



SAGA - The Swedish Anti-Graffiti Academy

A network for the coordination of all forces that work to control and reduce the problem of graffiti and associated criminal damage.

In Sweden removing of graffiti costs approximately SEK 900 million per year. The European Commission officials estimate that removal of graffiti costs European tax payers 2 billion euro per year.

In countries such as Britain, Germany and Italy, where network organizations have been established to collect information (technical and social), the organisations succeeded with time to regulate and control the industry in each country leading to common technical recommendations and involvement of the authorities at local level.

In particular, the networks have created proper rules and regulations in terms of technology, chemistry, environment & health and an awareness of the interaction between graffiti remover / anti-graffiti agents and materials affected by graffiti.

SAGA is a reference group consisting of:

- The problem-owners (those affected by graffiti)
- Cleaning companies
- Suppliers of chemicals and equipment
- Research and development units
- Manufacturers of materials (surfaces) exposed to graffiti and manufacturer of paints

SAGAs task

- Spread of information
- International exchange and surveillance
- Website
- Newsletter
- Courses
 - Promote knowledge of working practices, methods development.
 - Promote knowledge of the interaction between graffiti / surfaces / graffiti remover and anti-graffiti agents.
 - Promote knowledge of the development of the colours used by the taggers.
 - Training and skills development of cleaning, monitoring and controlling persons in order to certify staff and companies.
- Media and Communication.
- Conferences and seminars where the entire industry and society experience and knowledge involving graffiti can be presented and discussed.

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