



WEEEWaste NEWSLETTER

IMPROVING POLICIES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC WASTE EQUIPMENT



WEEEWaste KICK-OFF MEETING IN PRAGUE



Figure 1: WEEEWaste consortium at Praktik System

On the 17th and 18th of May 2023, the WEEEWaste Kick-off meeting was held. It was hosted by the lead partner **Czech Technical University in Prague**. Both days were held at the premises of Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. After brief introductions from all partners, the discussion about project activities began. We also completed SWOT analysis, where we defined the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in the field of e-waste during an interregional workshop. Afterwards, the study followed at the company Praktik System Ltd, where we had the chance to get a closer look at the processing of e-waste and plastic.

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WEEEWaste aims at improving policies for the management of waste from electrical and electronic equipment and the reuse of e-waste in the EU.



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An interregional cooperation project for improving circular economy policies

Project Partners

- Czech Technical University in Prague (CZ)
- Bucharest City Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Regional Government of Navarra (ES)
- Municipality of Campobasso (IT)
- Außereschlesische Region Leitziig GmbH (DE)
- Leichtweiß County Government (HU)
- Gezondheidsloosje (NL)
- Environmental Research Institute (SI)
- Hanze University of Applied Sciences (NL)

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Figure 2: Washing machines at Praktik Systems





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NEWS & EVENTS



Don't miss out, sign up to participate!

The European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) encourages all Europeans and not only to carry out awareness-raising actions about sustainable resource and waste management during a single week in November. By registering for active participation in the European Waste Reduction Week, we actively contribute to a sustainable future by raising awareness and promoting waste reduction practices in the community. Registration is free. The registrations are open here: <https://ewwr.eu/>



STAKEHOLDER SEMINARS



Figure 3: Discussions during the seminar

The Environmental Research Institute organized its 1st local stakeholder seminar on August 22nd 2023. The seminar took place at the Reuse Centre in Slovenske Konjice. The participants represented NGOs in the field of proper management of e-waste, such as ZEOS, waste electrical and electronic equipment management, foundations in the field of social entrepreneurship, such as the Vincenc Draksler Foundation as well as employment centre EKO LLC, which is focused on the upcycling of



Figure 4: E-waste on shelves in Slovenske Konjice



Figure 5: Stakeholder seminar in Slovenske Konjice



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STAKEHOLDER SEMINARS



Figure 6: More insights from the seminar

On June 28th 2023, the first local stakeholder seminar of **Gdansk** was held regarding the WEEEWaste project. The seminar was attended by 24 representatives of various companies, institutions and organizations dealing with waste management, including e-waste. The seminar allowed the presentation of the WEEEWaste project, its objectives and goals. The most important, however, was the meeting of all interested actors and the establishment of contacts and cooperation with companies dealing with e-waste.



Figure 7: Participants of the seminar

Bucharest Ilfov Regional Development Agency (ADR-BI) organized the 1st local stakeholder seminar within the WEEEWaste project on the 17th of July 2023. The participants represented the public sector, the private sector as well as non-governmental organizations active in the field of electrical and electronic waste equipment recycling. During this seminar, the general objective of the project as well as the planned activities were presented.



Figure 8: Stakeholder seminar in Hungary

The Hajdú-Bihar County Government organized the 1st local stakeholder seminar in Debrecen on June 7th 2023. The participants of the seminar included municipalities of the county, experts in spatial and urban development, university researchers and representatives of the waste management sector. This seminar allowed the discussion of the issues related to the project's theme, both in the county and in a broader context, focusing on the collection, treatment, and recycling of e-waste in the waste management sector.



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CLEAN CITY FESTIVAL IN POLAND



Figure 9: Clean City Festival in Poland



Figure 10: WEEEWaste Poster at the Festival



Figure 11: More insights from the festival

An ecological event took place in **Gdansk** on July 1st 2023 to encourage projects and campaigns for environmental protection, sustainable development, circular economy, municipal waste management, as well as an active and healthy lifestyle in the 'less waste' idea. It was organized by the Municipality of Gdansk who also attended the event. This event provided a great opportunity to share information about the WEEEWaste project, its ideas, objectives and aims.





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EQUIPMENT



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the WEEEWaste project about?

The WEEEWaste project is about implementing better approaches for the management of electrical and electronic waste equipment.

2. What is Interreg Europe?

Interreg Europe is a programme of interregional cooperation, which is Co-funded by the European Union. This programme helps local, regional, and national governments across Europe in developing and delivering better policies.

3. What is a Policy Instrument?

A policy instrument refers to the means of government intervention in society, in order to accomplish goals or to solve problems.

4. What is a Policy Learning Platform?

It is a space for sharing knowledge, policy advice and networking. It offers information on several topics via publications, online events, etc.

5. What does it mean to change the Policy Instrument in this project?

It means to improve/adapt its contents on a specific topic, for example adding in measures for the management of e-waste as well as explicit actions for WEEE, as the policy instrument currently does not address the issue directly.

6. What is e-waste?

E-waste can simply be described as old, end-of-life or discarded electrical and electronic equipment, such as household appliances, consumer electronics, etc.

7. What is a project stakeholder?

A stakeholder is an individual or an organization who is interested in a project and its theme.

8. What is the role of a stakeholder in a project?

The primary role of stakeholders is to help achieve a project's objectives by using their perspective and experience. They are actively involved in various meetings and other discussions regarding the project. Stakeholders offer support to the project.



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Figure 12: WEEEWaste Consortium at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Czech Republic

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Stay tuned for the next edition of the WEEEWaste newsletter with exciting new updates.

The WEEEWaste Team

