

WEEE Directive revision Where are we heading?

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FEAD, the voice of Europe's private resource and waste management industry

- ▶ **We represent 21 national associations** from the EU, EFTA and the UK, steering Europe towards a circular economy for **over 40 years** today.
- ▶ Our members represent the **entire waste management value chain**, which allows us to **offer a holistic overview** on the industry that provides a second life to waste and resource.





Our objective is to advocate for a **better regulatory framework** for the waste management sector, to achieve the best economic and environmental outcomes, and to **strengthen the circular economy in Europe.**

The European Green Deal

Striving to be the first climate-neutral continent



Eco-design for sustainable products

Critical Raw Materials

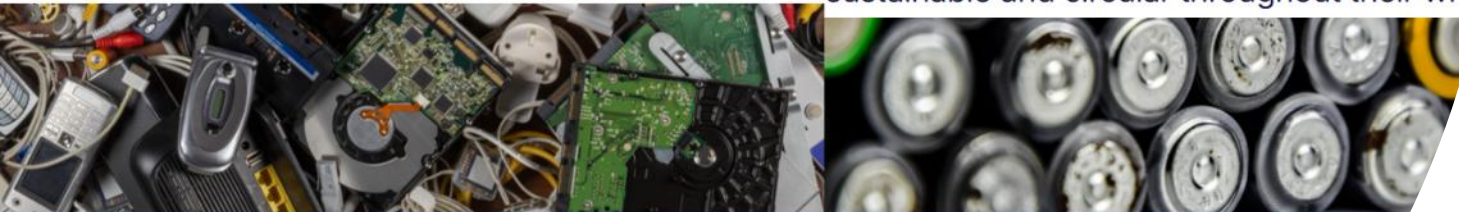
Ensuring sufficient access to materials, like rare earths, that are essential for manufacturing key technologies



Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

EU rules on treating WEEE to contribute towards a more circular economy.

Ensuring that batteries placed on the EU market are sustainable and circular throughout their whole life cycle



The Green Deal Industrial Plan

A fragmented policy framework for WEEE

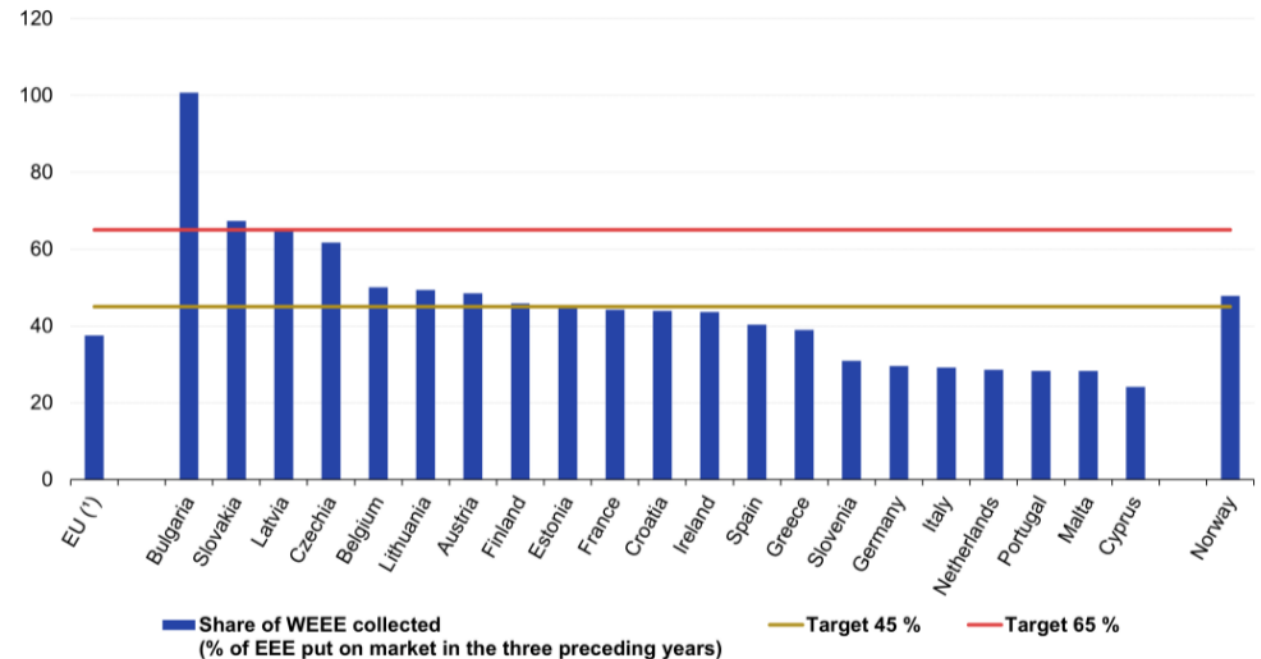
- ▶ ESPR, CRMA, WFR, WSR, Battery Regulation, RoHS, REACH, POP...
- ▶ **WEEE Directive revision into Regulation** as part of Circular Economy Act
- ▶ **Transversal approach in CEA** to create lead markets, review EPR and EoW, and support CRMA

WEEE in the EU – Current collection rates

- ▶ Fastest growing stream (2%/y)
- ▶ Only 3 Member States meet collection targets
- ▶ 40% of WEEE remains uncollected in the EU
- ▶ Illegal exports as ‘second-hand goods’

Total collection rate for waste electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), 2023

(% of average weight of EEE put on the market in the three preceding years)



(*) Eurostat estimate.

(2) 65 % target not applicable: Denmark, Luxembourg, Hungary, Poland.

Country applies calculation methodology based on WEEE generated: see Figure 2b.

(3) No data available for Romania and Sweden

Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_waseleees)

Collection – What did the Commission propose so far?

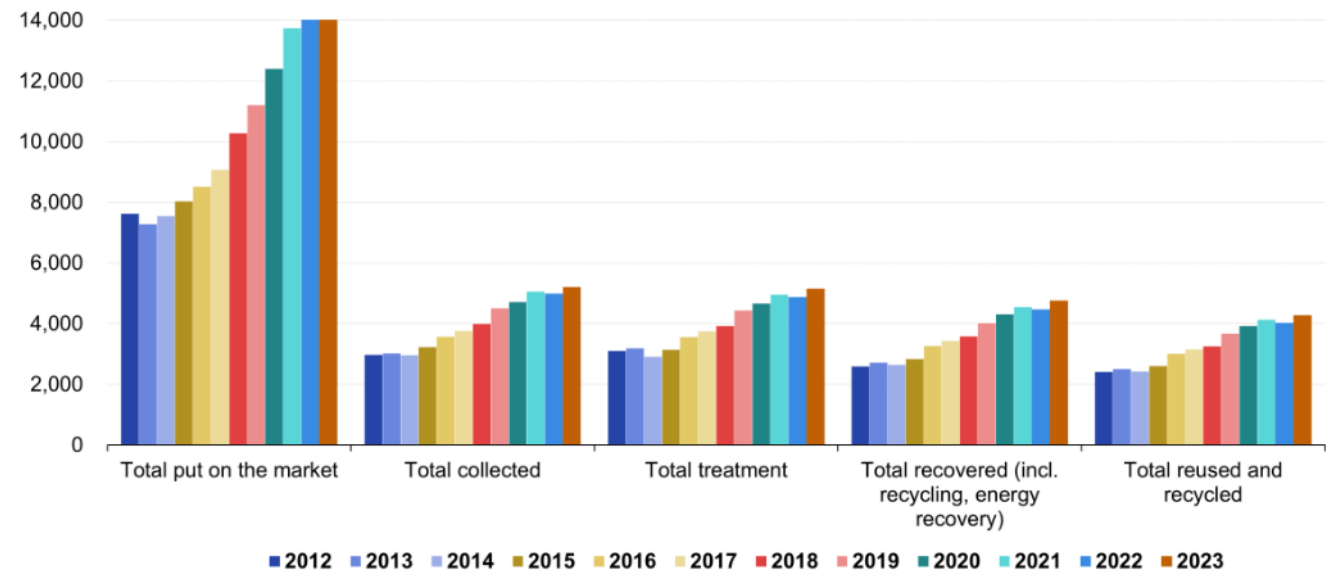


- ▶ **Extend the scope of WEEE** to CRM-rich product categories (PV panels, Wind turbines? Large cables? Data centers and transmission networks?)
- ▶ **Review the collection calculation method**
- ▶ ***Involve EPR for better collection?*** (*Producers accountability for meeting targets, Mandatory take back? Full cost coverage? Online players responsibility?*)
- ▶ ***DRS for category 5?***

WEEE in the EU – Current treatment rates

- ▶ **Functioning market for metals**
- ▶ **Increased quantity of plastics**
- ▶ **Increased quantity of SoCs**
- ▶ **Prioritisation on CRMs**

Electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) put on the market and waste EEE collected, treated, recovered, recycled and prepared for reuse, EU (2012-2023)
(thousand tonnes)



Note: 2022 and 2023: Eurostat estimates

Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_waseleeeos and env_waselee)

Focus on CRM and supply...



- ▶ **Mandatory removal** of CRM containing components
- ▶ **Material recovery targets** for CRM
- ▶ **Minimum requirement for treatment** operators and shredders (issued from EN50625)
- ▶ **Extra EU export measures** on waste containing CRM
- ▶ **Set quality criteria** on recyclates

... Forget demand and plastics



- ▶ **Not any demand measure** that may overlap with ESPR
- ▶ Little consideration over the **economic viability of CRM recycling**
- ▶ Not addressing **the plastics question** in WEEE
- ▶ *Ecomodulation harmonization? EPR full cost coverage? Green public procurement?*

ESPR is there but...

- ▶ Slow process, recyclers can't be always involved
- ▶ Recycled content targets ambition and timeline not aligned with WEEE Revision
- ▶ Limits of Digital Product Passport at waste stage
- ▶ Need for clear limitation of hazardous materials and limit over-designing
- ▶ Ecomodulation for recyclability and recycled content

What is needed for our industry?

**FEAD supports practical,
enforceable, and investment-
ready reforms:**

- **Better collection**
- **WEEE EPR design**
- **Demand signals**
- **Ecodesign**
- **Fire prevention...**

Summer

Finalisation of impact
assessment

October 2026 (?)

Publication by the
Commission in the
Circular Economy Act

End of 2026

Start of the legislative
train (Council + EP)

**Thank you for
your attention!**

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