

WEEEWaste Newsletter #3

Improving policies for management of electrical and electronic waste equipment

The issue addressed by the project is the necessity to implement European coordinated approaches for the management of waste from electrical, electronic equipment (WEEE).

3rd Interregional Event

Germany

The WEEEWaste project recently had its **3rd interregional event on April 24th and 25th in Leipzig, Germany**. The event, organized by **Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH**, featured interesting presentations on policy instruments not only from the region but also from Romania and Spain. Engaging panel discussions took place, along with a fascinating presentation of a Market Analysis Alignment & WEEEwaste Circular Best Practices Evaluation Tool by Hanze University of Applied Sciences on the first day.

The second day began with the Steering Committee delving into tasks and project communication, followed by an excellent presentation highlighting Slovenia's EKO LLC as a best practice example. The day concluded with an enjoyable interregional study visit to explore various recycling facilities in Leipzig.

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Project consortium during the interregional event in Leipzig



Partners at the Concept Store "Wiederschön" during study visit

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Local Stakeholder Seminars

Romania

The **Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency** recently hosted their 3rd local stakeholder seminar as part of the WEEEWaste project on March 27th, 2024.

The seminar kicked off with a quick look at the progress and challenges faced during the project's first year. **Ms. Alexandra Ghenea** from the **PRODEEE Coalition** shared **insights on Government Ordinance no. 5/2015** and the recent legislative changes related to WEEE. Also, **Ms. Mădălina Dinu** from the **CNREE Association** talked about their cool initiative, **WeArEco** - an app for folks in Bucharest Ilfov to easily recycle WEEE. Wrapping things up was a final chat, where participants were encouraged to keep in touch for upcoming projects and events in WEEE management. It was a successful event with lots of interesting conversations!



Presentation of project progress during stakeholder seminar

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Slovenia



The 3rd local stakeholder seminar of the **Environmental Research Institute** was held on May 27th, 2024 in **Rogaška Slatina**.

During the meeting, participants gathered to discuss the progress of the project, identify **key challenges related to e-waste management**, and exchange insights and best practices within the OKP Rogaška Slatina contribution area, which encompasses six municipalities. It was noted that the amount of waste collected in these areas is relatively consistent.

Conversations revolved around the increasing volume of e-waste, attributed to factors such as the introduction of new device models, the rise of online shopping, shorter device lifespan, and expensive repair services. Additionally, participants explored potential solutions, including the importance of manufacturers producing products that are more recyclable and utilizing eco-friendly materials.



Reuse corner at the Reuse Centre in Rogaška Slatina



E-waste collection at OKP Rogaška Slatina

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Czech Republic

On June 19th 2024, **Czech Technical University in Prague (Lead Partner of the WEEEWaste project)** hosted the 3rd Local Stakeholder Meeting with key representatives of the private companies and public institutions involved within the field of collection, handling and processing of e-waste in the Czech Republic.

Mr Tobiáš presented the current situation of the e-waste management within the project participating countries, including the Czech market. Practical examples of good practices collected by project partners were introduced and discussed with the participants.

The major part of the meeting was designated to **discussion about current status and barriers on the market.** Participants discussed barriers in the Czech Republic region in the field of e-waste and tried to find the best way how to promote and unify the **awareness campaign 'How to increase the motivation of citizens to collect e-waste for recycling?'** in the Czech Republic.



Participants of the 3rd Local Stakeholder Seminar of the Czech Republic

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Spain



On June 27th, 2024, the **Government of Navarra** hosted the **3rd Local Stakeholder Seminar** within WEEEWaste at the **Department of Rural Development and Environment**. The event offered the option to attend either in person or online. There were 17 participants, including key representatives from private companies, research centers, and public institutions involved in the collection, handling, and processing of e-waste in Navarra.

The seminar kicked off with a presentation of a study conducted by Consumidores Irache on current changes in consumer behavior, revealing a growing concern for the environment and the necessity of taking action against climate change. Data on the use of electric and electronic devices was shared and discussed, underscoring the importance of the new Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) in aiding consumers in their purchasing decisions.

Following this, the seminar highlighted the results of a study presented at the previous meeting by the Technology Centre Lurederra, focusing on the potential implementation of new business models in regions concerning e-waste and critical raw materials. The session proceeded with the presentation of best practices gathered by other project partners, prompting a discussion among attendees on potential replication in Navarra. Finally, plans for the upcoming **Interregional Event on October 16-17, 2024, in Navarra** were outlined, with new ideas proposed for inclusion in the study visits for project partners.



Participants of the 3rd Local Stakeholder Seminar in Navarra

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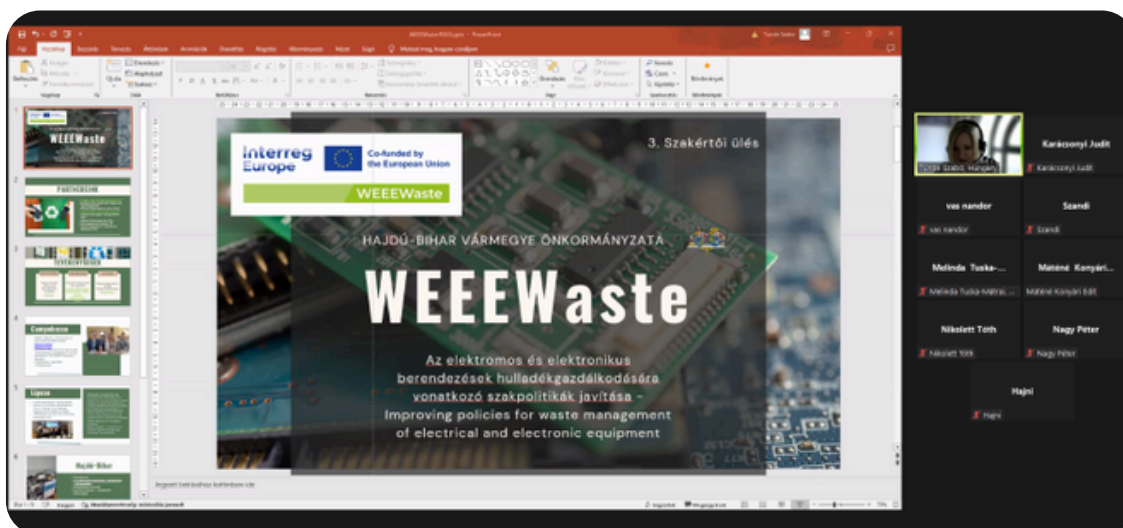
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Hungary

Hajdú-Bihar County organized their 3rd stakeholder meeting on June 26th 2024, which brought together the **core members of the regional stakeholder group: university experts, practitioners and municipality decision makers** reviewed the project's progress, highlighting the deeper understanding of good practices introduced so far and the main outcomes of project events.

Following the overview of the BP exchange events coordinated by the project's Lead Partner, the newly formulated evaluation tool was presented. Participants exchanged views on the main topics to be worked out in order to improve the Regional Development Programme of Hajdú-Bihar County.

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The 3rd stakeholder meeting of Hajdú-Bihar County taking place in an online format



Local Stakeholder Seminars

Italy

Municipality of Campobasso recently hosted its **3rd stakeholder meeting** for the WEEEWaste project **on July 22nd, 2024**, at Sala civica del comune di Campobasso, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II n.29.

During the meeting, attendees received a comprehensive overview of regulations and best practices related to WEEE and reuse. The presentation of DM119/2023 provided clarity on the current legislative framework, while discussions on best practices emphasized the importance of efficient coordination and sustainable solutions for managing electronic waste.

Examples such as the CDC RAEE Italy reward mechanism and the Danish REFURB experience showcased successful approaches to tackling WEEE challenges, promoting both environmental sustainability and economic efficacy. These initiatives not only help minimize environmental impact but also generate value through the recovery and reuse of electronic devices.

We extend our gratitude to all stakeholders for their active engagement and keen interest. Moving forward, we are committed to collaborating further to enhance WEEE management practices and foster a more sustainable future for everyone involved.



3rd Local Stakeholder Seminar of the Municipality of Campobasso

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Other events organized by partners

Slovenia



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RAZISKOVALNI ZAVOD

On March 19th, 2024, **Environmental Research Institute** held a meeting with representatives from **the Faculty of Social Sciences** at the **University of Ljubljana** to introduce the WEEEWaste project and its objectives.

During the meeting, the focus was on highlighting the project's sustainable aspects and presenting the methodology used to measure its social impacts. This methodology involves conducting both quantitative and qualitative analyses to assess the project's influence on society. Specifically, significant emphasis was placed on indicators such as the reduction of e-waste, the increase in the utilization of recycled materials, and raising public awareness about the issue of e-waste.

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Participants of the meeting at the Faculty of Social Sciences in Ljubljana

What to expect in Semester 4:

4th Interregional Event

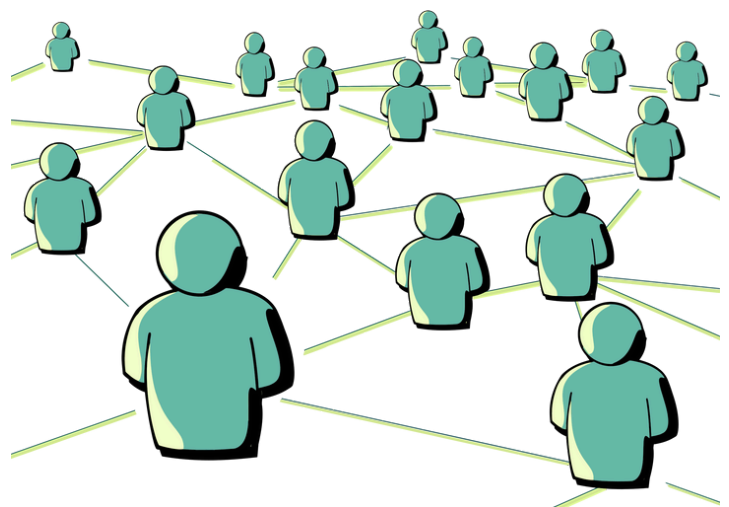
16th & 17th October 2024

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in Pamplona, Spain

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