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Collection and recycling of WEEE

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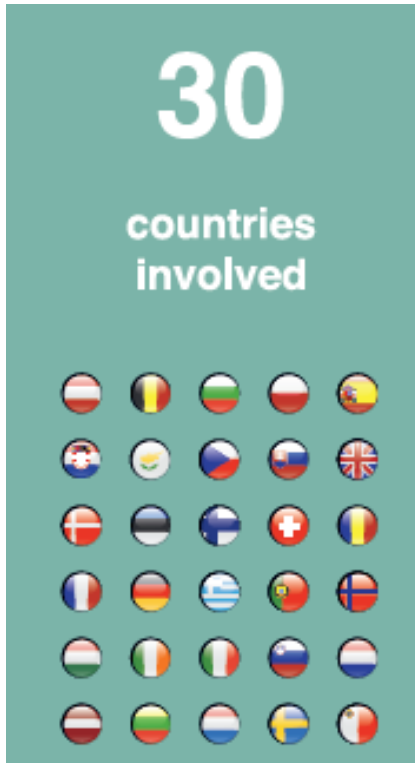
Agenda

- **Welcome & Introduction**
 - Astrid Severin, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform
- **Keynote presentation**
 - Timmy de Vos, Race Against Waste on 'Getting WEEE out of the cupboards'
- **Interreg Europe policy changes & good practices**
 - **Free of charge collection of WEEE from households with mobile team collectors** (CIRCE) – Tihomir Bakalov, ELTECH Resource (BG)
 - **Preparing for reuse of WEEE** (2Lifes) – Oscar Planells, Reuse and Recycling Social Enterprise (BE)
 - **Green Public Procurement criteria in the procurement of waste transport and management services for WEEE** (GPP4GROWTH) – Vasileios Kokkinos, University of Patras (GR)
- **Panel Discussion**
- **Wrap up & Conclusions**



Interreg Europe in a nutshell

Sharing solutions for better regional policy



**463 partners from
29 Partner States**





Programme rationale

Key objective stays the same:

Improving regional development policies through exchange of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building

Slight evolution in eligible area & budget

2014-2020

30

**countries
involved**

MEUR 359

2021-2027

29

**countries
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MEUR 379



Evolution in focus

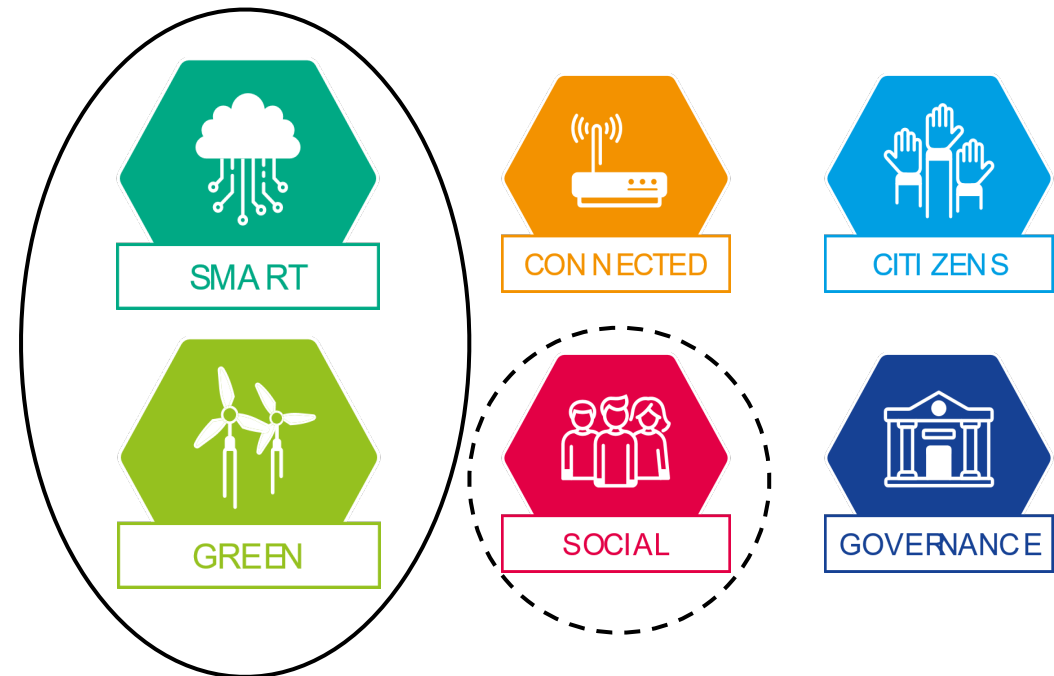
2014-2020

4 thematic priorities



2021-2027

1 cross cutting priority on capacity building



Concentration principle (80%)



WEEE facts and figures

- Fast-growing stream of waste (2% annual growth rate) - **12 million tons in 2020**
- Collection is **below 40%** (according to some estimates **only 23% collected**)
- Of the collected waste more than **80% was recycled**
- High value and critical raw materials. e.g. around 10% of total gold worldwide is used for production of modern electronics
- Overall potential revenues from WEEE recycling in the EU could amount to **€ 2.15-3.67 billion** (2020)
- **Illegal export** remains to be an issue





European framework for WEEE

- **WEEE Directive**
 - Target for minimum **collection rate of 65%**
- **Circular Economy Action Plan**
 - ‘Circular Electronics Initiative’
 - Regulatory measures for electronic and ICT under the **Eco-design Directive** – energy efficiency, durability, reparability, etc.
 - Right to repair
 - EU-common wide **take back/sell back scheme**
 - Review of EU rules on **restrictions of hazardous substances** in electrical and electronic equipment

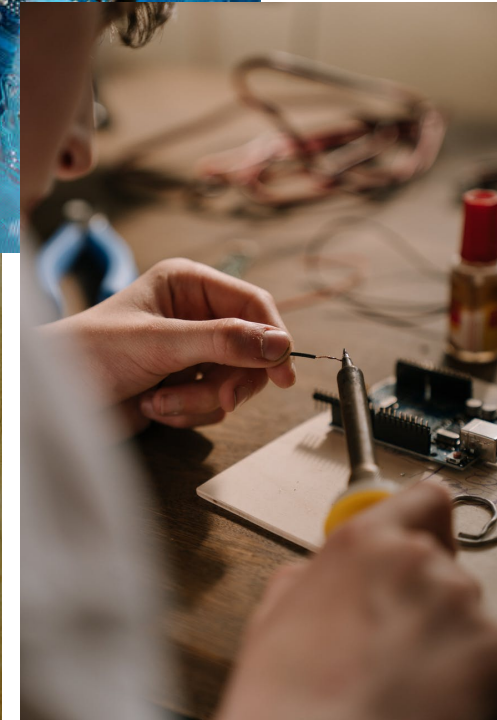




Policy solutions for electronics waste management

- Policy solutions from CIRCE, 2Lifes, GPP4GROWTH, SURFACE on
 - Collection
 - Re-use centres
 - Green public procurement
 - And more...

Get inspired!





Thank you!

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