# **Equipment Theft Committee**





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## Reminders

nCommittee created in October 2008
n16 participants, 3 meetings up to now
nMission : improve Europe-wide cooperation on combating equipment theft

n Mapping of existing anti-theft initiatives & systems

n Contact with other organizations and stakeholders

n European stolen equipment register



## Deliverables

nQuestionnaire to rental associations on anti-theft initiatives

- n Sensitivity to equipment theft
- n Initiatives taken by third parties
- n Major concerns and difficulties
- nQuestionnaire to individual rental companies on equipment theft
  - n Equipment range most exposed to theft
  - n Anti-theft systems
  - n Anti-theft initiatives



#### Questionnaire to rental associations

#### n Main findings

- n Answers from all countries but Spain
- n Equipment thefts -among which illegal appropriation- are a European issue for rental companies
- n UK & the Netherlands are active and ahead
- n Very few commitment from the police and insurance companies (but UK)
- n Stolen equipment registers exist in some countries but update is an issue
- n Hardly any pre-registration scheme of equipment
- n Expectations from ERA
  - n Trigger European cooperation with manufacturers, authorities...
  - n Implement registration scheme and stolen equipment register



## Questionnaire to individual rental companies

#### n Main findings

- n Only 34 replies from 5 different countries
- n Non consistent statistics
- n Highlights
  - n Top most stolen machines
    - n Excavator < 6 tons
    - n Telehandlers
    - n Generators < 50KVA
    - n General tools
  - n Use of anti-theft systems





## Relations with European Organisations

n First joint meeting with ECED, FIEC, CECE & ERA on 08/04/09 n Different attitudes towards theft...

n ECED

n Equipment theft register (not updated)

n FIEC

- n Not critical for their national associations
- n Seen as an issue for the police & insurance companies

n CECE

n Minor priority compared to non-compliant equipment

- n And yet, some common concerns
  - n Focus on police
  - n Focus on insurance companies (see UK)
  - n Combining data on theft



# Stolen equipment register

#### n Already existing in some countries

- n France: FNTP website
- n Italy: ASODIMI website
- n Norway: NRA register
- n Sweden: Larmtjänst AB
- n The Netherlands : CrimiMail
- n UK: CESAR & TER

#### n but

- n Limited usage
- n Not public
- n Non comparable & compatible
- n Not always updated



## Stolen equipment register

## nERA's follow up

Investigate with CECE a possible European registration scheme

n Create a viewer / search engine type

- n To link together existing national registers
- n Unrestricted access for all parties: rental companies, police, insurance companies, manufacturers, dealers...
- n Opened as a database for countries without existing systems



Structure, code of conduct, procedures to be specified



Relations with other stakeholders

nERA to qualify which organisation to make contact with

- n Police forces (Interpol, Tispol...)
- n Insurance companies
- n Leasing companies
- n Auctioneers...