WORKING TOGETHER TO
COMBAT FREIGHT CRIME

A Nordic Initiative for the Furtherance of Security in Transport

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ECMT

- Policy Forum for Transport Ministers and Ministries
- Full Members – 43 European Countries
- Associate Members
  Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, United States
- Close links with EU, OECD (New Research Centre), UN
- Outputs
  Policy Recommendations and Resolutions, Publications, Data, Conferences, Truck Licences

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ECMT WORK ON TRANSPORT CRIME

1997

Report and Recommendations on:

⇒ Theft of goods and vehicles

⇒ Fraud in Road Transit Systems
ECMT WORK ON TRANSPORT CRIME

1999

Follow-up Report & Recommendations on:

- Theft of Goods in Rail and Road Modes
- Transit Fraud
- Illegal Immigration
ECMT WORK ON TRANSPORT CRIME

2001

⇒ Statistical Report on Theft of Goods & Vehicles

⇒ Recommendations on Improving Security for Vehicles
2002
Report & Recommendations on Transport and Terrorism

⇒ All Reports & Recommendations available on ECMT Website

http://www.oecd.org/cem
Definitions vary: data incomplete
Data not collated nationally
Bodies responsible vary (statistics, police, interior, justice…)
When police collect, operational not analytic aim
Goods theft and vehicle theft not in same place
BROAD TRENDS

⇒ Up to 1% of vehicles stolen annually
⇒ Problem worsened between 1995 & 1999
⇒ Recovery of vehicles showed great variation
⇒ Type of goods – high value but little data
⇒ Specific problems identified (Italy, Poland, Russia)
No updating of ECMT Survey

Evidence partial / anecdotal

- But France increased 19% in 2001 and again 10% in 2002
- 200 Million Pounds value stolen in UK
- Specific problems
  e.g. high value goods from Scandinavia to Italy
RECOMMENDATIONS

TO ALL PARTNERS

⇒ Ministries of Transport
⇒ Vehicle Registration Authorities
⇒ Operators
⇒ Manufacturers
⇒ Police
⇒ Insurance Companies
RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTRIES (SUMMARY)

- Improve contacts with Police & Authorities
- Use to check better for operators Licenses
- Maintain information on offenders
- Provide advice on avoidance & on safe practices
- Set up safe parking areas and improve them
- Where useful standardize equipment
- Set targets (-50% in five years)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO OPERATORS

⇒ Exchange information and experience on good practice

⇒ Introduce new technology and communications equipment

⇒ Codes of conduct
GREATER AWARENESS OF PROBLEMS

⇒ Transport Ministries have nominated contact points:

- 26 Countries
ECMT / IRU Parking Guide
produced and updated

⇒ 39 countries

⇒ 2,240 parking areas

http://www.iru.org/Publications/Welcome.F.html
# Parking Places / Features

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PROGRESS

Evidence of improved coordination:

- UK – JAGOLT, Lorry Desk
- FRANCE – Set up Committee with many interests
- GERMANY – More controls on the road
- Improvements in RUSSIA & POLAND
Progress

Technology helping:

⇒ GPS

⇒ Mobile phones

⇒ Antitheft devices

⇒ After theft systems
Pressure from shippers and insurers:

- Clear collect delivery & route instructions
- Technology required
BUT WEAKNESSES REMAIN

⇒ Information still too unreliable
  • Data harmonization and collection (Europol, Interpol??)

⇒ Coordination still partial
  • Information available on doubtful operators

⇒ Parking places not secure enough
BUT WEAKNESSES REMAIN (cont.)

- Still low priority with police
  - Sentences not comparable

- Operators careless
  - A load can be worth Millions of Euros

- Vulnerable to terrorism
TERRORISM

⇒ Context different
  • Vehicles as weapons

⇒ Road sector structures make it vulnerable to attack
  • Many small operators
  • Geographically spread

⇒ Responses similar but require even more vigilance
⇒ Underlines need for:

- Bona fide operators
- Extreme care with vehicles
- Tracking of vehicles and goods