

Invitation: Online Webinar

## WEEE Revision: How to strengthen producer responsibility and promote prevention, repair and reuse

Wednesday, 10 June 2026, from 14:00 to 16:15, online via Zoom

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Dear all,

Across the EU, the amount of electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market continues to grow. In 2023, more than 14.4 million tonnes of electronics were sold— 89% more than in 2012. This leads to rapidly increasing volumes of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). However, collection rates remain too low. Many Member States do not meet the 65% collection target required under the WEEE Directive. As a result, large amounts of electronic waste are not properly collected or treated. Instead, it is often exported illegally, handled under poor treatment conditions, or disposed of incorrectly. This leads to the loss of valuable and critical raw materials, the release of hazardous substances, and growing fire risks from lithium-ion batteries. At the same time, preparation for reuse remains very limited across the EU, even though it is prioritised over recycling under the Waste Framework Directive. The European Commission's evaluation concluded that the current rules have not effectively promoted waste prevention or reuse. Another challenge is the fragmented implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) across Member States. Differences in national rules create enforcement gaps, particularly for online sellers and cross-border trade.

The European Commission has started a formal revision of the WEEE Directive, with a legislative proposal expected in Q3 2026. Early discussions indicate that the current Directive could be replaced by a directly applicable EU Regulation to improve harmonisation and enforcement across the EU. The revision aims to address low collection rates, insufficient recovery of critical raw materials, and inconsistent implementation of producer responsibility.

This webinar discusses how the revision of the WEEE framework can create a robust and environmentally ambitious system for the management of electronics during their lifecycle. Inputs on best practices and potential regulatory solutions will provide the basis for the subsequent political panel discussion. Current challenges and potential solutions will be discussed with policymakers, industry and NGO representatives. In particular, we would like to address the following questions: *How can the WEEE Directive strengthen and harmonise producer requirements across Member States? How can the Directive more effectively promote waste prevention, repair and preparation for reuse in line with the waste hierarchy? What measures are needed to improve and standardise collection infrastructure throughout the EU? How can enforcement of WEEE obligations be strengthened to ensure full compliance across the internal market?*

Please sign up by 8 June 2026 via the online registration form on our website.

We would also appreciate it if you could share the invitation with colleagues who may be interested.

Kind regards,



Barbara Metz  
Executive Director of Environmental Action Germany (DUH)

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14:00	<b>Welcome</b> Barbara Metz Executive Director of Environmental Action Germany (DUH)
14:10-14:35	<b>Input</b>  <b>1. “Specific EPR Requirements in France: Successes and Failures Since the French Circular Economy Law (2020)”</b> Clara Grojean (Policy Officer, Ecosystem)  <b>2. “EPR Structures for Electronics under Review: How Producers Should Be Held Accountable across Member States”</b> Dr. Marieke Hoffmann (Senior Expert Circular Economy, DUH)
14:35-15:30	<b>Discussion</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sara Matthieu (MEP, Greens/European Free Alliance)</li><li>• Isabelle Radovan (Policy Advisor, Recycling Europe)</li><li>• Christian Hochsteger (ERA GmbH)</li><li>• Raphaëlle Hennekinne (Director for Sustainability, DIGITALEUROPE)</li><li>• Dr. Marieke Hoffmann (Senior Expert Circular Economy, DUH)</li></ul> <b>Moderation:</b> Jakob Franke (Policy Expert Circular Economy, DUH)
15:30-16:00	<b>Open discussion</b>
16:00-16:10	<b>Final statements</b>
16:15	<b>End of the event</b>

### Venue

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You will receive the access details by email after the registration.

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