

# Analysis Project EnviCrime: Challenges and achievements

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# Agenda

1 AP EnviCrime

2 Concrete cases

3 Challenges



PART I

# AP EnviCrime

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# AP EnviCrime



Europol Analysis Project  
(opening order November 2017)



# AP EnviCrime



**21 associated MS** (AT, BE, CY, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SE, SI) + Interpol, Eurojust and OLAF + **10 Third parties:** (CH, AU, AL, DK, MK, CA, RS, CO, NO, UK)



# EUROPOL Portfolio

## TACTICAL

### ACTION DAYS:

- Mobile Office
- UFED - Universal Forensic Extraction Device
- VCP - Virtual Command Post

## OPERATIONAL

### SUPPORT:

- SIENA
- Databases
- Operational Analysis
- Operational meetings

### MECHANISMS:

- EMPACT(15 OA supported)
- HVT/OTF
- JIT
- ISF

### OTHER SERVICES:

- OSINT/SOCINT
- Cyber crime support
- Financial crime support
- PNR – Passenger Name Record
- Crypto currencies

## STRATEGIC

### Liaise with:

- Agencies
- NGOs
- Networks(EnviCrimeNet)
- Private Sector

Strategic analysis: SOCTA

EPE - European Platform for Experts



# Environmental crimes

## Waste

- Plastics
- Household
- WEEE
- EoLV
- C&D
- Batteries

## Pollution

- ODS/F-Gases
- Maritime
- HG Trafficking
- Pesticides
- Oil Blending
- Shipbreaking

## Wildlife

- CITES
- Wildlife
- Illegal logging
- Forest Fires
- IUU Fishing

Financial crime

Corruption

Documental  
Fraud



PART II

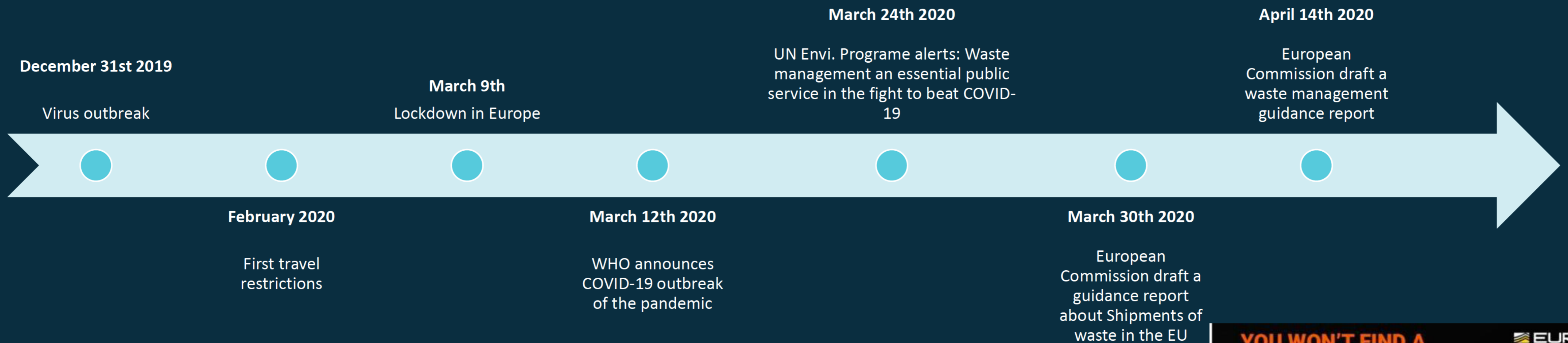
# Concrete cases

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# OP RETROVIRUS – Background



- Once declared the sanitary emergency, EUROPOL identified several criminal threats, mainly concerning fraud.
- Public report: [www.europol.europa.eu](http://www.europol.europa.eu)
- AP EnviCrime identified a clear threat: sanitary waste

**YOU WON'T FIND A COVID-19 CURE ONLINE**

CRIMINALS ARE MAKING MONEY FROM THIS GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS.

THOUSANDS OF WEBSITES CLAIM TO SELL COVID-19 CURES, TESTS OR VACCINES. **THEY ARE FAKE.**

UNAUTHORISED SELLERS ADVERTISE COUNTERFEIT FACE MASKS, VITAMINS AND DISINFECTANTS. **THEY ARE DANGEROUS.**

CRIMINALS PREY ON CONCERNED CITIZENS AND OFFER UNBRANDED MEDICAL PRODUCTS. **THEY ARE HARMFUL.**

**ONLY RELY ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES.**

**ONLY BUY FROM LICENSED SELLERS.**

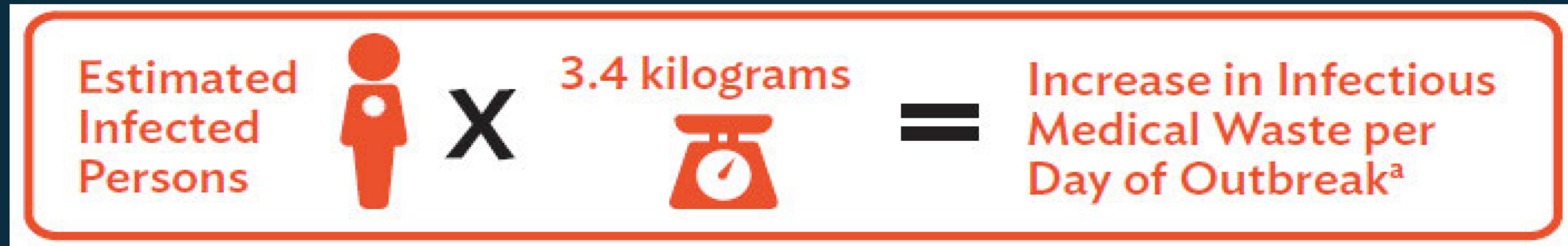
**ONLY USE LEGITIMATE WEBSITES OFFERING SAFE PAYMENT**

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The infographic features a hand holding a smartphone with a 'BUY' button and a syringe icon. It includes the EUROPOL logo and three green checkmark icons.



# OP RETROVIRUS –Intelligence phase



- Exchange of information with relevant Partners
- Concept note and Risk analysis behaviours document
- OSINT report



# OP RETROVIRUS - Operational phase

## Operational results:

- **280.000 Inspections: penal and administrative infringements**
- **Illegal transboundary movements detected**
- **Residual waters infected**
- **102 persons arrested and several seizures affecting the management of sanitary waste**
- **Investigations ongoing**



# Operation LAKE 2020/2021



01

Tackle illegal fishing of glass eels in the countries of origin

02

Identify new flows and routes

03

Fill intelligence gaps concerning the deviation of glass eels within the EU legal market

04

Identify imports of eel meat products containing DNA of *Anguilla Anguilla*



# Operation LAKE 2020/2021



05

Identify High Value Targets (HVTs) and OCGs

06

Engage Central and Eastern European Countries

07

Detect and disrupt the illegal trade of glass eels from Europe to Asia

08

Increase public awareness



# Operation LAKE

2016 – 2021

## RESULTS

466  
Persons  
Arrested

16,9 t alive  
glass eels seized

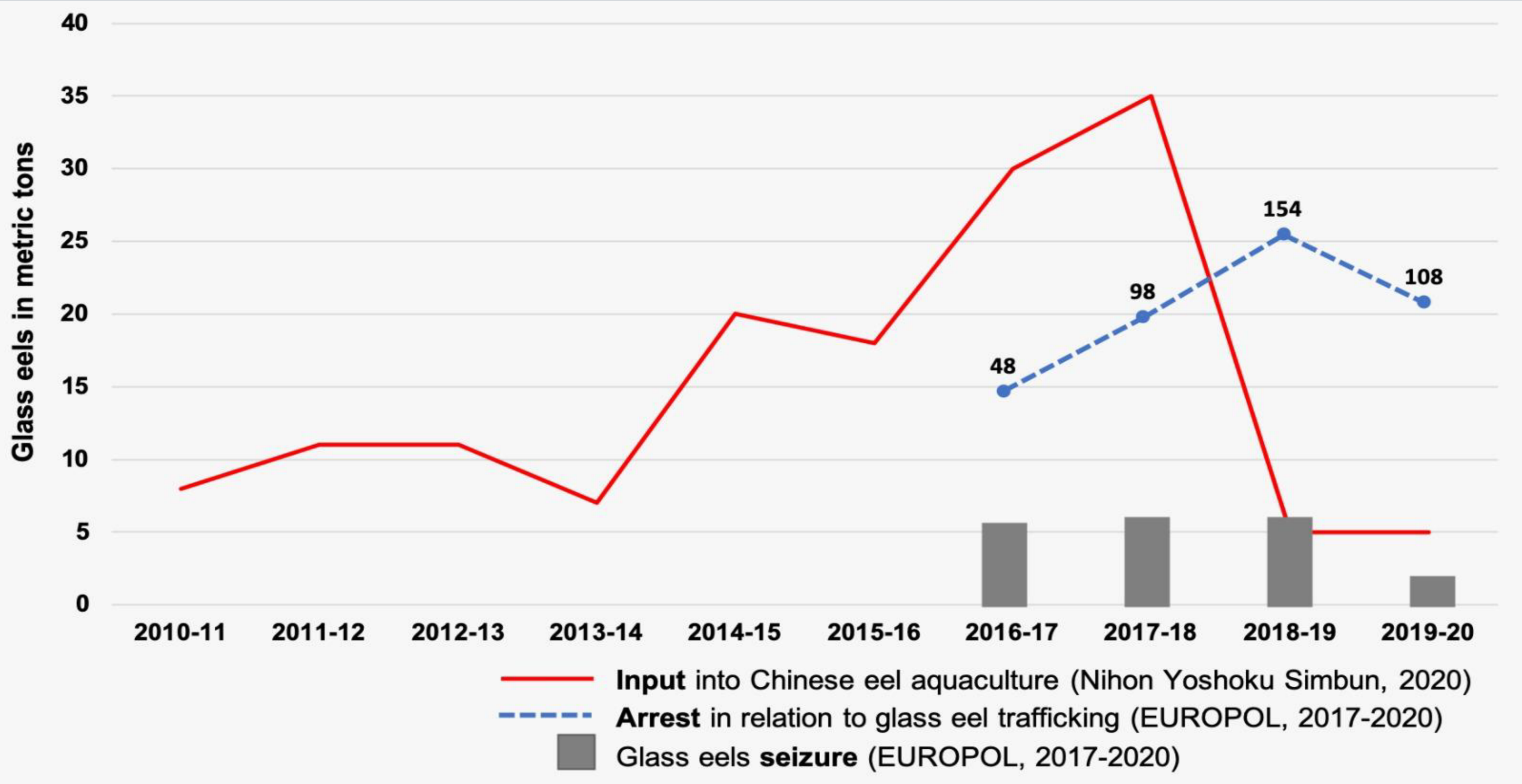
400 t eel  
meat seized

100 t  
of glass eels  
smuggled  
annually (€ 2.5-  
3.0 billion) in  
peaky years





# Operation LAKE





PART III

# Challenges

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# Challenges

## Difficulties/Challenges

### *MS Envi Legislation:*

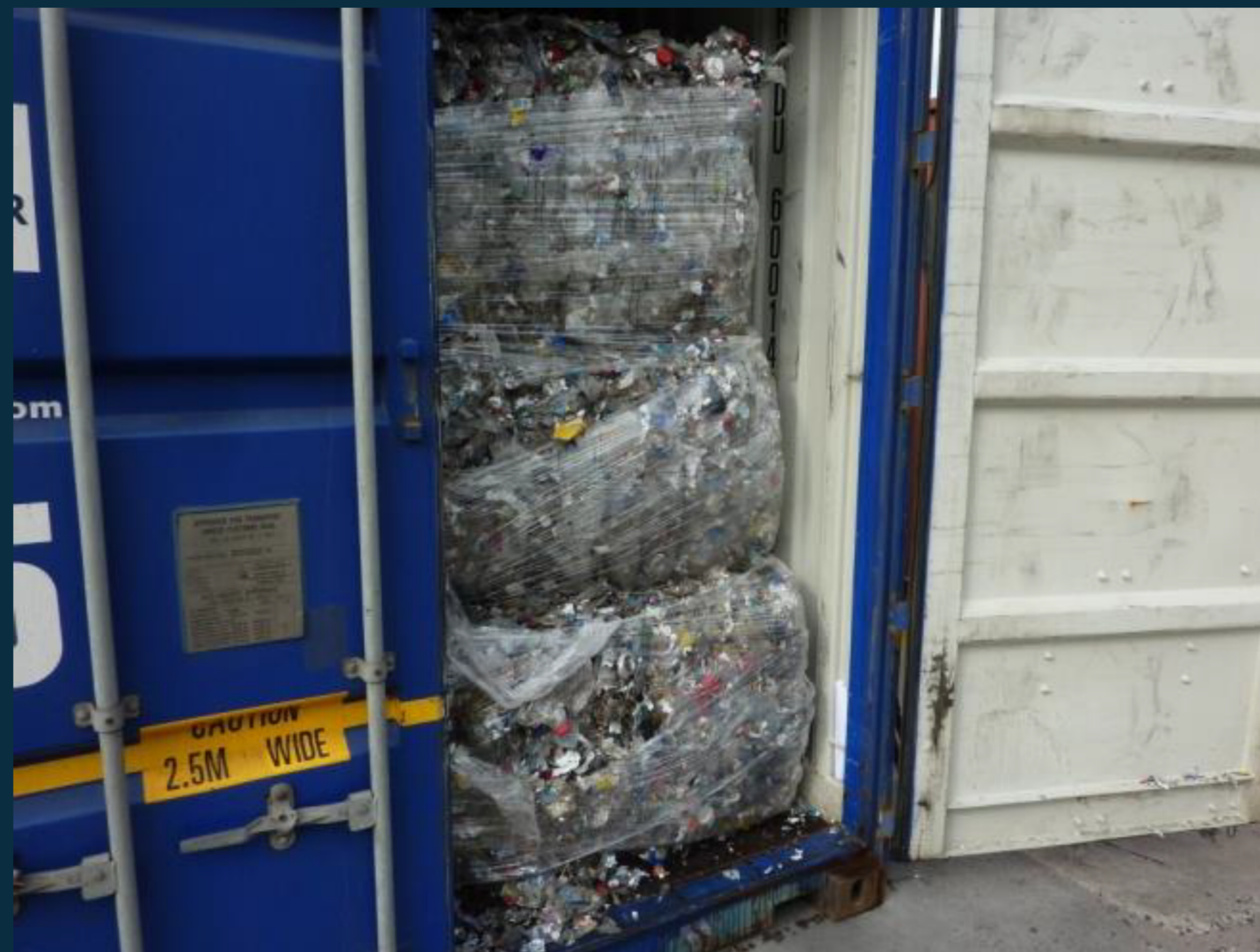
- Strong differences among MS

### *Specialised Units:*

- Not existent in most countries
- When established: lack of resources

### *Information Flow*

- Improve cooperation





**Thank you for your attention**  
Any questions?



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