



Development of tools to counter illegal management and trade of waste

The illegal management and trade of waste damages the environment, and adversely affects the health of millions of people and our future. Waste crime also remains a substantial threat to the legitimate waste sector and distorts fair competition. Its cross-border nature adds to the size and complexity of the problem. The DOTCOM Waste project brings together international stakeholders, with the purpose of creating best practices and encouraging greater collaboration, to better combat waste crime.

About DOTCOM Waste

The overall objective of the DOTCOM Waste project is to increase the capabilities of law enforcement agencies, customs and port authorities, environmental agencies, and prosecutors to fight cross-border waste crime more cost effectively.

In particular, the project seeks to:

- Deepen the understanding of current waste crime trends
- Identify and share good practices for detecting, investigating and prosecuting waste crime activities
- Facilitate information exchange, promote networking and build trust among stakeholders
- Develop an operational and organisational toolkit that would enable law enforcement agencies to act faster and more effectively
- Create and run training sessions to help key stakeholders integrate good practices into their day-to-day operations





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Who is this project for?

- Law enforcement agencies
- Customs and port authorities
- Environmental agencies
- Prosecutors, and
- All stakeholders involved in the fight against waste crime from the EU to West Africa and China

What will this project produce?

- A risk analysis and a Compendium of Good Practices in the detection, investigation and prosecution of illegal management and trade of waste in Europe, and to China and West Africa
- Information sharing and capacity building activities to help manage waste crime
- A training toolkit including educational materials and practical operational tools
- Multidisciplinary training sessions in Europe and China on specific aspects of illegal waste-related activities

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