



11th CLEEN conference in Sucevita (RO)

The annual conference of European inspection authorities, organised under the umbrella of the Chemical Legislation European Enforcement Network (CLEEN), was hosted in Sucevita by Romania. Over two days, from September 7-8, 2010, representatives from fourteen European countries presented and evaluated results of the concerted enforcement campaigns recently completed by the network and discussed prospective future projects.

The final report of a five years lasting surveillance of the European biocides market (project *EuroBiocides*) was adopted and will be published by the end of 2010. Inspections conducted by 15 member states of the network and covering 1300 biocidal products, revealed in 50% of the cases non-compliance with legal regulations. The report also includes detailed information on the proportion of active substances marketed and their potential dangers. Based on its observations the network addresses recommendations for improving the situation to industry, traders, inspectors and the EU Commission.

Regarding its future activities the conference accepted to start two projects and to prepare two others:

- In 2011 the eCommerce-II project will focus on the increasing illegal trade of dangerous chemical products over internet, e.g. very toxic or ozone depleting substances, and intensify controls of involved market places on the web.
- EuroPOP is dedicated to examine the continued use of banned persistent organic pollutants (POPs), namely hexachlorobenzene (HCB), in firework products. First studies in Denmark and Austria showed up to a quarter of the samples exceeding the limits for the content of HCB.
- A project will be prepared to enforce the stipulations of the EU Detergents Regulation
- Because of the high number of non-compliances detected in the EuroBiocides project there will be prepared a sequel campaign EuroBiocides II.

The Conference welcomed Serbia as the 30th member of the CLEEN network.