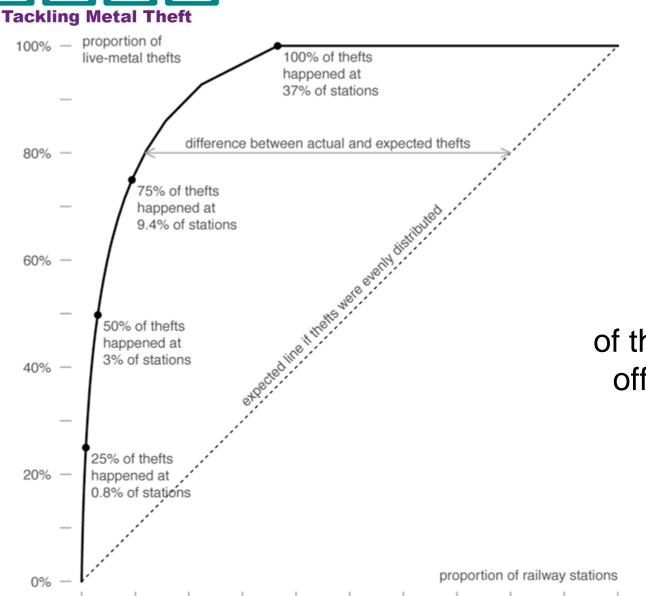




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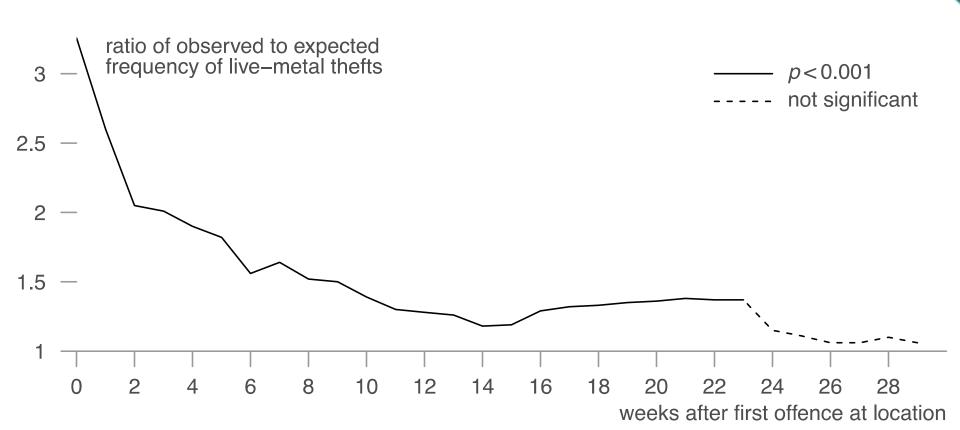
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of thefts at multipleoffence locations













### **GOOD PRACTICE**



**FUSION CENTRES** 

'SAFE' CENTRES FOR DATA SHARING & ANALYSIS





# **Public – Private Partnerships**



UNDERSTANDING THE FULL CHALLENGE NOT JUST PART OF IT

CONCERTED IMPACT NOT FRAGMENTED ACTIVITY





## **WP6 Public-Private Collaboration**











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