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WEEEWaste Newsletter #5

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)**.

What happened in Semester 5

5th Interregional Event in Gdańsk



Poland

The WEEEWaste consortium met in person once again for the **5th interregional project event**, hosted by **Gdańsk Municipality in Poland** on **14-15th May 2025**.

On the 1st day, partners and stakeholders came together at the **New City Hall** in Gdańsk to check in on the project's progress. The spotlight was on **good practice examples** and the tool for sharing them, which was presented by **Hanze University of Applied Sciences**. A highlight of the day was the **Policy Discovery Journey**, where **policy instruments from Poland, Italy, and the Czech Republic** were presented. The day wrapped up with a **site visit** to see the red containers used for collecting small e-waste.

The 2nd day began with the **Steering Committee**, focused on policy changes, reporting, and identifying new good practice examples. A communication progress update was also shared. In the afternoon, partners stakeholders headed out for a **Study Visit**. **First stop: Sorterownia Rudniki**, a selective waste collection point. Then it was off to **Hevelianum Wystawa Energia! on Góra Gradowa**—an engaging and interactive exhibition that brought energy education to life.



WEEEWaste Team at the New City Hall in Gdańsk



WEEEWaste Team during Study Visit at Sorterownia Rudniki

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Local Stakeholder Seminars



Poland

Gdańsk Municipality held a **Local Stakeholder Seminar** on **May 22nd 2025**, which brought together ten participants.

The seminar served as a valuable platform for discussing key issues related to the current operations and future **development plans of two waste management facilities in Gdańsk**. In addition, attendees received an **update on the progress of the WEEEWaste project**, including a summary of the recent interregional event held in Gdańsk on 14-15th May 2025. The session concluded with an outline of the upcoming responsibilities and tasks assigned to Gdańsk within the project.



Attendees of the Local Stakeholder Seminar in Gdańsk



Presentation insights



Local Stakeholder Seminars

Czech Republic

Experts from the **Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU)** joined waste management leaders at the 26th annual **“Waste and Municipalities 2025” conference** on June 4–5th at Hradec Králové’s Aldis Congress Centre. The event, organized under the Czech Ministry of the Environment, brought together hundreds of representatives from cities, public agencies, and the waste sector.

As **Lead Partner** of the **EU-supported WEEEWaste project**, CTU showcased **innovative e-waste recycling practices** and discussed **strategies to overcome collection barriers**. Sessions also highlighted public awareness campaigns to boost citizen participation in e-waste collection.

The conference concluded with the **“For the Crystal Trash Can 2024”** awards, recognizing municipalities excelling in recycling and sorted waste collection. E-waste, one of Europe’s fastest-growing waste streams, is still under-recycled, but Czech programs have met EU targets of collecting 65% of sold electronics. CTU’s contributions underline the importance of best practices and public education to increase recycling and reduce landfill waste.



Insights from the 26th annual 'Waste and Municipalities 2025' conference

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Local Stakeholder Seminars



Slovenia

As part of the WEEEWaste project, the **Environmental Research Institute (ORZ)** organized four Local Stakeholder Seminars in 2025 to advance e-waste management, reuse, social inclusion, and circular economy practices.

The 1st seminar, on **March 7th**, focused on improving local e-waste strategies and integrating circular economy principles, proposing new collection points, repair workshops, awareness campaigns, e-waste tracking, and pilot initiatives such as a repair café in Slovenske Konjice. The seminars on **June 4th** and **June 26th** highlighted youth engagement, NGO participation, green job creation, and practical approaches to electronic device reuse and social inclusion.

The 4th seminar, on **July 8th**, brought together key partners—including the **City of Maribor, Snaga Maribor, Energetika Maribor, the University of Maribor, the Reuse Center, and RRA Podravje**—to shape the new **Waste Management Strategy (SRO MOM 2030)**. Discussions focused on a dedicated e-waste stream, citizen-driven collection improvements, and energy recovery for non-reusable components. Broader consultations and pilot projects will continue into 2026, including a September working group in Slovenske Konjice and an October event with ACR+, reflecting Maribor's commitment to circular, inclusive, and EU-aligned e-waste solutions.



Local Stakeholder Seminar in CPU Slov. Konjice



Local Stakeholder Seminar in Maribor at RRAPM

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Local Stakeholder Seminars

Italy

On **July 28th 2025**, the **Municipality of Campobasso** held a Local Stakeholder Seminar at the premises of S.E.A. - Servizi Ambiente S.p.a. to present the progress of the WEEEWaste project, aimed at improving electronic waste management.

The seminar gathered local institutions, environmental stakeholders, operators, and citizens. Opening the session, **Councillor Simone Cretella** emphasized the need for stronger e-waste policies, while **Sabrina Tirabassi** outlined project goals and shared best practices such as **Romania's School of Ecoterrians**, **Budapest's Repair Café**, and **Italy's Greenvincible WEEECycling**. **Gionna Serio (GAL Molise)** introduced a pilot action to engage young people through school awareness campaigns, collection containers, and mobile ecological islands. **Giovanni Zurlino** later detailed **national policies** like **Ministerial Decree 119/2023** and presented initiatives such as **Denmark's Refurb**, which extends the life cycle of IT equipment while reducing environmental impact.

The seminar concluded with a collaborative discussion and questionnaire, reinforcing the importance of building networks between institutions, businesses, and citizens to achieve sustainable and community-driven e-waste management.



Insights from the Local Stakeholder Seminar at the premises of S.E.A. - Servizi Ambiente S.p.a.

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In-person actions



Slovenia

On **March 4th, 2025**, an in-person meeting in Maribor addressed key challenges such as limited collection points, low public awareness, and insufficient repair incentives, resulting in proposals for improving the **Municipal Environmental Protection Program (OPVO)**.

Just days later, on **March 7th**, ORZ hosted two events: a stakeholder session aligning project goals and drafting policy recommendations, and a public gathering at Ormož Castle that encouraged intergenerational dialogue and community engagement in reuse and recycling.

In July 2025, ORZ continued with **awareness-raising** actions. On **July 10th**, participants visited a learning center showcasing good practices in e-waste management, while on **July 25th**, a smaller meeting highlighted the risks of improper disposal and presented the Reuse Center (CPU) as an inspiring model that reduces waste, extends product lifespans, and creates local jobs.



In-person meeting in Maribor



In-person meeting at CPU in Slov. Konjice

Other events organized by partners



Clean City Festival

Gdańsk, Poland

On **May 24th, 2025**, the Targ Węglowy in Gdańsk was filled with activity as residents came together for the **annual Clean City Festival**, a celebration of the city's ongoing efforts toward sustainability. A key focus of the event was **raising awareness about proper e-waste disposal**, highlighted by the **red containers** now available at **over 100 locations across Gdańsk**. These containers offer a convenient way to safely recycle small electronic items like phones, chargers, hair dryers, and toasters. Many attendees took the opportunity to drop off their unwanted devices and visit an information stand to learn more about how e-waste can be responsibly handled or even reused. To find the nearest red container, residents can check the interactive map at **[czystemiasto.gdansk.pl](https://www.czystemiasto.gdansk.pl)**. Events like the Clean City Festival show how simple, everyday choices can make a meaningful difference in creating a cleaner, more sustainable Gdańsk.



Attendee of the Clean City Festival dropping off e-waste



Attendee of the Clean City Festival dropping off e-waste



Good Practices in GP Database



CPU Slovenija is a Reuse Center that specializes in refurbishing electronic devices, extending their lifecycle, and reducing electronic waste.



The Rabla programme for household appliances is the national program for replacing used household appliances, electrical, and electronic equipment with more energy-efficient ones.



WeArEco is a free web service tailored to the community's needs in Ilfov County, of WEEE collection, developed by the CNREE Association (an NGO of public utility).



Primary school electrical and electronic waste collection competition: AKSD Municipal Management Ltd. in Debrecen organises the collection of WEEE in primary schools to raise awareness of environmental protection.



CZYSTE MIASTO GDAŃSK EDUCATIONAL PROJECT- Program for the Development of Ecological Competencies: An educational program on responsible Handling of Municipal Waste, dedicated to pupils.



'Red containers' for small-sized electro-waste / „Czerwone pojemniki” na „drobne” elektryczne śmieci: A system designed to selectively collect electro-waste at source and to minimise the route from the residents to the WEEE treatment facility.



Good Practices in GP Database



Educlick is a national program that repurposes used computers for digital education in schools and NGOs serving disadvantaged communities.



Mobiles for the Earth is a campaign for mobile phone users that seeks to collect out-of-use mobile phones for humanitarian actions, environmental care and responsible consumption.



Mobile Application „Czyste Miasto Gdańsk” (Clean City of Gdansk) is a mobile tool that advises residents on which container to use for different types of waste and how to responsibly and correctly dispose of problematic waste.



Association 'Duh Časa', a non-governmental organization that promotes sustainability & operates in the field of e-waste reuse.



“Arréglatelas - Hemen Konpon - Manage yourself” self-repair workshop, located in Pamplona, Spain, aimed at promoting waste prevention and sustainable consumption.

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What to expect in Semester 6:



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6th Interregional Event

**Hosted by Hajdú-Bihar County
Government**



21-22nd October 2025



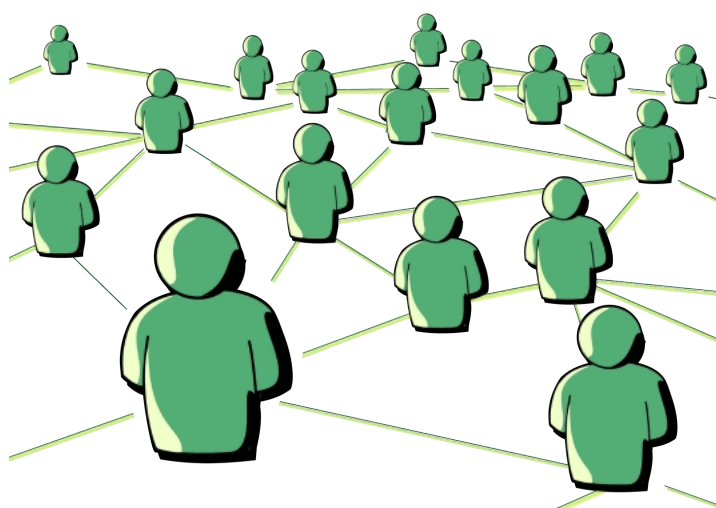
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