



# Shipments of Waste Enforcement Actions Project

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# IMPEL work on environmental/waste crime

- LIFE SWEAP Project



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- WasteForce Project



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- SPIDERWEB Project



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# LIFE SWEAP Project

## Shipments of Waste Enforcement Actions Project



- Five year EU funded project July 2018 to June 2023
- LIFE funding
- IMPEL is the co-ordinating beneficiary
- Associated Beneficiaries:
  - Scotland (SEPA) – Katie Olley Project Leader
  - England (EA)
  - Ireland (NTFSO)
  - Northern Ireland (NIEA)
  - Slovenia (IRSOP)
  - Malta (ERA)
- 34 participating countries



# LIFE SWEAP Project - Aims



To support the circular economy by disrupting the illegal waste trade by:



## Training and Capacity Building:

- 150 customs officers
- Inspection exchanges



## Co-ordinated Inspections:

- 45.000 inspections
- Joint actions



## Innovative tools:

- Reporting app
- Inspection app
- GPS tracking
- Shipment mapping
- Online training



## International co-operation and Communication:

- Linking with other initiatives
- Industry information package



## Data & Intelligence:

- Intelligence products
- Nominal data exchange
- Working with Europol



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# LIFE SWEAP Project - Output



- Increased skill set amongst inspectors and law enforcement agencies
- Intensified collaboration nationally and internationally
- New innovative tools and techniques
- EU-wide inspection data set
- Intelligence reports



# LIFE SWEAP Project – Interim results



- Regional Customs trainings held (Estonia and Cyprus)
- 4 Inspector Exchanges so far in Northern-Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands (incl. focus of ship waste, RDF and port inspections)
- 6 exchanges being prepared in Scotland, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and Belgium
- 1 Best Practice meeting held
- Two recorded webinars available: on Chinese import ban and on use of GPS trackers. Third webinar scheduled on waste mixtures and contamination levels

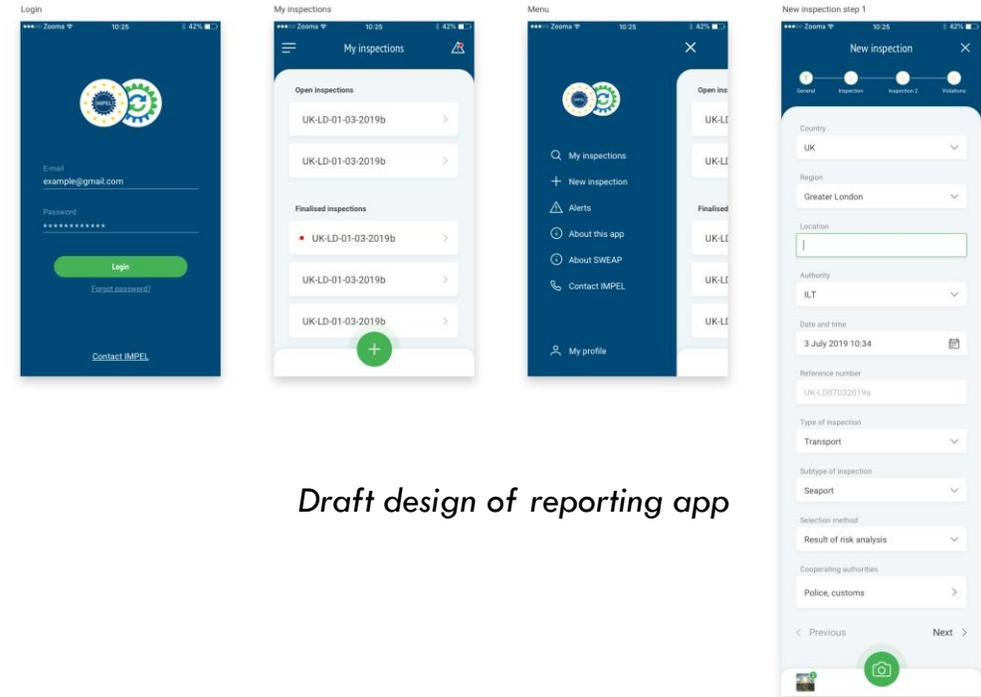


# LIFE SWEAP Project – Interim results



- Inspection Data Reporting App: test version ready in October (tested at TFS Conference) 
- Online capacity building platform (launch Oct)
- Online visualisation tool Spotfire used to analyse and visualise inspection data
- Industry survey (102 responses) - Industry information package being prepared
- Joint operations with the WCO
- GPS trackers purchased

IMPEL Design Proposal V2 (blue with green accents)



*Draft design of reporting app*



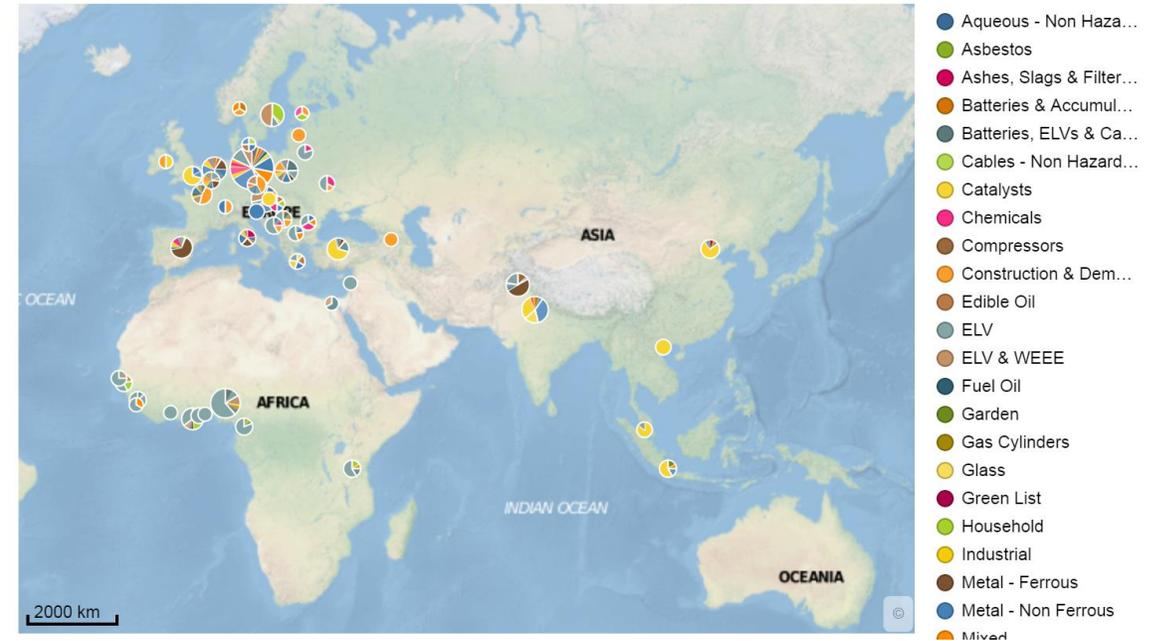
# LIFE SWEAP Project – Interim inspection data

## Inspections June 2018 – June 2019

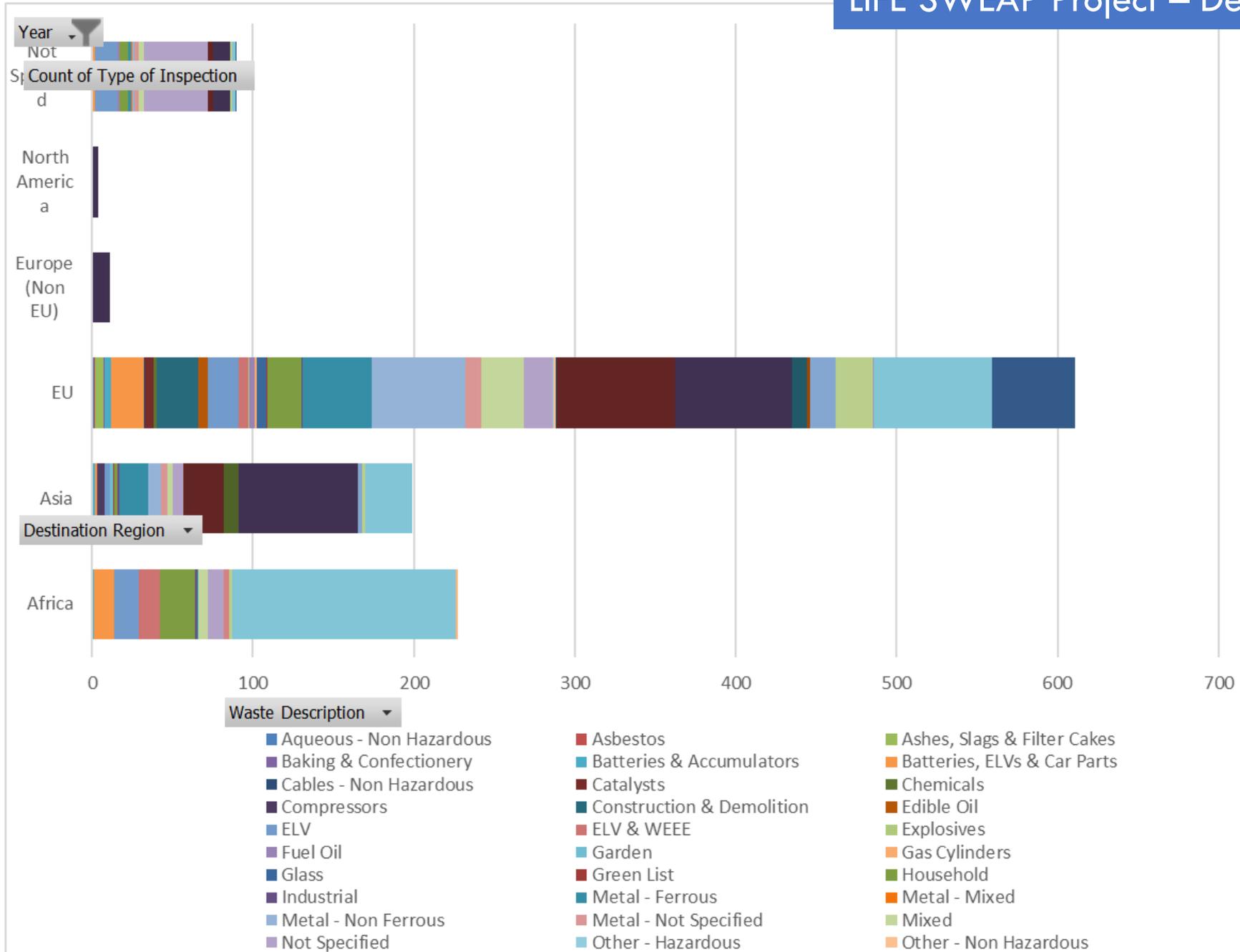
- Admin inspections 2776
- Physical inspections 9658
- Waste 5412
- Admin violations 165 (6% hit rate)
- Physical violations 2248 (41.5%)

Violations by Destination Country

Size of pie charts denotes the number of instances where the waste type is reported for each destination country



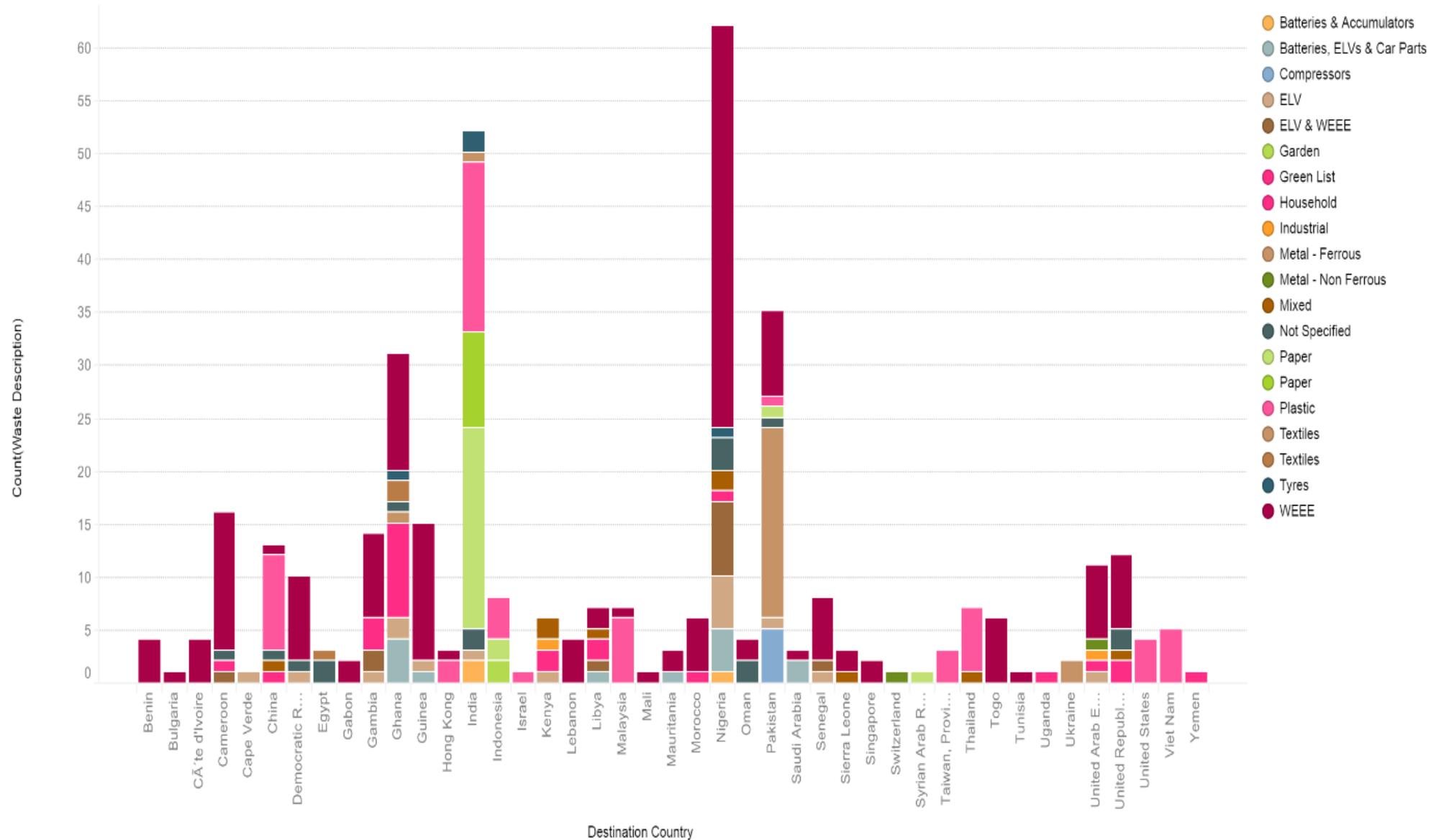
# LIFE SWEAP Project – Destination regions



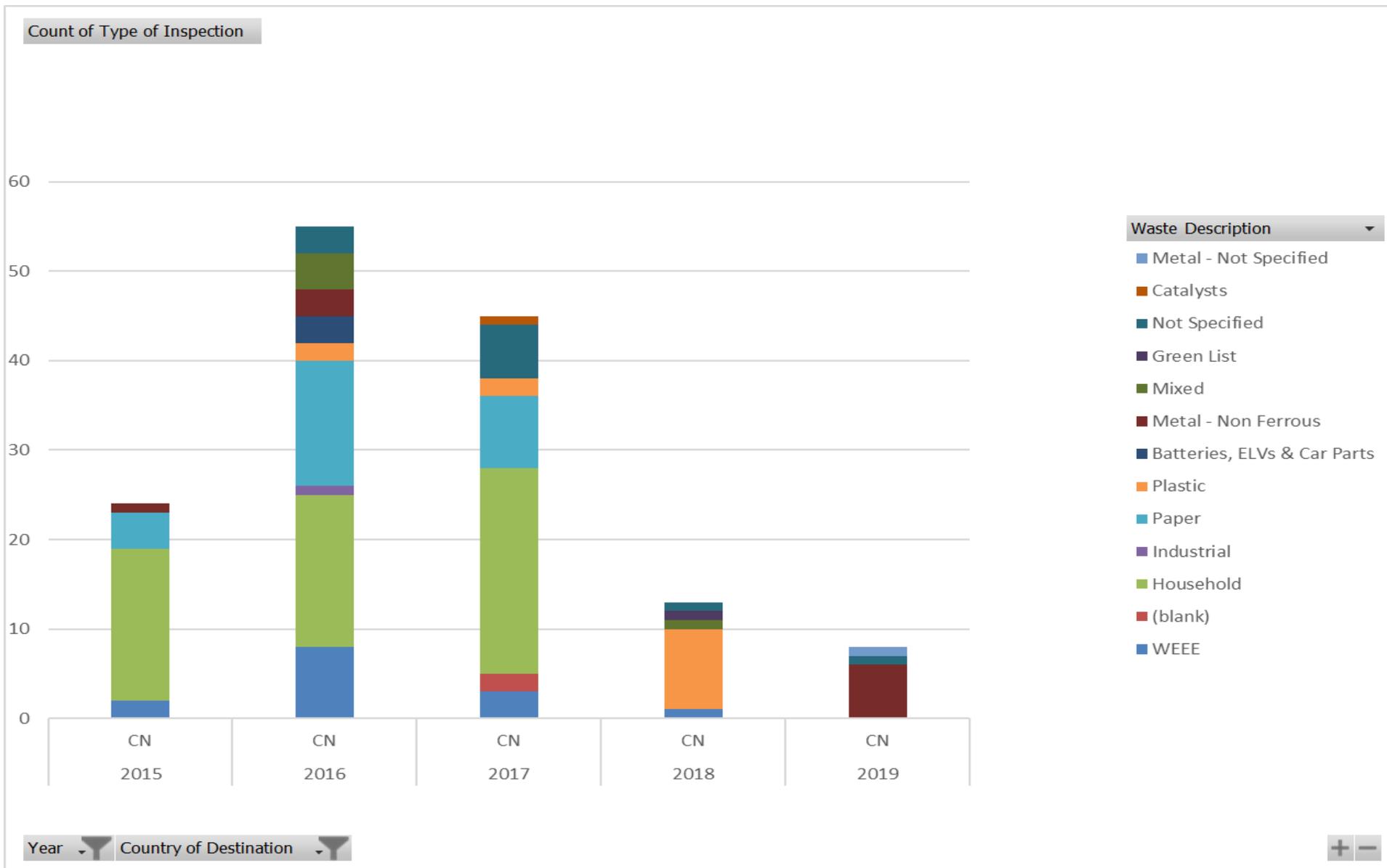
# LIFE SWEAP Project – 2018-2019 Violations to non EU contries

All Violations by Region / Country

Hover over bars on graph to see a summary of the data



# LIFE SWEAP Project – Illegal shipments to China





# Thank you!

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