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INTERPOL's response to the illegal transboundary movements of WEEE in Europe and Africa

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INTERPOL – a global organization

- **Created in 1923**, INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 190 member countries,
- INTERPOL aims to facilitate international police co-operation
- General Secretariat in Lyon, France, seven Regional Bureaus, one Liaison Office, and Special Representatives of INTERPOL to the United Nations and to the European Union in Brussels.
- Four official languages: Arabic, English, French and Spanish
- A National Central Bureau (NCB) in each member country



History of INTERPOL Involvement in Pollution Crime

- **2006:** INTERPOL **Pollution Crime Working Group** initiates global research to identify the highest risks for pollution crime and the involvement of organized crime groups ;
Results: 35 case studies were collated proving examples on illegal traffic of HW, ODS.
- **2009:** Establishment of the INTERPOL **Global E-Waste Crime Group**, focuses specifically on waste electrical and electronic equipment;
Results: revealing of informal networks or criminals that make profit from illegal traffic of e-wastes to developing countries.



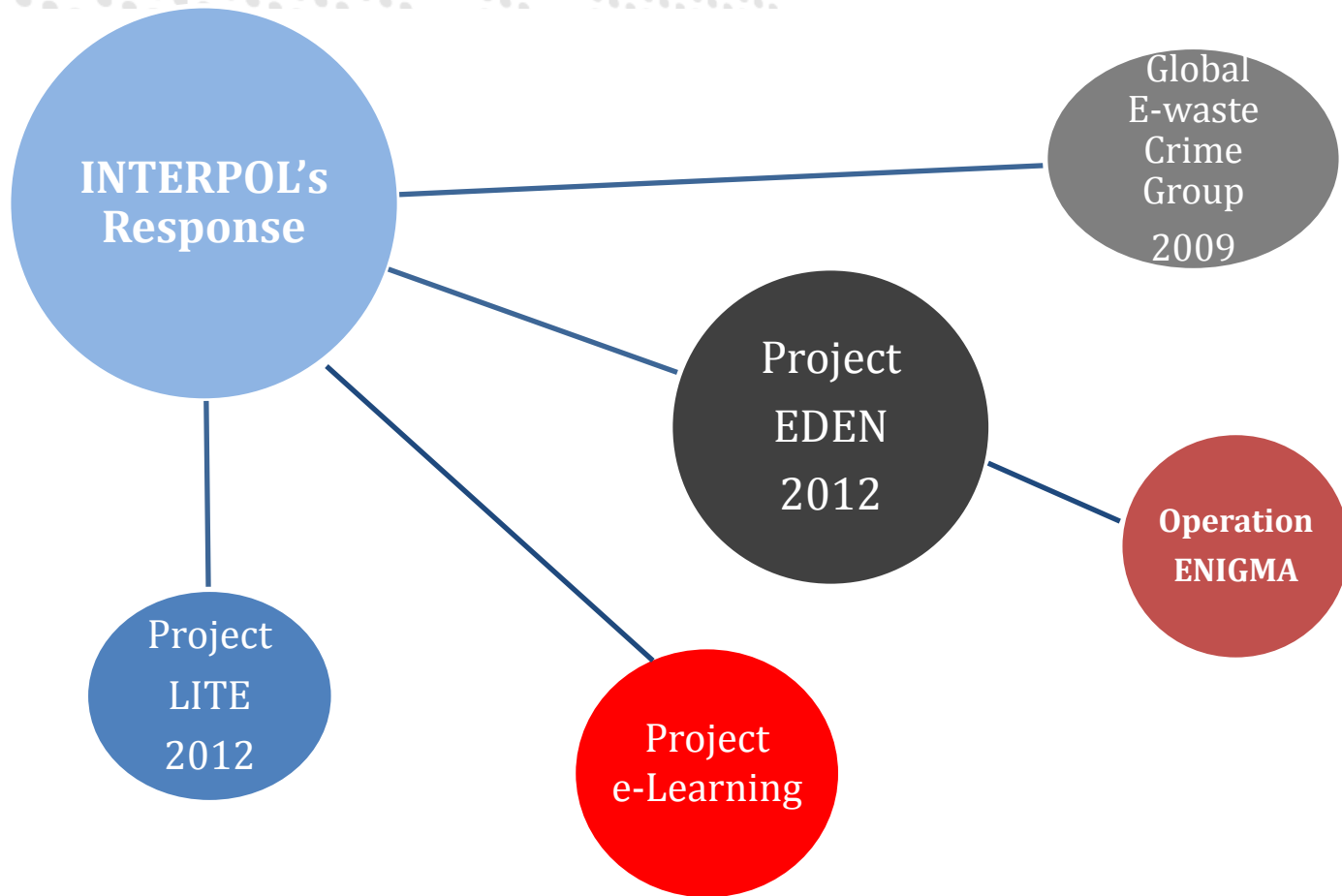
Intelligence Gathering/Sharing:

To assess the criminal activity behind illicit smuggling of hazardous waste through coordinated international efforts, using INTERPOL's secure communications network:

- I - 24/7
- Ecomessage



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Project EDEN

An initiative to
combat illicit
trans-boundary
trafficking of
hazardous waste





Operation ENIGMA

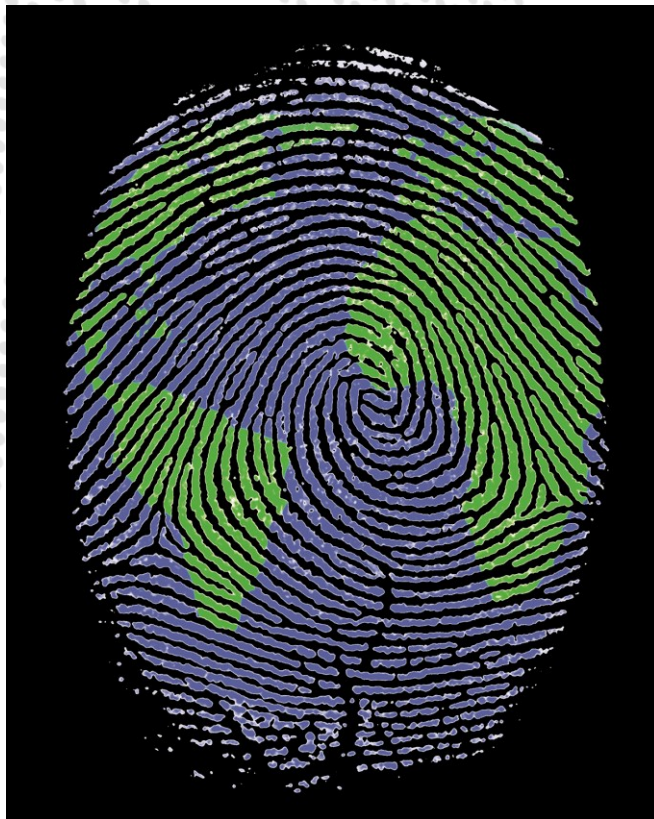
- From **August to December 2012**
- Involved **Europe and Africa:**
 - ✓ **Belgium, United Kingdom, Netherlands and Germany**
(producing countries)
 - ✓ **Ghana, Nigeria, and Guinea**
(destination countries)
- **100 Tonnes of e-waste** seized by Belgian Authorities during the Operation
 - ✓ Returned to the Netherlands for analysis



RESULTS: Law enforcement officers still face difficulties in distinguishing between EEE and WEEE, the necessity to establish a guide on the regulation of each participant country;



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