



Program

International Conference on Enforcement in a Europe without Borders

23 February 2016

09.00	Start registration
10.00-10.05	Opening remarks by the chairman Edmond Wellenstein
10.05-10.15	Welcome by Jan van den Bos (chairman of the Netherlands Inspection Council)
10.15-10.35	Speech by Annetje Ottow (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance of Utrecht University)
10.35-10.55	Interview with authors about the conference paper (Netherlands School for Public Administration)
10.55-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-11.35	Speech by Nick Malyshev (OECD, Head of the Regulation Policy Division)
11.35-11.55	Speech by Elizabeth Golberg (European Commission, Director of Smart Regulation)
11.55-12.40	Panel discussion
12.40-13.00	Closing
13.00-14.00	Lunch

14.00-16.15 Workshop (including coffee break):

1: Internet Trade

Internet trade within Europe as well as with the rest of the world is growing rapidly. An end to this growth is not in sight, on the contrary! In this workshop we will look together at the trends and risks of internet



trade. What trends do you see in general and what do you see specifically in your field? Your observations will be presented to experts from different countries and a representative of the EC. With their combined knowledge and experience, they will reflect on these trends. What dilemmas for the surveillance will come out of this, what does it mean for the inspectors and their areas of expertise? What initiatives are already in place? Is there a reason to create a more collective approach and if so, in what areas and how?

2: International Cooperation Between Inspectorates

International meetings between inspectorates and regulators will contribute to the exchange and expansion of knowledge. The international meetings will solidify insights and understanding across the borders of their expertise and countries. During this workshop you will see several interesting examples of this. These examples will demonstrate what is necessary to make these meetings successful and result oriented. Next on the basis of these examples, you can contribute your own ideas and views on what it takes to achieve a successful international meeting; where knowledge is exchanged and cooperation strengthened. The workshop will lead to an overview of the conditions and circumstances that would enable the inspectorates and regulators to organize meetings and improve the outcome of ongoing meetings.

3: Good Market Surveillance

How safe are the products we buy and use? How do you know if the elevator you use to get to your office will not fall down, that your phone doesn't give you an electric shock, that the machines in your workplace can be used safely or that the toys your children play with are non-toxic?

All these products have a CE-mark. This means that the producer declares the product to conform to the European legislation on product safety, health and the environment. To insure that the CE mark is not used improperly, market surveillance is



needed. All member states of the European Union have a responsibility to guarantee the operations of the CE system.

During this workshop we will demonstrate in graphics and numbers how the system of CE-marking works. There is valuable data hidden in this system that can help you to improve your work. We will talk about the difficult task of market surveillance and what the key indicators for good market surveillance are. We challenge you to tell us what should be improved to access safer products.

4: Making European Law Work for Business and Inspectorates

Although European legislation has been established in many policy areas, the implementation of the law has fallen short of success. Part of the reason for this outcome is the quality of the regulation. The full set of rules are too complex for business as well as inspectorates. In some cases the rules are unnecessarily detailed or inconsistent. The coherence among the regulations is poor. There is a need to improve the regulations themselves. It is equally true that Member States can organize the implementation of the European regulations more effectively by simplifying procedures and having the executing and enforcing authorities work together. In addition the Member States can invest in the quality of the administration and service.

Especially in the area of enforcement there is a risk of an uncontrolled growth of sectoral compliance assurance requirements. Inspecting authorities in practice struggle with carrying out a variety of compliance assurance tasks. Businesses often experience that inspections are undertaken in an inefficient way and experience unnecessary burdens. In this workshop we will look at two initiatives to improve assurance of compliance to the European rules. The Make it Work project, led by the Environment ministries of the Netherlands, Germany and the UK aims at building a task force of Member States committed to improve the effectiveness and



efficiency of EU environmental legislation through sharing best legislative practice and investigating opportunities for regulatory simplification. Make it Work produced a set of principles for drafting smart requirements on compliance assurance in EU environmental law which can be used when EU directives are developed or revised.

The Better Regulation Delivery Office introduced the so-called "Primary Authority" (One coordinating surveillant for all other surveillants). Primary Authority allows businesses to be involved in their own regulation. It enables them to form a statutory partnership with one local authority or fire and rescue authority, which then provides robust and reliable advice for other local regulators to take into account when carrying out inspections or addressing non-compliance. These agreements can cover broad or specific areas of environmental health, fire safety, licensing and trading standards legislation, which ensures that local regulation is consistent at a national level but flexible enough to cater for local circumstances.

We invite participants to the workshop to reflect on the presented initiatives and encourage them to exchange ideas and experiences from different policy areas that could contribute to a more effective and efficient compliance assurance from which both inspecting authorities and businesses can profit.

16.15-17.00 Plenary closing

17.00 Drinks