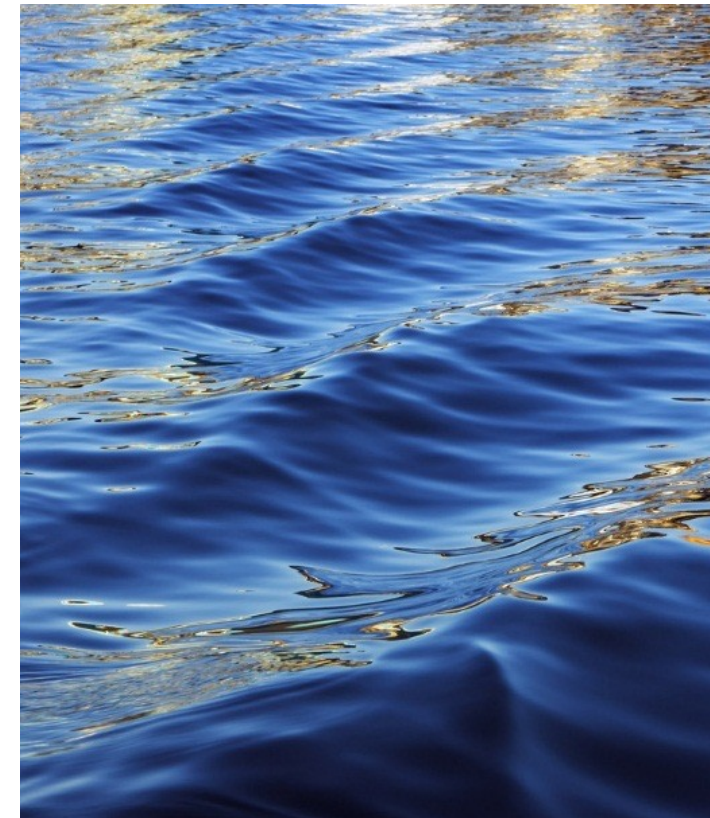




Welcome and introduction to the STRiKE project

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- **Full Partners: University of Limerick, German Police University, Dutch National Forensic Institute, and UNITAR**
- **5 Associate Partners:** German Customs Authority (Germany); District of Lower Bavaria (Germany); Basel Convention Regional Centre (Slovakia); African Institute (South Africa), Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (Macedonia).
- **Geographical scope: EU, CEE/Balkan region and selected African countries**
- Objectives: to enhance operational activities & capacities of authorities involved in addressing illegal trade & management of problematic waste streams
- Focus on: e-waste, end-of-life vehicles, batteries, **waste mercury and mercury-added products**





WP 2: Knowledge and risks analysis of waste crime & mercury added products



Objective: To enhance knowledge and understanding of illegal trade and management of problematic waste streams and illegal production and trade of mercury-added products, in support of an improved risk analysis and possible harmonisation of national annual plans and enforcement strategies

Actions:

- 2.1: **Strategic Risk Analysis** (presented on Webinar #1; see website)
- 2.2: **Guidelines** on the preparation of **annual plans and enforcement strategies** (in drafting)



WP 3: New Tools and Methodologies



Objective: to develop practical tools and advanced methodologies in support of practitioners across the compliance and enforcement chain, in their fight against waste and product trade crimes, including waste mercury and mercury-added products.

Actions:

- **3.1: Forensic tools for detection and investigation of waste and mercury crime** (in drafting; preliminary results to be presented at webinar tentatively dated for October 2021)
- **3.2: Methodologies for estimation of damages caused by illegal mercury trade. For use in prosecution** (in drafting)



WP 4: Capacity Building and Skills Acquisition



Objective: to enhance capacities and skills of practitioners and stakeholders in selected countries in Western Europe, as well as CEE/Balkans region and Africa in the detection, investigation and prosecution of waste-crime cases and illegal trade in mercury-added products.

Actions:

- 4.1: **Training Needs Assessment** (see website)
- 4.2: Update and development of **training tools and materials: Mercury module** (drafted)
- 4.3: **Multi-disciplinary training sessions**
4 trainings planned originally for Ireland, Germany, Slovakia and the Netherlands, now being converted to online training workshops
- 4.4: **Webinars (in progress). Next on on-site inspections for mercury will be 19 October 2021**



Mercury; trainers module and slide deck



- **The global mercury problem** – something we need to take care of - together!
- **New legislation globally and regionally demands our attention:**
 - The Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Other international agreements
 - EU legislation
 - National legislation
- **Introduction to the legislation about trade/shipments** of
 - mercury metal and compounds,
 - mercury-added products,
 - mercury wastes.
 - In global and EU context
 - Focused for trade enforcement chain officers
- **Presented in webinar 2, June 2021, see slides here:**
<https://www.strikeproject.org/webinars>



Mercury smuggled from South Africa to Zimbabwe in the trunk of a car.
Photo: R. Morinda for COWI, 2016



WP5: Dissemination



Objective: to disseminate information and results of the project to a wide audience of stakeholders that play a role in combating illicit waste management activities, illegal trade of waste and mercury-added products.

Actions:

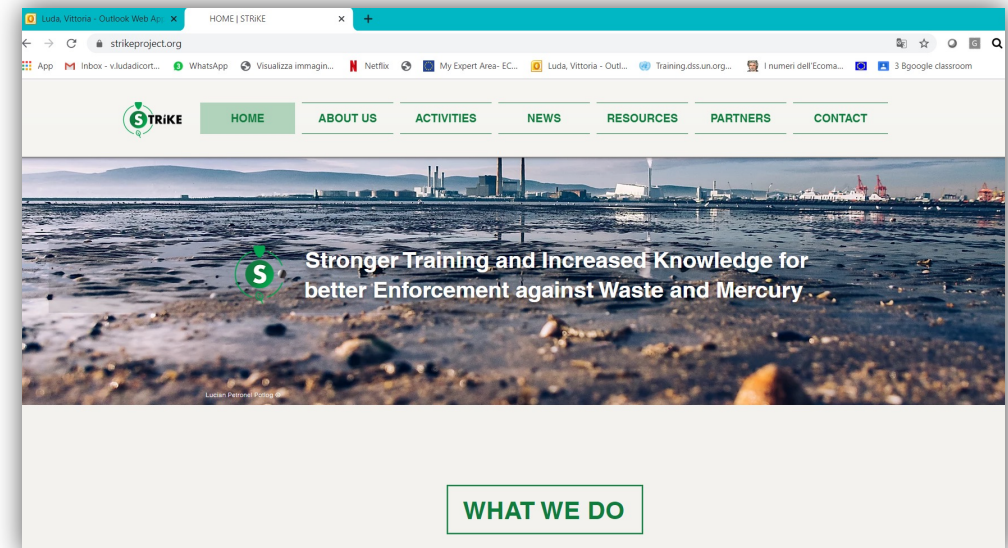
5.1: Website – www.strikeproject.org

5.2: Promotional materials

5.3: Final briefing

5.4: Final conference

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