



## 10<sup>th</sup> CLEEN Conference in Solothurn

The annual conference of the Chemical Legislation European Enforcement Network (CLEEN) took place in Solothurn, Switzerland, from May 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seventeen European countries participated in the conference.

The conference focused on two inspection projects which are currently at a final stage:

- The **EuroBiocides project** gave a broad overview of the present situation in fifteen European countries. More than 1300 biocidal products were checked. Many products did not meet legal requirements and some were removed from the market, in particular disinfectants and insecticides. It was agreed that future activities should focus on specific product types.
- The **EUNICK project** looked at articles, such as jewellery, to check the release of nickel, a strong skin sensitiser. The preliminary results showed wide variations between the ten participating countries, and a high level of non-compliance in some cases.

Looking to the future, the conference considered further activities including investigations on internet trade of dangerous chemicals.

CLEEN agreed that there is a continuing need for European countries to address enforcement of all chemical legislation and not just to focus on the REACH and CLP Regulations.

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