

Implementation of Article 17 of the WEEE directive

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Project



- The project will coordinate cooperation, improves communication and impementation.
- WEEE directive 2012/19/EU article 17 states that producer established in another Member State is required to appoint an authorised representative.
- WEEE directive 2012/19/EU article 18 states that Member States shall cooperate with each other and exchange information to ensure that producers comply with the provisions of the directive.
- There is no common European register and no common webpage for producers to receive information about EPR requirements, registers and contacts from other Member States. The information package should be kept up to date.

The project helps:



- To establish and keep the cooperation
- To improve communication
- To build capacity
- Harmonisation
- Reduces distortions of competition
- Sharing relevant information, best practices
- Monitoring activities
- Mutual assistance
- To ensure effective implementation of enforcement
- Joint enforcement
- Work on problem areas

Article 17 of the WEEE directive



Authorised representative

- Producer established in another Member State is required to appoint an authorised representative that is responsible for fulfilling the obligations of that producer
- Each Member State shall ensure that a producer is allowed to appoint authorised representative.
- Each Member State shall ensure that a producer appoints an authorised representative.

Authorised representative requirement



- Reduce existing barriers
- Reduce administrative burdens
- Proper functioning of the internal market

The project 2025-2027



2025

- Information package for producers “How to meet EPR obligations in EU Member States“
- Overview of Custom Authority practices

2026

- Joint focus on e-cigarettes.

2027

- Joint focus on PV panels and/or e-mobility

Final report

Desired outcome of the work



- Sharing and learning from best practices (case studies)
- Strengthen and harmonise the enforcement (cross-border, free-riders)
- Undertaking a joint effort on certain type of EEE-streams (harmonised requirements and enforcements).
- New strategies for tackling free-riders
- Input to the Commission to improve WEEE directive /regulation (2026).



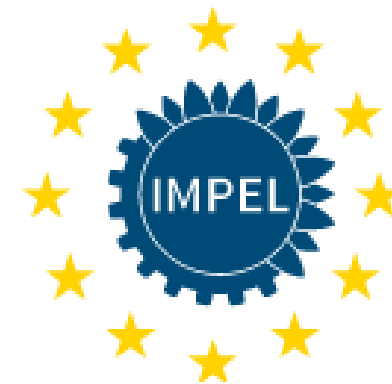
Next online meeting will be on 2nd of April, 14.00-15.00
Annual meeting Sept / October 2025

2023

1. Austria
2. Belgium
3. Croatia
4. Czech Republic
5. Denmark
6. Estonia
7. Finland
8. Germany
9. Greece
10. Ireland
11. Latvia
12. Luxembourg
13. Malta
14. Netherlands
15. Poland
16. Portugal
17. Slovakia
18. Spain
19. Sweden

2024

1. EU MS (19)
2. UK
3. Norway
4. Kosovo



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