

TEMPLATE

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Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented)

Upon EC recommendations by Action Plan COM(2015) 614, the Transnational Position paper for standardization (D4.2.1) is a proposal to establish more harmonized rules to determine when a secondary raw material should no longer be legally considered as 'waste' looking at EU & Central Europe specificity, by clarifying existing rules on 'end-of-waste'. This will provide operators with more certainty and a level playing field. Nowadays, the definition of waste is based on the act of discarding, rather than the value of the material. A starting point of the circular economy is that materials shall only be in the waste phase temporarily, to then be reintroduced into the economy as product. In the 2008 an update of the EU's Waste Framework Directive (WFD), introduced the end-of-waste (EoW) criteria for the first time. Such criteria should be set for specific materials by the Commission using the procedure described in Article 39(2) of the Waste Framework Directive (so called "comitology"). A mandate to set end-of-waste criteria was introduced to provide a high level of environmental protection and an environmental and economic benefit. However, after 10 years, the end-of-waste criteria have only been defined for three different waste types: iron scrap, copper scrap and glass cullet. Consequently, the responsibility for further implementation of end-of-waste was left to the member states, but there are different practices and approaches in EU countries. Countries currently use various ways to determine EoW status, moreover, for the case-by-case decisions, different forms and procedures are used in the Member State.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the strategy/action plan (relevant NUTS level)

Nuts0: EU

Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups

Regulators and businesses often experience barriers and uncertainties due to this lack of homogeneity and they want to avoid the perception of their SRM as “waste”. Moreover, those receiving the SRM do not want to be perceived as waste treatment operators or prefer substances that meet the REACH requirements. While, the operators using the recovered material may prefer the certainty of applying the waste regime to the burden of proving REACH compliance. A more certain regulation and a wide diffusion at the EU level of the best practices can help to increase the trust in the SRM moreover can help the businesses to create a market.

Sustainability of the developed or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The strategy can be considered as a starting point for a deeper analysis of the End of waste. The document touch the different points from the legislative point of view to the proposal of different tools. The transposal of the findings to the local, regional, national or European level can facilitate the uptake and the development of new best practices regarding the EoW

Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the strategy/action plan and added value of transnational cooperation

The successful development of a European market for the material may be helped by a common harmonize approach regarding the material across different European countries. To overcome some of these barriers an exchange of information between regulators and policy makers it's crucial. The starting point should be a better understanding of the different measures, approaches and procedures in the different Member State

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

DT.4.2.1 Transnational Position paper for standardization of secondary raw material physiognomies
<https://www.circe2020-wiki.eu/>
<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/CIRCE2020.html>