



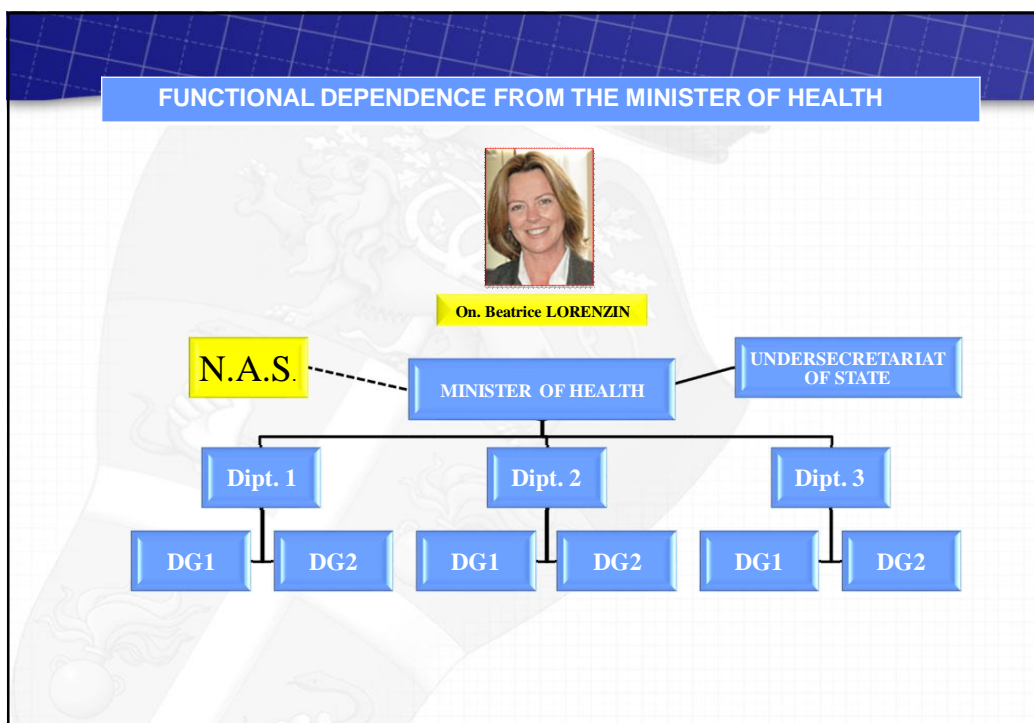
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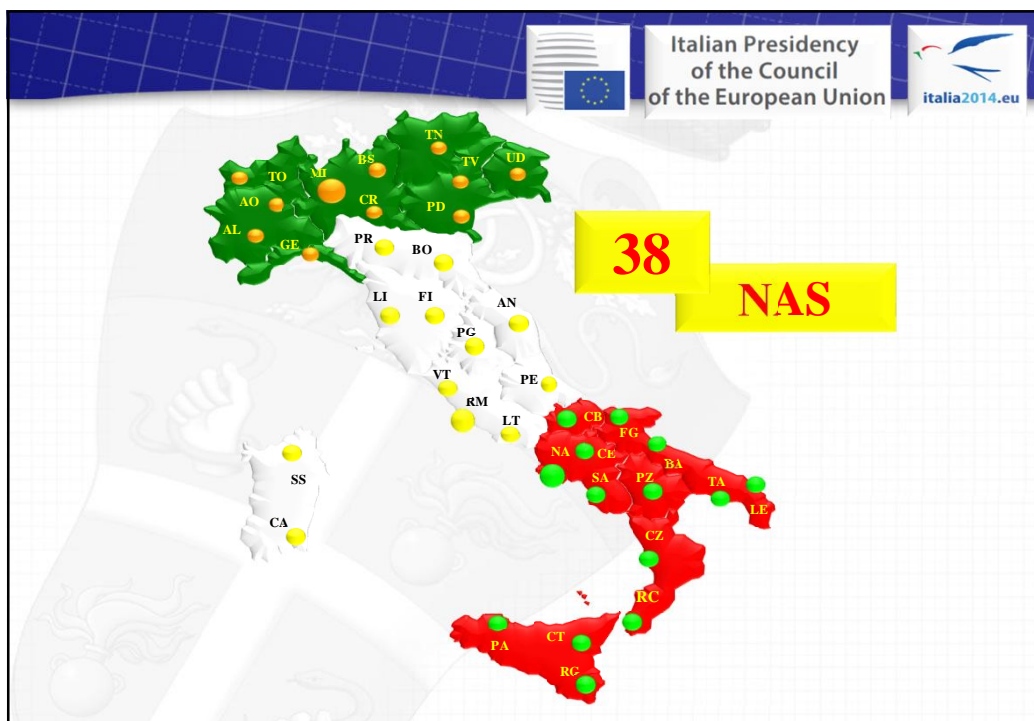
Food Fraud Conference – A Collaborative Approach to Ensure the Safety and Integrity of our Food



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Are policemen able to do this?
Il poliziotto è capace di fare ciò?



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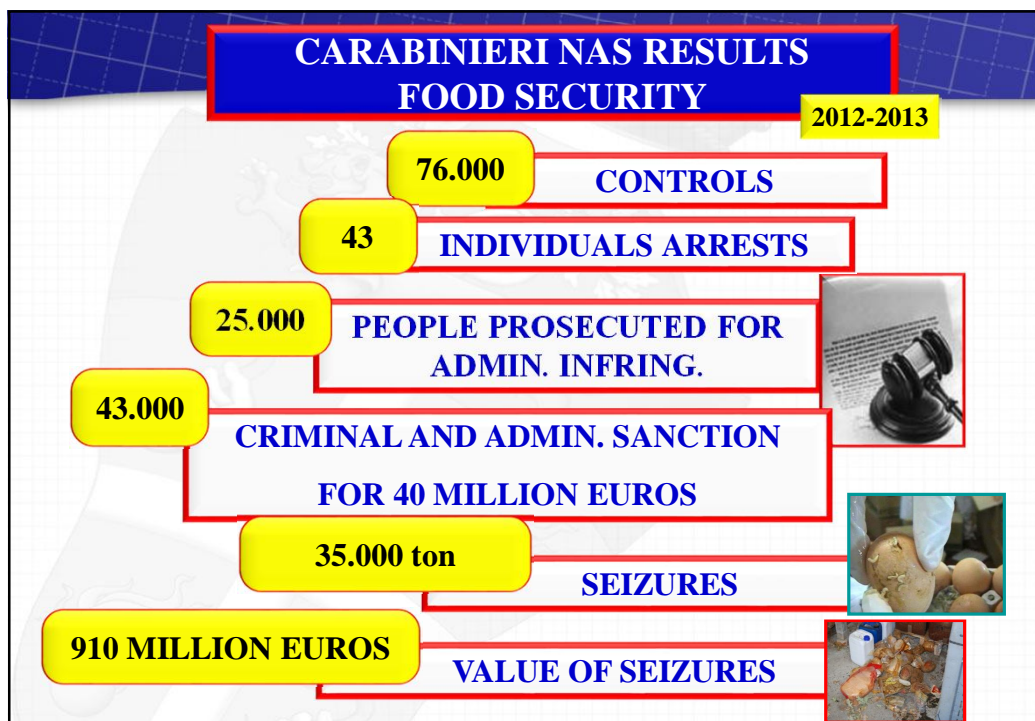


Are Food law enforcement authorities able to do this?
Gli addetti ai controlli alimentari sono capaci di fare ciò?

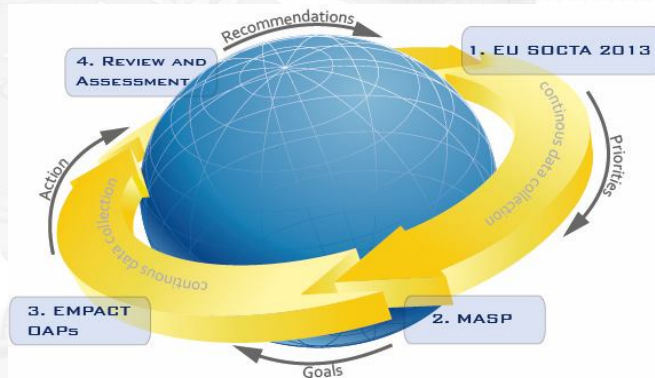


Carabinieri NAS ACTIVITY

			
PRODUCTION	TRANSFORMATION	TRADE	DISTRIBUTION
			



International cooperation: EU Policy Cycle



The policy cycle ensures effective cooperation between national law enforcement agencies, EU institutions, EU Agencies and other relevant partners in the fight against serious and organized crime

Europol assicura una efficace cooperazione tra le polizie dei diversi stati, istituzioni europee, agenzie europee, e altri partners di rilievo, nella lotta contro il crimine organizzato e le minacce criminali più rilevanti.

Carabinieri NAS and GdF are Driver of the EU priority:

.....TO DISRUPT OCGS INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS VIOLATING HEALTH, SAFETY AND FOOD REGULATIONS AND THOSE PRODUCING SUB-STANDARD GOODS.....

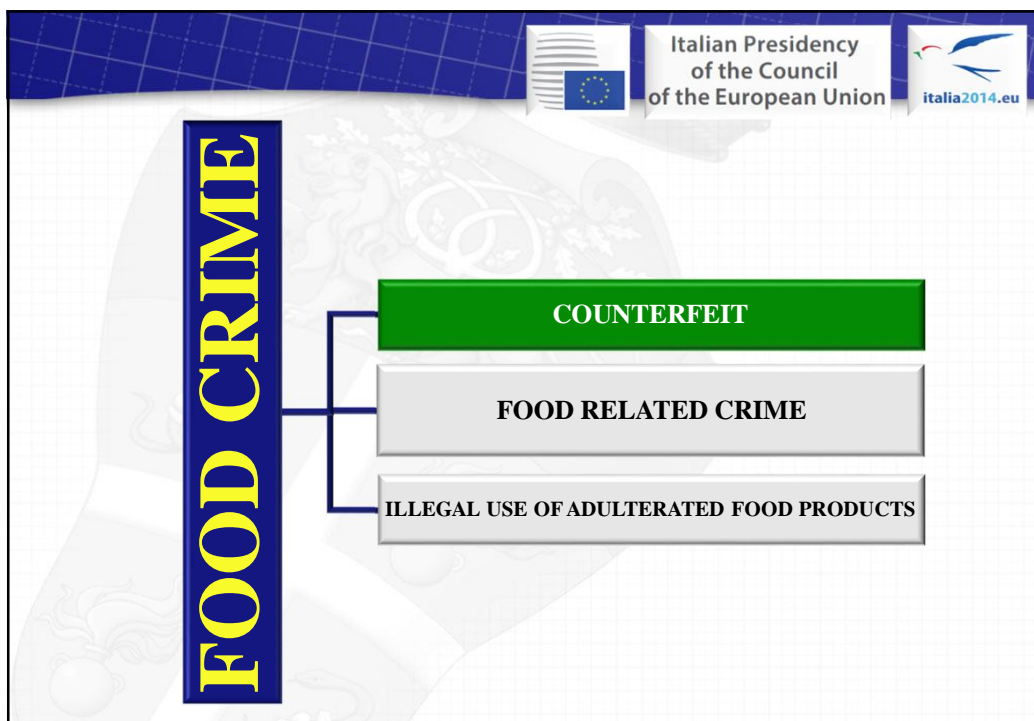
...PER SRADICARE SIA LE ORGANIZZAZIONI CRIMINALI COINVOLTE NELLA PRODUZIONE E DISTRIBUZIONE DI BENI CONTRAFFATTI, CHE VIOLINO I REGOLAMENTI RIGUARDANTI LA SALUTE E LA SICUREZZA ALIMENTARE, SIA QUELLE DEDITE ALLA PRODUZIONE DI PRODOTTI SUB-STANDARD ...

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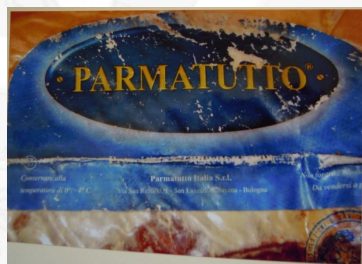
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First of all: what's a food crime?
**Prima di tutto: che cosa è un
crimine alimentare?**





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FOOD COUNTERFEIT



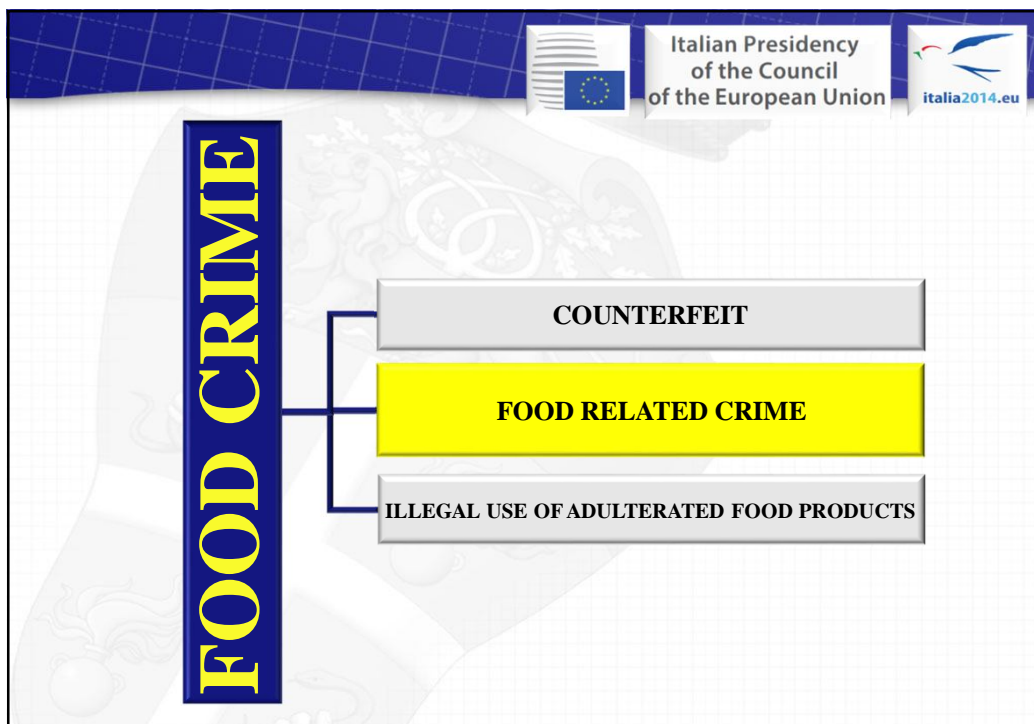
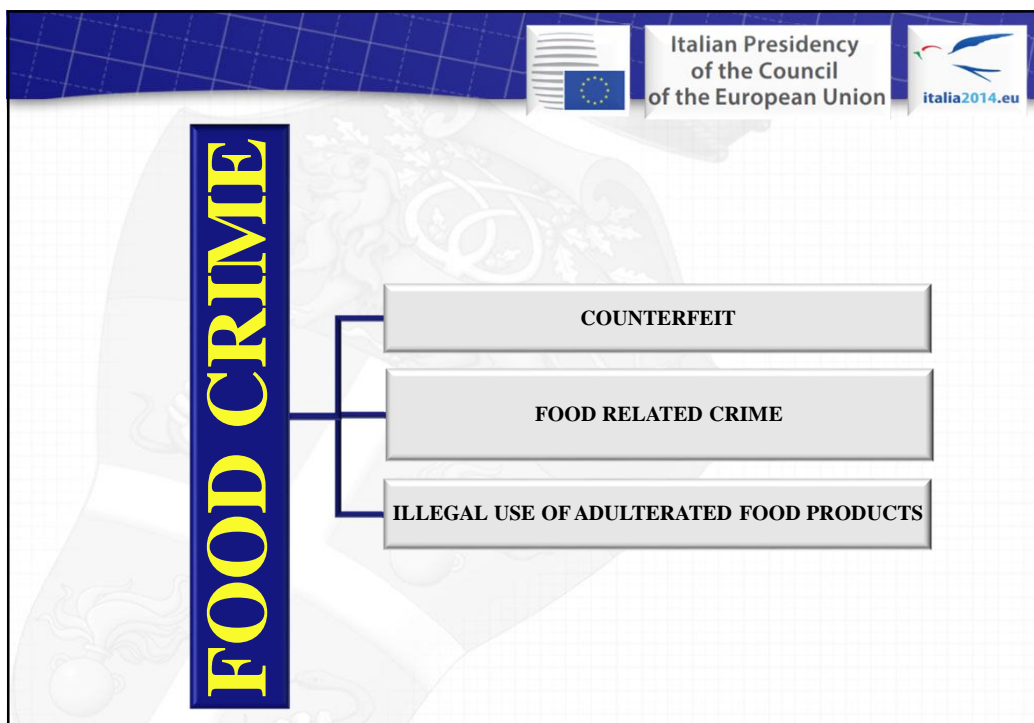
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COUNTERFEIT





FOOD RELATED CRIME

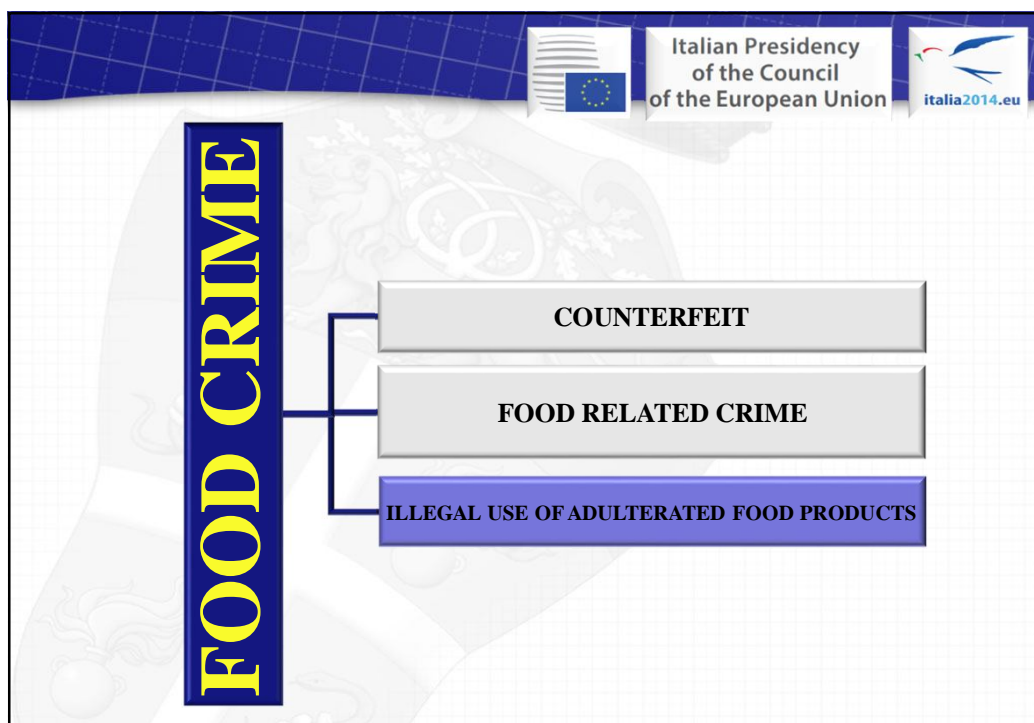


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STAMP'S ACCESSORIES



Illegal use of adulterated food products



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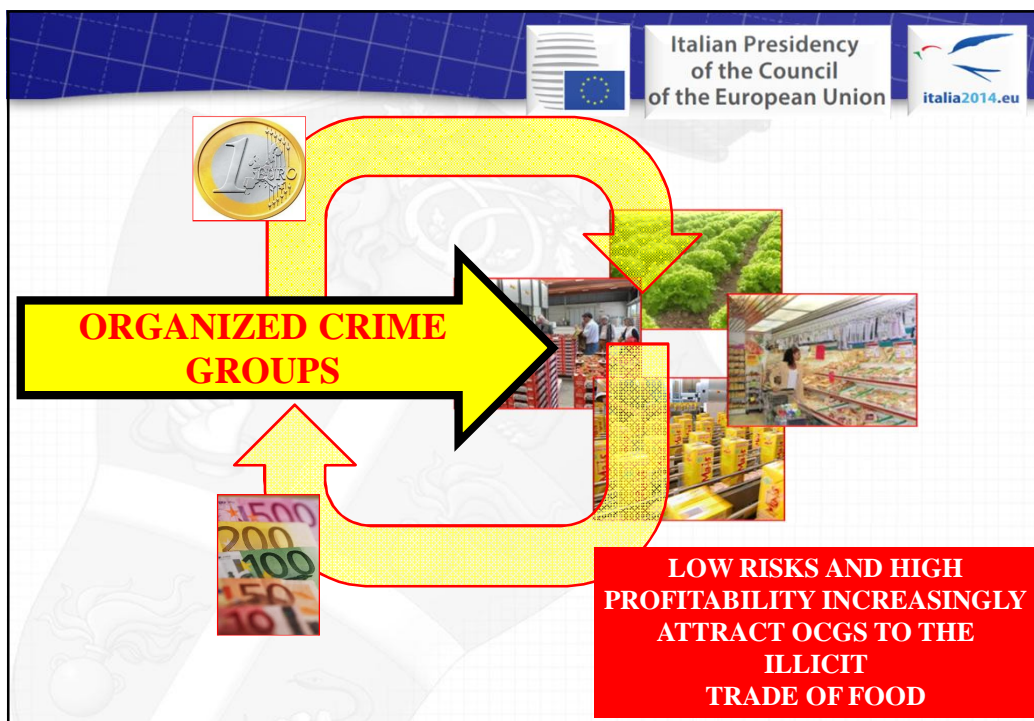
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PASSATA DI POMODORO E POMODORI PELATI IN CATTIVO STATO
DI CONSERVAZIONE FACENTI PARTE DI UN SEQUESTRO DI 674
TONNELLATE OPERATO DAL NAS CARABINIERI DI SALERNO
(ALIMENTI DESTINATI ALLA DISTRUZIONE)



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**OPERATION
«April Fool's Day»**

**TUSCANY
EMILIA-ROMAGNA**

**NAS DI FIRENZE- TORINO -BOLOGNA
SPANISH GUARDIA CIVIL**

NAS SEIZED IN ITALY AND SPAIN 1.600 LITERS OF WHITECH-2 AND 45 TONS OF SQUIDS AND OCTOPUS



WHITECH

IT IS A MIXTURE OF CITRIC ACID, PHOSPHORIC ACID, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE... THE SUBSTANCE IS NOT TOXIC BUT IT LEAVES NO TRACES ON THE FISH AND IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT WITH THE ANALYSIS

E' UN MISTO DI ACIDO CITRICO, ACIDO FOSFORICO E PEROSSIDO DI IDROGENO LA SOSTANZA E' ATOSSICA, NON NE RIMANE TRACCIA SUL PRODOTTO ED E' PRESSOCHE' IMPOSSIBILE DA RINVENIRE MEDIANTE LE ANALISI





Example of international cooperation among police forces (Carabinieri NAS and Guardia Civil) + Food Chain Authorities

Esempio di cooperazione internazionale fra forze di polizia (NAS e Guardia Civil) + Autorità della catena alimentare

OPERATION «April Fool's Day»

At national level fish products were sold over the supermarkets supply chain

“Aretina” used to buy frozen fish products from “Romagni”

“Romagni”, under request of “Aretina”, used to send those same frozen fish products to the Spanish factory, called “Aixa”

“Aixa” sent back the same products with forged documentation, falsely attesting that those fishes were fresh

Once the products were back, “Aretina” proceeded to the defrost, and add the “Whitech 2”, in order to make those fishes looking fresher, when in reality they were almost rotten





CONCLUSIONS



Specialized Police Unit

**Need of information exchange
between LE Agencies Police and Food
inspectors**

Multidisciplinary approach

Police and MS food competent authorities

Need of training

