



Action 5 of the Customs Laboratories European Network:

Scientific expertise



The CLEN Action 5, Scientific expertise, was created in 2009. It is dedicated to the study and solving of new challenges for Customs Laboratories and any other fields where Customs need scientific support.

Action 5 has seen significant steps made towards the development of a scientific Customs force that can rapidly give support within the CLEN to respond to requests from Customs for scientific advice or expertise, for example to identify unknown chemicals or to prevent safety issues faced by Customs officials in their daily work.

Examples of activities carried out under Action 5:

Designer Drugs	
Project Group Meetings	5 meetings since 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ispra (IT), 14-15 November 2017 – 24 participants• Brussels (BE), 7 February 2017 – 36 participants• Brussels (BE), 23-25 November 2015 – 66 participants• Lisbon (PT), 5-7 February 2015 – 60 participants• Ispra (IT), 6-7 February 2014, 26 participants

Workshop



- Berlin (DE), 27-28 September 2012- 80 participants

Customs Detection Technologies

Workshop



- Tartu (ET), 10-12 October 2017, 128 participants
- Budapest (HU), 7-9 October 2014, 145 participants

Plants

Microscopy Training Session



- Brussels (BE), 13-14 September 2017 – 20 participants

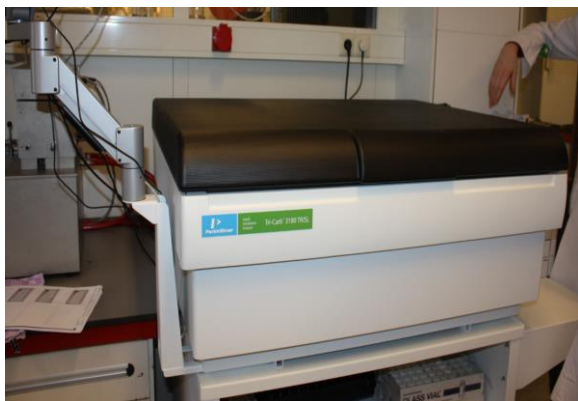


Workshop



- Peyresq (FR), 7-9 July 2014 – 40 participants

Liquid Scintillation Counting Training Session



- Amsterdam (NL), 20-21 November 2014 – 33 participants

Customs Tariff Implementation of Environmental Waste Codes Workshop

- Brussels (BE) 13-14 January 2014 – 114 participants

Tobacco and tobacco products

Project Group Meetings



4 meetings since 2010 – 18 members

- Sofia (BG), 23-24 January 2014
- Budapest (HU), 4th & 5th July 2012
- Prague (CZ), 25th May 2011
- Bucharest (RO), 23rd November 2010

Textiles and Shoes

Workshop



- Athens (GR), 29-30 May 2012 - 88 participants

Species Identification

Workshop on the Use of Molecular Biology Techniques and other Identification Techniques



- Amsterdam (NL), 4-5 February 2010 - 42 participants