



## “Development and demonstration of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) prevention and reuse paradigms” - LIFE14/ENV/GR/000858

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter – August 2017

#### WALLONIA BELGIAN REGION SETS RE-USE TARGET FOR ELECTRICALS

The southern Belgian province of Wallonia is the latest region to introduce a separate target for re-use of waste electrical items following a pioneering move by Spain in 2015. The Walloon Government Decree requires 2% of waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE) to be 'prepared for re-use' from January 2020. The target covers six categories of waste appliances, making it wider in scope than the Spanish measures. This Belgian initiative came as the European Commission published its feasibility study on setting a separate preparing for re-use target for WEEE for the whole EU. Although the Commission is committed to promote knowledge exchange to identify good practices in countries with a target in place, setting an EU-wide target was not considered appropriate at the moment. European network RREUSE considers that separate re-use targets are necessary in order to reduce the huge volumes of working electrical goods currently sent for recycling. At the current period, is delightful that national and regional governments taking their own initiative and putting strong legislation in place to boost re-use.

Read [here](#) the entire article

#### Municipality selection announcement for the WEEE SCs operation at Central Macedonia region - 31/7/2017.

The first Sorting Center of Waste of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) of Greece will operate at the Central Macedonia region, at the Municipality of Oreokastro, garnering the highest rating within the evaluation procedure at the context of the Call of Interest by Green Fund (GF). For Attica region no Municipality selection took place.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> CONSULTATION FORUM

10/3/2017, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Consultation Forum was held in Villa Kazouli Conference Hall of Green Fund. The Forum was attended by more than 40 bodies and organizations related to the management, preparing for re-use and treatment of WEEE, such as municipalities of the Attica Region and Central Macedonia Region, the Ministry of Environment and Energy, Regions Head Office representatives, companies involved in WEEE treatment. The aim of the Forum was the detailed presentation of the tender procedure for the selection of the Municipalities that the SCs will be hosted. Mrs Banti, EU DG ENV Policy Officer – WEEE participated in the event by presenting the European Policy principles concerning WEEE treatment and Circular Economy. During the Forum, a brief description of the project and the technical requirements of SCs infrastructures were also presented.



## NETWORKING

### THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIFE PROGRAMME

Was held in the premises of Green Fund, at Vila Kazouli, Kifisia at the 18/5/2017. The Project LIFE RE-WEEE participated in the event with a stand, among other 36 LIFE Projects. In the context of the event, an informative workshop took place including oral presentations by the Greek LIFE Task Force, representatives by EASME, NEEMO and the Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF) as well. The presentation of the Projects stands was followed, where the participants exchanged valuable information with the other LIFE projects..



### PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS

- ❖ Presentation of the current situation regarding WEEE collecting and recycling system in Greece and how the Project LIFE RE-WEEE Actions contribute to the overall WEEE management chain in Greece, took place at the final workshop of the Lifelong Learning Programme "RECDEV - Innovative solutions for WEEE Recycling Industry", held at Titania Hotel in Athens (29/3/2017).
- ❖ Presentation of the LIFE RE-WEEE objectives and results of the implementation actions of the Project for prevention and preparing for re-use of WEEE took place at the workshop organized by WEEE Forum in Malta (6/4/2017), since the participants constitute significant stakeholders of these actions.

## PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOP

Presentation of LIFE RE-WEEE project objectives at the workshops organized by "Appliances Recycling S.A." for the Municipalities personnel training, concerning the good practices of WEEE management and definition of the circular economy terms that took place as followed: Municipality of Serres (22/5/2017), Kifisia, Dionysus and Lykovrisi – Pefki (31/5/2017), Korinthos (1/6/2017) and Samos (6/6/2017).

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## LIFE RE-WEEE PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

### 3rd Interhospital Scientific Workshop

For "Waste Management of Health Units" with the subject: "Reuse, Reduce, Recycle", at "Laiko General Hospital of Athens", 9/6/2017, Athens:  
"Good practices of WEEE management, prevention and re-use / LIFE REWEEE Project"

### ATHENS 2017

5<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Sustainable Solid Waste Management", 21–24/6/2017, Athens:  
"State-of-the-Art review on Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment reuse in the framework of the LIFE REWEEE project"

### CEMEPE & SECOTOX 2017

6<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Environmental Management, Engineering, Planning and Economics (CEMEPE) and SECOTOX Conference", 25-30/6/2017, Thessaloniki:  
"Environmental impacts of WEEE collection and reuse"

