

PROJECT INFORMATION

Regional E-waste Monitor for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) plus Georgia



Mixed E-waste

Source: United Nations
University

Background

Electronic and electrical waste, or e-waste, constitutes one of the fastest growing streams of physical waste. Data on e-waste are required to evaluate developments over time, to elaborate national and international policies, to limit e-waste generation, to prevent illegal dumping and to create jobs in the recycling sector. But only a very limited number of countries are capable of collecting internationally comparable e-waste statistics at the regional and national level.

Project details

The key subject of the [Regional E-waste Monitor for the CIS plus Georgia](#) was to collect data, and to build and improve e-waste statistics in the twelve beneficiary countries. Further, it reviewed e-waste legislation and management, with the aim to enhance the understanding and interpretation of the problem and thus facilitating the environmentally sound management (ESM) of e-waste.

The experts found that, in terms of the entire region, only 3.2 % of the e-waste is collected adequately to date. However, the report notes several initiatives and strategies in the region to create awareness of e-waste collection and recycling with active participation from both public and private sector. Finally, the report calls on the 12 countries in the region to:

- introduce and enforce a robust legal and policy framework focused on ESM of e-waste,
- reinforce existing systems to make them more efficient and effective and establish a broader net of e-waste collection points,
- introduce adequate financing of the systems, monitoring and cooperation of all stakeholders
- strengthen transnational cooperation to reduce the burden of large investments.

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Beneficiary countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

Duration: 05/2019 – 12/2021

Beneficiaries: national ministries for environment and economy, statistical offices, economic associations of the electrical and electronics industry, recycling companies, non-governmental organisations

Implementing organisations: United Nations University (UNU), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Europe Office

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