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"Electric and Electronic Waste: Assessing the Environmental Benefits from Circular Management"

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INTRODUCTION

The growing market demand for electrical and electronic products has generated a rapid WEEE increase in recent years.

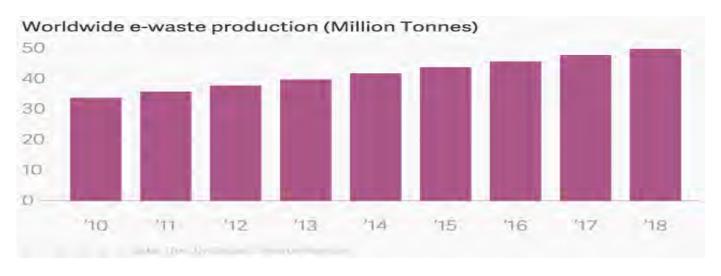


Figure 1: worldwide e-waste production (https://atlas.qz.com/i/atlas_4kEr0ieY@2x.png)

Waste Electric and Electronic Equipments (WEEE) also are a valuable "mine" of industrial materials that can be re-introduced into the production chains, allowing to minimize related environmental burdens.

Waste has the potential to become a valuable resource, thus allowing to save virgin materials and fossil energy sources, by means of reusing and recycling of existing products.

Production of computer and other similar devices (tablets, smart phones) is increasing worldwide, changing lifestyles, industrial processes, consumption patterns, cultural and communication opportunities.

Fast replacement driven by markets makes life span of computers very short (planned obsolescence?)

End-of-life management of computers and other WEEE (Waste Electric and Electronic Equipments) is very complex, due to large number and typology of components and materials.

European Union (EU) has released a large number of directives, to promote:

- Restriction of hazardous substances in production
- Collection of dismissed PCs
- Recycling and disposal

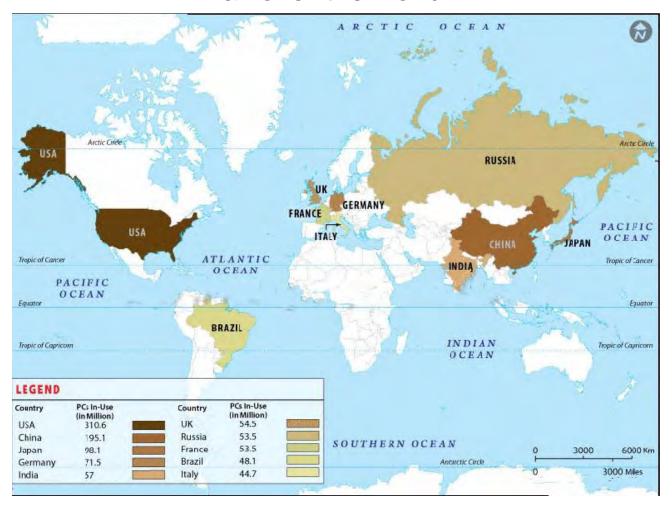






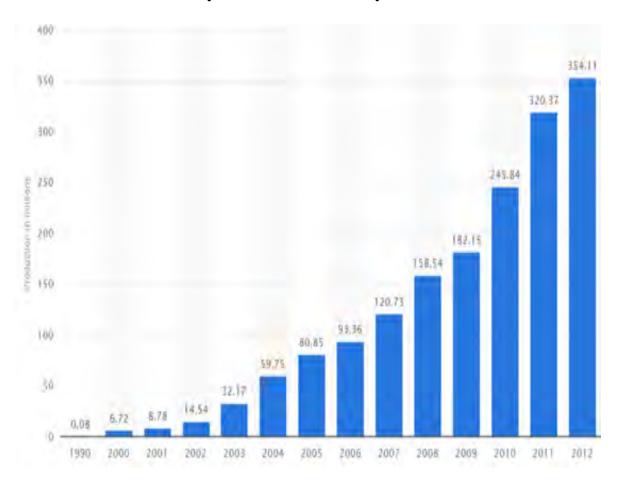


PCs use places China in 2nd and Italy 10th position all over the world.



Top Ten countries with highest number of PCs

PC production in China grows exponentially...



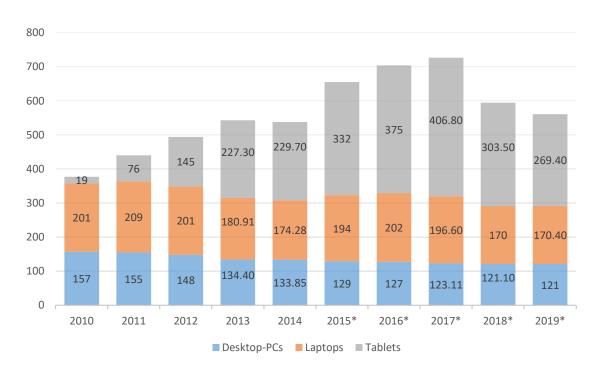
Computer production in China from 1990 to 2012

Electronic waste also increase...



A problem and a challenge

The growing market demand for electrical and electronic equipments (EEE) has generated a rapid increase in recent years, although a decrease is expected in the next years.



Global shipments of tablets, laptops and desktop PCs 2010-2019, Source: http://www.idc.com

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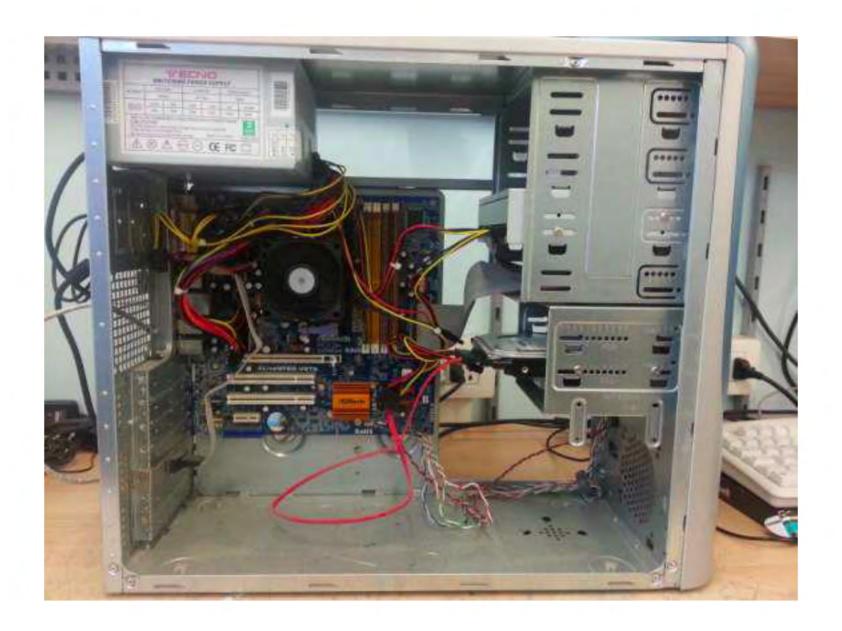


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LCA of a personal computer

Life Cycle Assessment of a Personal Computer and its Effective Recycling Rate

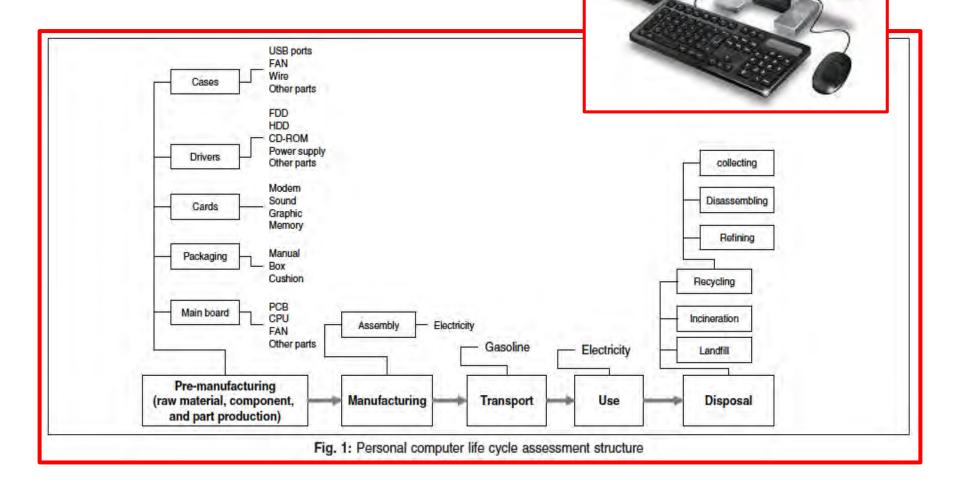
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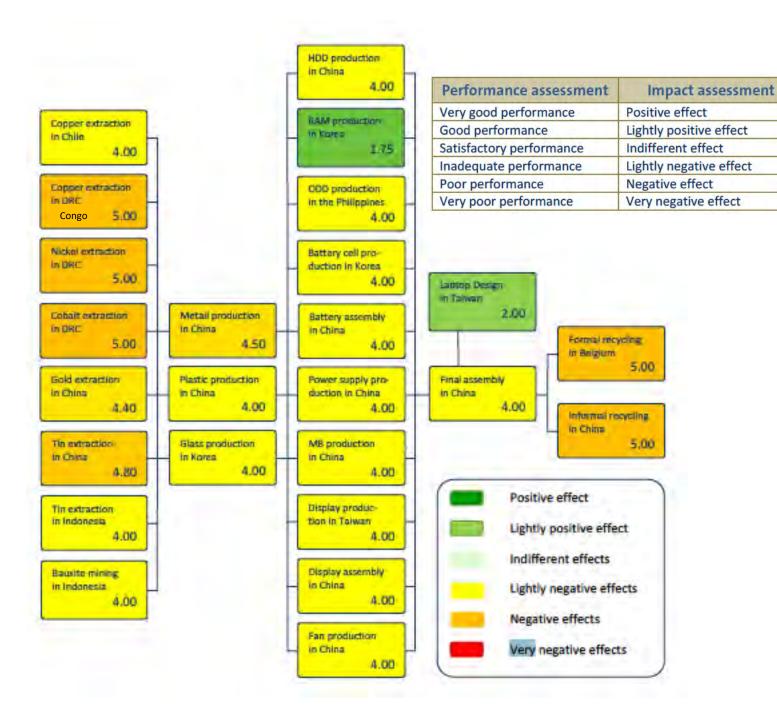


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PC production and use process





Colour

Factor

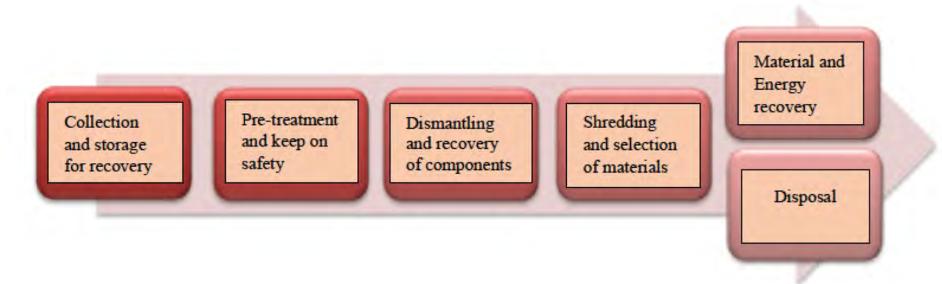
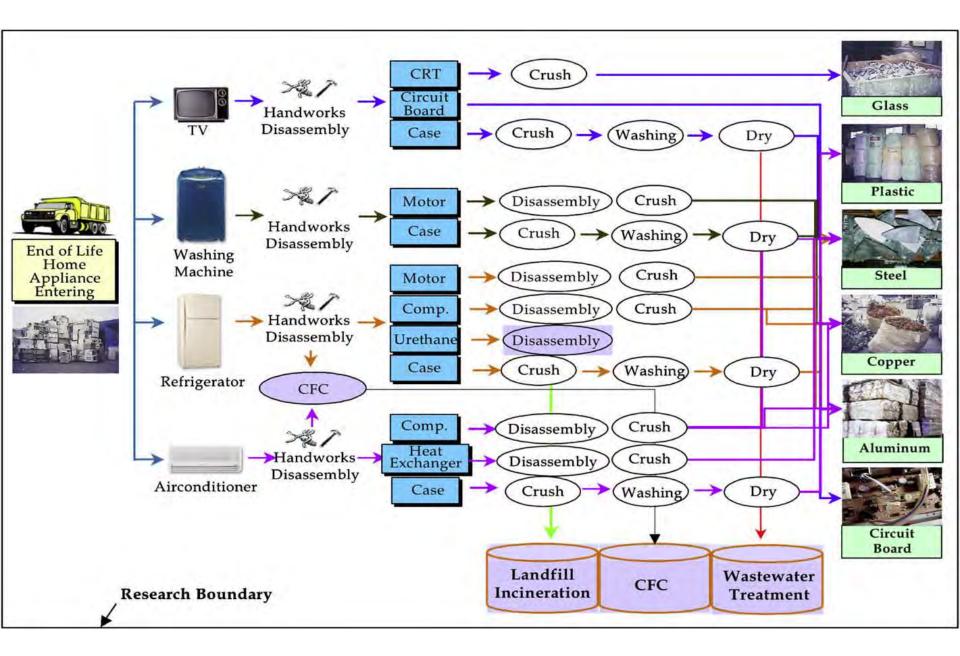
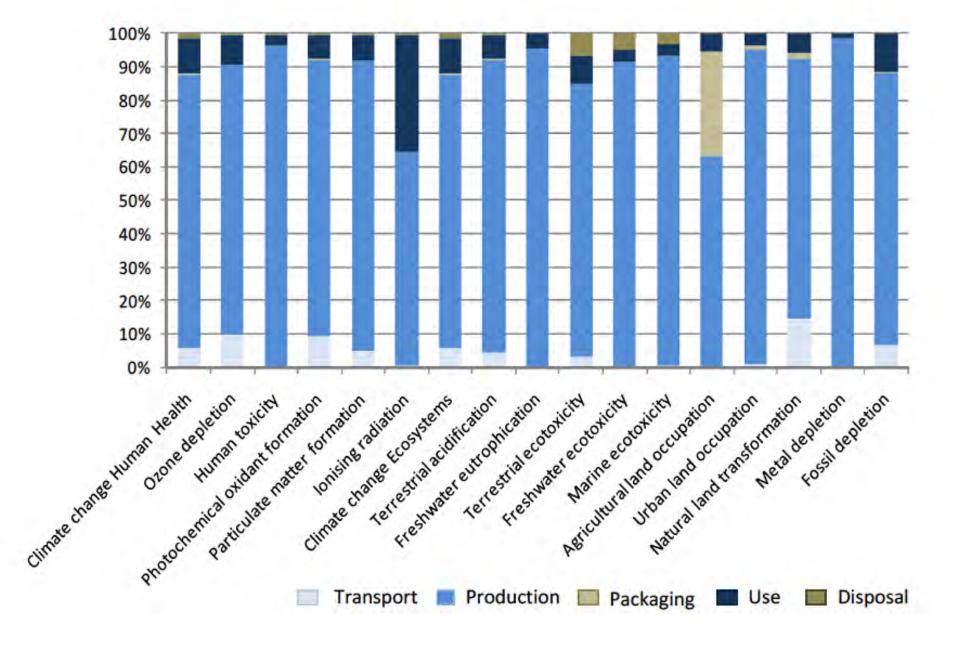


Figure 4. The life cycle of WEEE. Source: EcoR'it, 2017.



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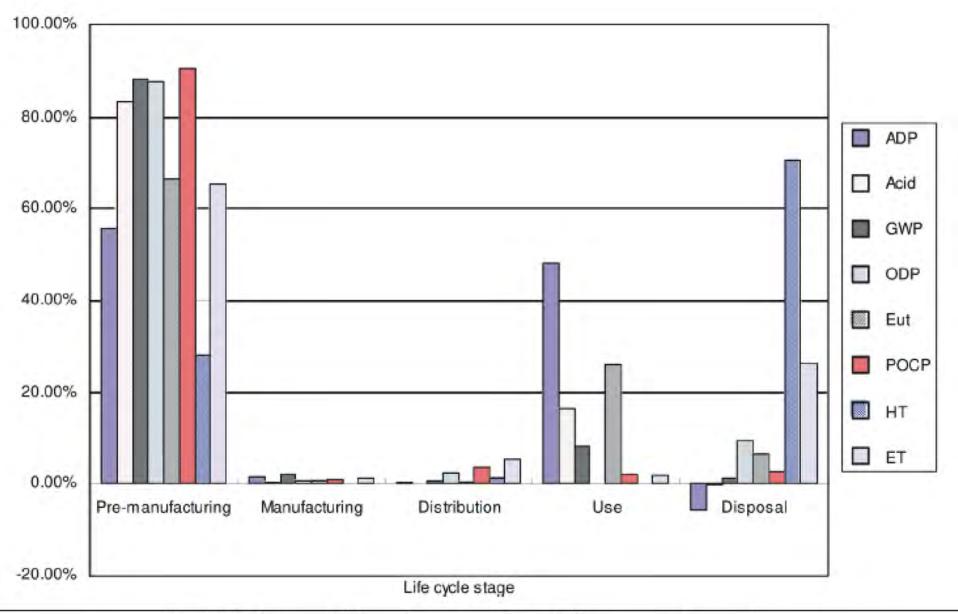


Fig. 2: Environmental impact assessment result for a personal computer

Table A1
Embodied Energy Analysis of the production and operation of a desktop PC.

Desktop PC		Using primary materia nonrenewable electric		Using secondary materials and renewable electricity mix			
Inventory	Amount (g) ²	Energy intensity (MJ/g) ^a	Embodied Energy (MJ)	Energy intensity (MJ/g) ^a	Embodied Energ (MJ)		
Materials	1.53	17	1025.	7.5			
Copper	186.00	0.06	10.96	0.02	2.98		
Aluminum	825.00	0.16	132.65	0.03	23.93		
Iron	7360.00	0.05	351.77	0.01	36.80		
Steel	104.00	0.10	10.52	0.01	0.94		
Tin	12.00	0.34	4.14	0.05	0.58		
Brass	5.00	0.07	0.34	0.04	0.10		
Plastic materials	2988.09	0.10	298.81	0.03	95.62		
Glass	813.00	0.02	16.26	0.01	8.94		
Microcomponents							
Internal clock nickel battery	3.00	0.26	0.78	0.08	0.24		
Led	0.37	16.81	6.15	15.77	5.77		
Capacitors	79.31	0.44	34.55	0.20	15.95		
Inductors	69.49	0.12	8.49	0.11	7.94		
Microchips	16.83	6.20	104.31	2.98	50.09		
Printed Wiring Board	322.40	2.78	896.27	0.86	278.45		
Cables	399.00	0.11	41.95	0.04	14.81		
Diodes	1.77	9.45	16.71	1.93	3.42		
Resistances	7.30	0.44	3.21	0.03	0.25		
Reflecting glass surfaces	33.00	0.02	0.66	0.01	0.36		
Polarizers	41.00	0.02	0.82	0.01	0.41		
Transistors	35.10	0.35	12.45	0.04	1.40		
Connectors	140.54	0.06	9.11	0.06	8.00		
Magnets	60.10	0.03	1.80	0.03	1.80		
Assembly	7.77	7757		757			
Electricity for assembly (kWh) ^a	56	8.57	479.92	0.29	16.24		
Final product							
Mass of assembled computer	13502.29						
Cumulative energy demand	2007177		2442.65		574.95		
Oil equivalent (kg) ²			58.16		13.69		
Five year operation							
Electricity for 5 year operation (kWh)2	505.00	8.57	4327.85	0.29	145.95		
Oil equivalent (kg) ^a	65255		103,04		3.47		
CO ₂ emissions							
		Conversion factor	CO ₂ release	Conversion factor	CO ₂ release		
		(kg _{CD2eq} /kg _{oileq})	(kg _{cozeq})	(kg _{CO2eq} /kg _{oileq})	(kg _{CCI2eq})		
Total CO ₂ eq emission		3.2	515.85	3.2	54.9		

² Unit of electricity input flow is kWh; unit of energy intensity of electricity is MJ/kWh; unit of oil equivalent is kg.

Table 3
Embodied Energy Analysis of the production and operation of a laptop PC.

Laptop PC		Using primary materials electricity mix	s and nonrenewable	Using secondary materials and renewable electricity mix			
Inventory	Raw Amount (g)*	Energy intensity (MJ/g)	Embodied Energy (MJ)	Energy intensity (MJ/g)*	Embodied Energy (MJ		
Materials		177					
Copper	65.21	0.06	3.84	0.02	1.04		
Aluminum	414.77	0.16	66.69	0.03	12.03		
Iron	287.5	0.05	1374	0.01	1.44		
Steel	97.3	0.1	9.84	0.01	0.88		
Tin	1.1	0.34	0.38	0.05	0.05		
Brass	39.51	0.07	2.67	0.04	1.74		
Plastic materials	616.69	0.1	61.67	0.03	19.73		
Glass	255.4	0.02	5.11	0.01	2.81		
Glass	255,4	0,02	5,11	0.01	2.01		
Microcomponents							
Internal clock nickel battery	3	0.26	0.78	0.08	0.24		
Capacitors	30.1	0.44	13.11	0.2	6.05		
Inductors	35.35	0.12	4.32	0.1	3.48		
Led	0.37	16.81	6.22	15.77	5.84		
Microchips	25.7	6.2	159.3	2.98	76.49		
Printed Wiring Board	297	2.78	825.66	0.86	256.52		
Cables	205	0.11	21.55	0.04	7.22		
Diodes	8	9.45	75.59	1.93	15.45		
Dynamo	32	0.07	2.21	0.02	0.52		
Resistances	2.17	0.44	0.95	0.02	0.05		
Reflecting glass surfaces	43.2	0.02	0.86	0.01	0.48		
Polarizers	27.63	0.02	0.55	0.01	0.28		
Transistors	24.13	0.35	8.56	0.04	0.96		
Connectors		0.06	2.19	0.03			
	33.71 50	7753	4	0.03	0.86		
Alloys	7 D	0.08			1.5		
Magnets	33.11	0,05	1,58	0.01	0.17		
Lithium battery	282	0.44	124.34	0.14	39.98		
Miscellaneous materials	40	0.35	14	0.12	4.8		
Assembly							
Electricity for assembly (kWh)2	43	8,57	368,51	0,29	12.43		
Final product							
Mass of assembled computer (g)	2949.95						
Cumulative energy demand (MJ)	And The sales		1798.24		468.21		
Oil equivalent (kg) ²			42.82		11.15		
			42.02		11,13		
Five year operation	2.2	512.0	92012	151	2.14		
Electricity for 5 year operation (kWh) ^a	226	8.57	1936,82	0.29	65.54		
Oil equivalent (kg) ²			46.11		1.56		
CO ₂ emissions (production and five year opera	tion)						
		Conversion factor	CO ₂ release	Conversion factor	CO ₂ release		
		(kgcoz eq/kgoil eq)	(kg002 eq)	(kgco2 eq/kgol eq)	(kgcoz eq)		
Total CO ₂ equiv emission		3.2	284.6	3.2	40.7		

^a Unit of electricity input flow is kWh; unit of energy intensity of electricity is MJ/kWh; unit of oil equivalent is kg.

Energy, emergy and emission performance indicators per FU

This table is a huge source of information, showing the investment referred to the computer production and use phase.

Performance parameters of production and use processes, for both laptop and desktop PCs over BAU and RAR assumptions

Embodied Energy (MJ)						CO2 emissions (kgco2 eq)						Emergy (sej)						
Investigated Total		Total E.E. per phase		Unit E.E.			F . 4 CC	CO ₂ per phase		Unit CO2 release			3	Emergy per phase		UEV		Data Power
computer	Embodied Energy	Production	Use	MJ/ kgcomputer	MJ/ hr _{use}	MJ/FLOPS	Total CO ₂ emissions	Production	Use	kgco2eq/ kgcomputer	kgcozeq/ hruse	kgco2 eq/ FLOPS	Total emergy	Production	Use	sej/kg	sej/hr _{use}	sej/FLOPS
BAU Desktop PC*	6770.5	2442.6	4327.8	180.9	0.74	5.03E-07	515.8	186.1	329.7	13.8	0.06	3.83E-08	1.40E+15	4.46E+14	9.56E+14	3.30E+13	1.54E+11	9.18E+04
RAR Desktop PC	720.9	574.9	145.9	42.6	0.08	1.18E-07	54.9	43.8	11.1	3.2	0.01	9.01E-09	2.72E+14	1.41E+14	1.30E+14	1.04E+13	2.97E+10	2.90E+04
BAU Laptop PC*	3735.1	1798.2	1936.8	609.6	0.41	4.71E-07	284.6	137.0	147.5	46.4	0.03	3.59E-08	6.17E+14	1.89E+14	4.28E+14	6.41E+13	6.76E+10	4.95E+04
RAR Laptop PC	533.7	468.2	65.5	158.7	0.06	1.23E-07	40.7	35.7	5.0	12.1	0.004	9.34E-09	1.05E+14	4.65E+13	5.83E+13	1.58E+13	1.15E+10	1.22E+04

The added value of calculating emergy performance indicators is that emergy captures the process of resource generation, and the environmental support to generating minerals, water, and ecosystem services.

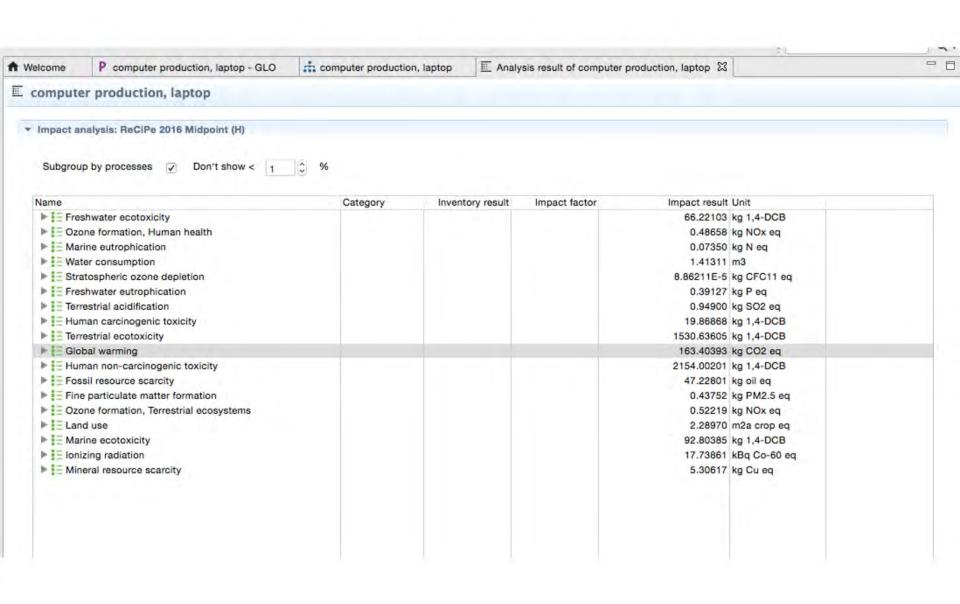
Note: FLOPS (**floating point operations per second**) indicates the computational ability of a computer (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FLOPS)

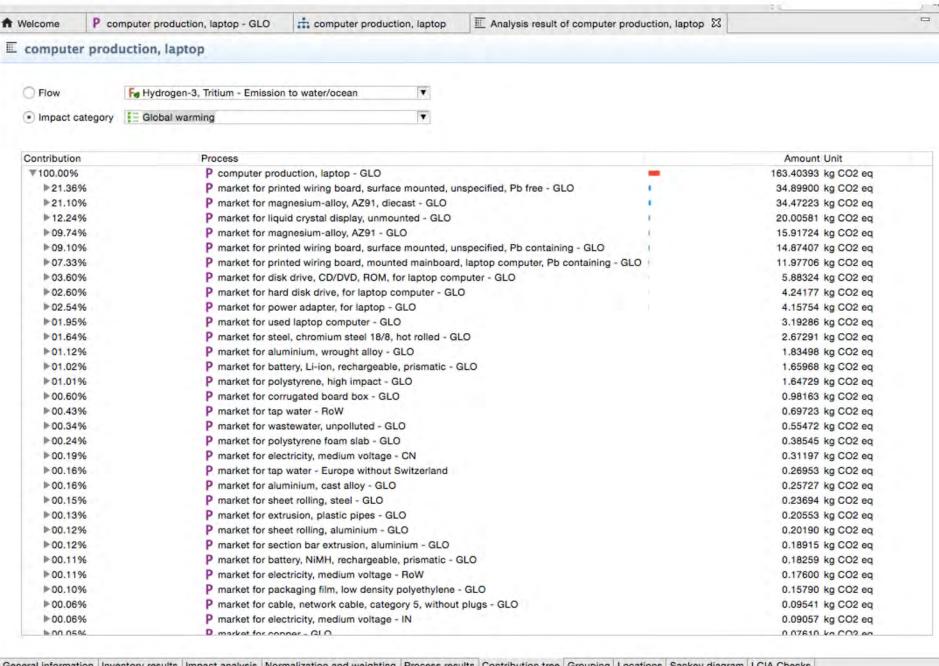
LCA performance indicators per FU (kg, hour of use, FLOPS)

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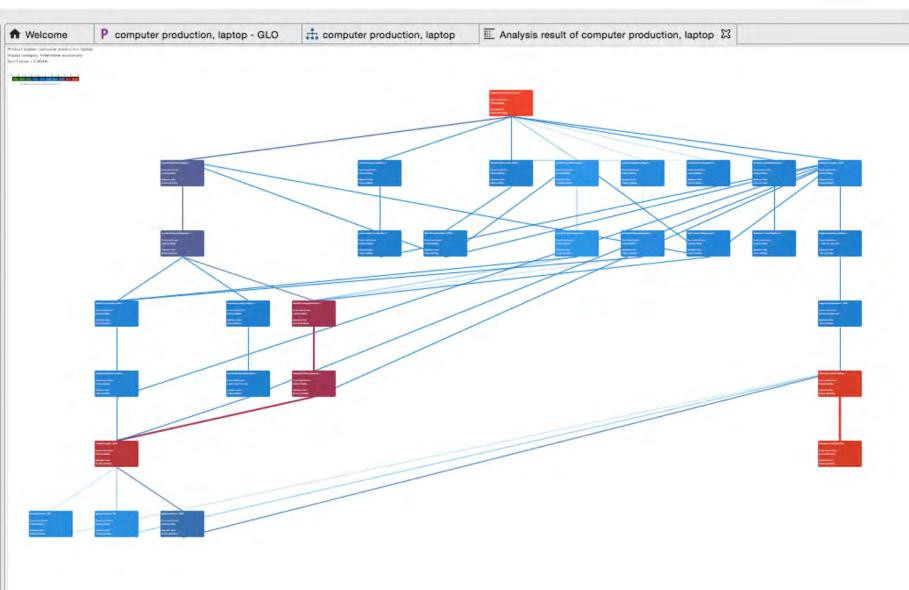
Investigated computer	<u> </u>					Human toxicity					Terrestrial acidification				Metal depletion					
computer	Production	Operation Imp		Impact/	Impact/	Production	Operation	Impact/	Impact/	Impact/	Production	Operation	Operation Impact/	Impact/	Impact/	Production	Operation	Impact/	Impact/	Impact/
		use	Kgcomputer	hr _{use}	FLOPS		use	Kgcomputer	hr _{use}	FLOPS		use	Kgcomputer	hr _{use}	FLOPS		use	Kgcomputer	hr _{use}	FLOPS
BAU Desktop PC*	1.97E-07	3.18E-08	1.46E-08	2.51E-11	4.05E-17	1.01E-07	1.34E-08	7.48E-09	1.25E-11	2.08E-17	5.70E-09	5.24E-09	4.22E-10	1.20E-12	1.17E-18	4.61E-08	2.58E-09	3.41E-09	5.33E-12	9.49E-18
RAR Desktop PC	3.22E-08	1.30E-09	2.39E-09	3.67E-12	6.63E-18	6.70E-08	1.23E-09	4.96E-09	7.48E-12	1.38E-17	2.15E-09	2.50E-10	1.59E-10	2.63E-13	4.42E-19	1.59E-08	2.78E-10	1.18E-09	1.77E-12	3.27E-18
BAU Laptop PC*	2.15E-07	1.43E-08	7.29E-08	2.51E-11	5.63E-17	4.54E-08	6.05E-09	1.54E-08	5.64E-12	1.19E-17	6.20E-09	2.36E-09	2.10E-09	9.38E-13	1.62E-18	3.67E-08	1.16E-09	1.24E-08	4.15E-12	9.61E-18
RAR Laptop PC	1.79E-08	5.86E-10	6.07E-09	2.03E-12	4.69E-18	1.44E-08	5.53E-10	4.88E-09	1.64E-12	3.77E-18	4.90E-10	1.12E-10	1.66E-10	6.60E-14	1.28E-19	5.95E-09	1.24E-10	2.02E-09	6.66E-13	1.56E-18

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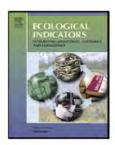




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Sustainable urban electricity supply chain – Indicators of material recovery and energy savings from crystalline silicon photovoltaic panels end-of-life



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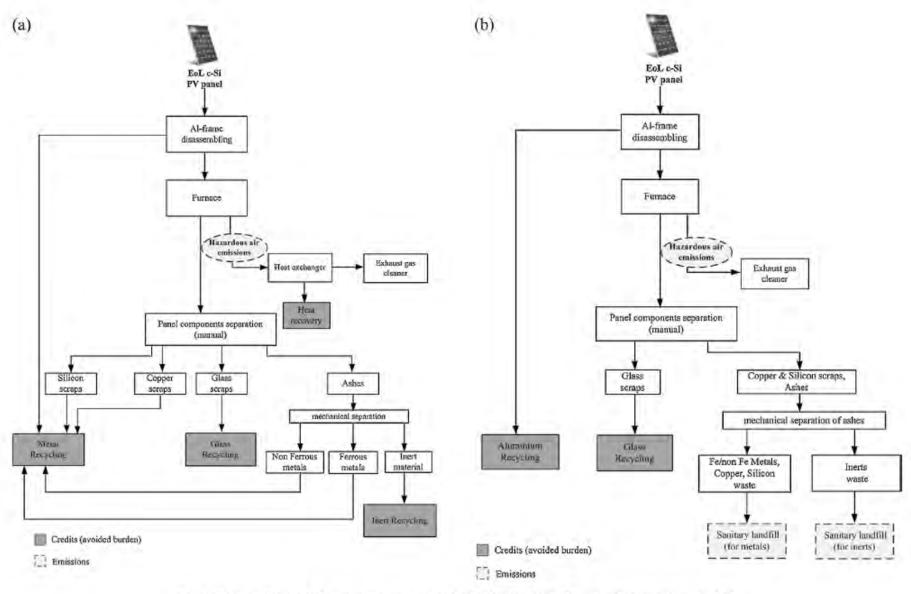


Fig. 1. (a) Flow chart of high-rate recovery scenario (HR). (b) Flow chart of low-rate recovery scenario (LR).

Table 5b LCI of the main output flows of the thermal treatment referred to a $1\,\mathrm{m}^2$ of c-Si PV panel.

Output flows	Amount (kg/m ² panel) ^a
HF	8.71E-04
NO	5.78E-06
NO ₂	8.25E-07
CO	6.56E-05
CO ₂	2.81E-04
VOC	4.32E-05
Hydrocarbons	2.34E-05
Al	8.60E-08
Cr	2.10E-09
Cu	1.76E-09
As	2.15E-10
Cd	4.42E-09
Pb	8.85E-08
Fe	8.20E-09
Sn	2.47E-07
Zn	3.16E-08
n	8.90E-10
Ba	1.37E-09
Ni	2.95E-10
Aluminum (frame)	3.29E+00
Glass	8.14E+00
Silicon (cell)	9.79E-01
Copper	3.62E-02
nerts	3.81E-02
Non Fe-metals	1.66E-02
Fe-metals	2.27E-05
Heat from plastics	3.77E+01

a Except for electricity (where kWh is used) and heat (where MJ is used).

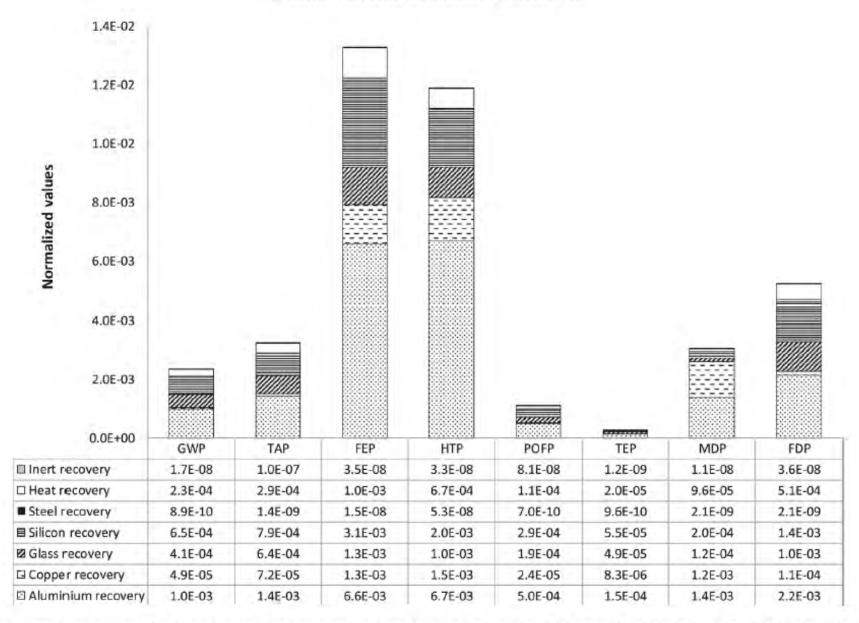


Fig. 3. Normalized impacts of high-rate scenario, broken down into contributions from each single phase, with reference to 1 m² of c-Si PV panel treated.

ANNEX 5

Report on Waste Electrical and Electronic equipment (WEEE) Management and the Potential for Circular Options in the Metropolitan City of Naples

China-Italy Bilateral Project

"Analysis on the metabolic process of urban agglomeration and the cooperative strategy of circular economy"

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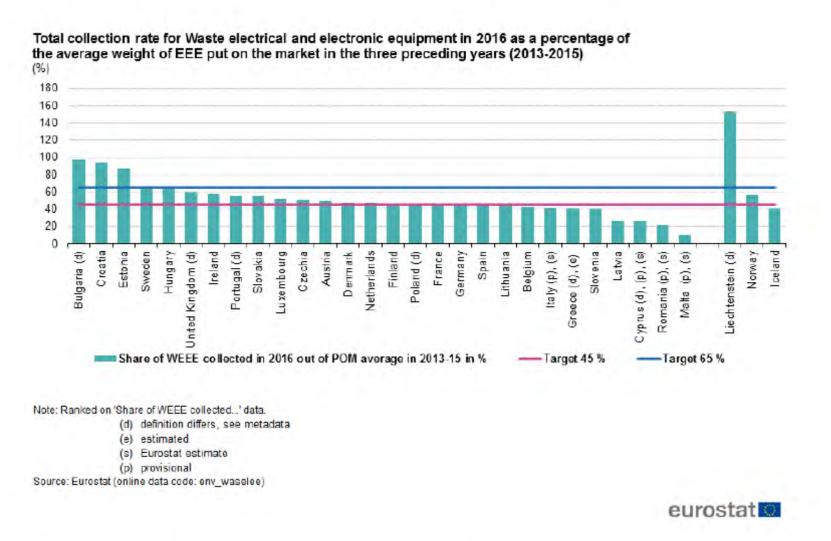
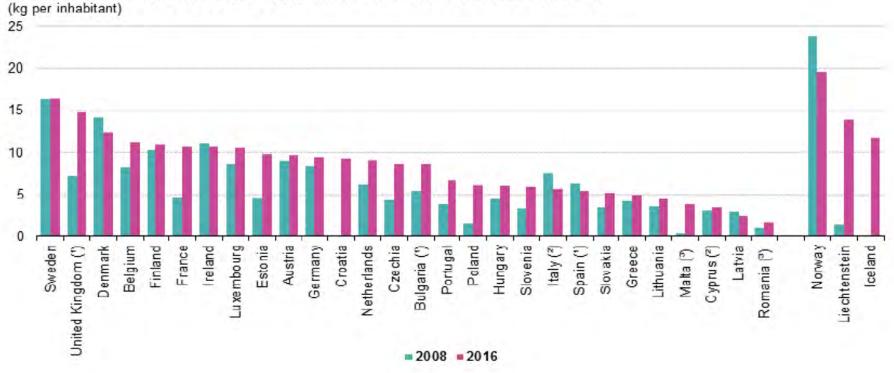


Figure 1. Total collection rate for Waste electrical and electronic equipment in 2016 as a percentage of the average weight of EEE put on the market in the three preceding years (2013-2015) (%). Source: EUROSTAT¹¹





Note: Ranked by 2016 data. (*) 2008: Eurostat estimate. (*) 2016: 2015 data instead. (*) 2016: 2014 data instead.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_waselee)



Figure 2. WEEE collection rates per capita (kg/per capita) in EU 28 in 2008 and 2016. Source: EUROSTAT¹².

The Ministerial Decree 185/2007 also defined that collection centres should classify WEEE into five categories as follows:

- "R1" Refrigerators and air conditioning systems;
- "R2" Large household appliances¹⁸;
- "R3" TV sets and displays¹⁹;
- "R4" Small household appliances, consumer electronics, office automation, computer appliances, lighting devices²⁰;
- "R5" Light sources (no incandescent lamps)²¹;

Table 2. Materials and energy recovered from 1 tonne of WEEE across the different categories. Source: Biganzoli et al., (2015).

Recovered materials	U.M.	heaters and refrigerators	large household		monitors (3)	small household	lighting equipment (R5)	
and energy		(R1)	appliances (R2)	CRTs	FPDs	appliances (R4)		
ABS plastic	kg	7		112.5	156	-		
Aluminium	kg	45.8	6.86	4	102	15.2	33.4	
Chromium steel	kg		24.8*	-	-		-	
Cobalt	kg					0.1		
Concrete (grinded)	kg		96.0	-	-			
Copper	kg	11.5	8.56	28.9	27.2	29.1	7-7-	
Electricity	kWh	2.08	14.6	11.4	21.5	675	72.	
Glass	kg		-	355	37.2	-	800	
Gold	kg	-	0.00011	0.02	0.02	0.005	- 4	
Lead	kg	197	0.011	1.48	1.33	1.70	7.75	
Manganese powder	kg			-1-7-1	18	0.005		
Nickel	kg		0.022	3.11	2.77	1.04	-	
Palladium	kg		0.00022	0.03	0.03	0.01	-	
Particle board	m ³	0.016	0.0008	0.015	114.1	0.0009	10.04	
Plasmix	kg	51.0	27.6	- 3-1	-		-	
PMMA plastic	kg	-	-	- 4	32.9	-	4	
PS plastic	kg	90.4	48.8	- y - 1	4			
Silver	kg		0.004	0.53	0.48	0.18	-	
Steel	kg	471	665	97	384	490	44.1	
Thermal energy	MJ	4.67	15.9	16.4	20.2	1504	-	
Electricity	kWh	2.08	14.6	11.4	21.5	675		

^{*}The value refers to the chromium steel scraps separated from the R2 category.

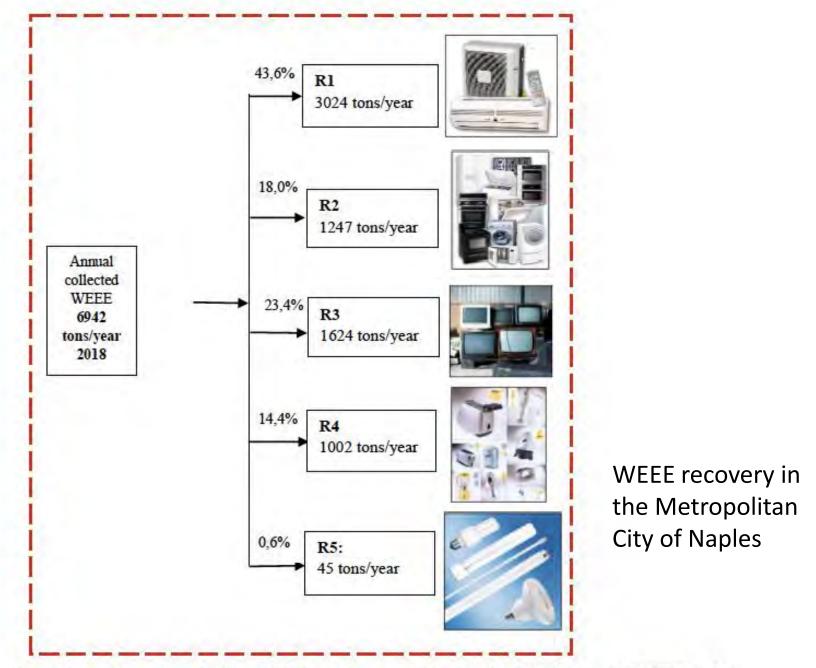


Figure 5. Annual amount of collected WEEE and its composition into the different groups of WEEE such as: Source of the data: Annual report of WEEE Coordination Centre, 2018.

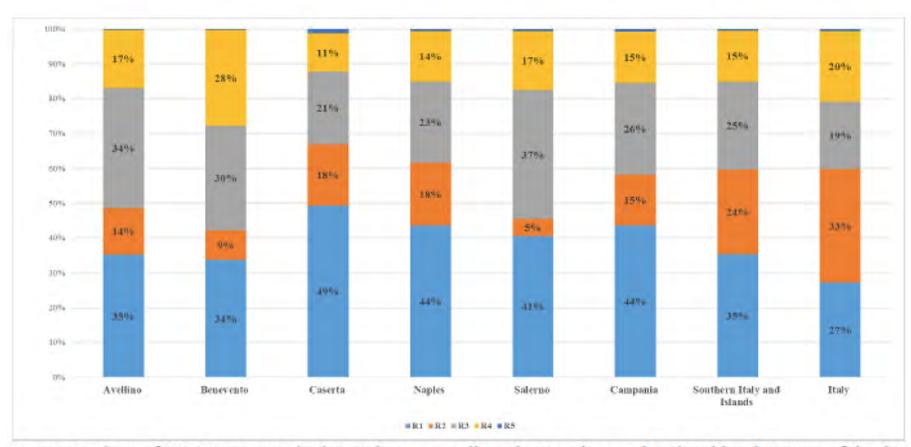


Figure 6. Share of WEEE category in the total amount collected at province and regional level. Source of the data: Centro Coordinamento RAEE, Rapporto annuale 2018.

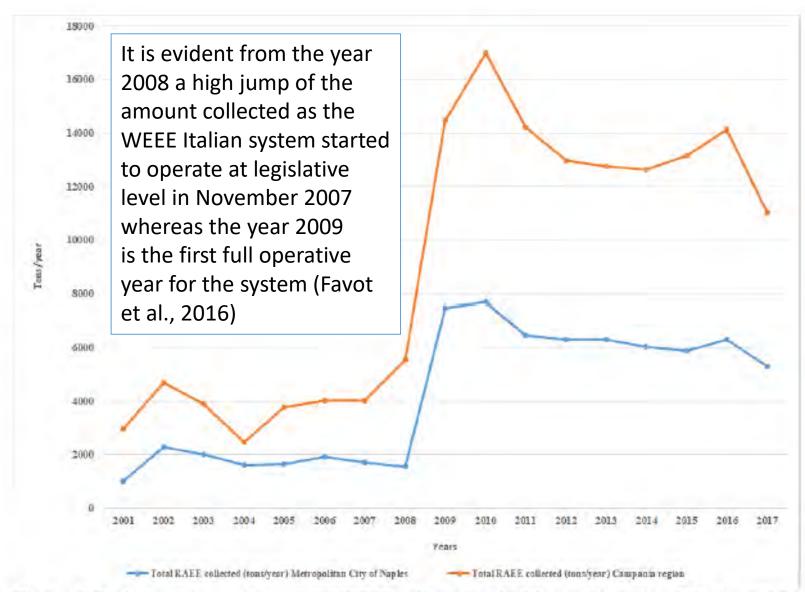


Figure 7. Evolution of annual amount of WEEE collected in the Metropolitan city of Naples and Campania Region.
Source of the data: National Waste Cadastre by ISPRA.

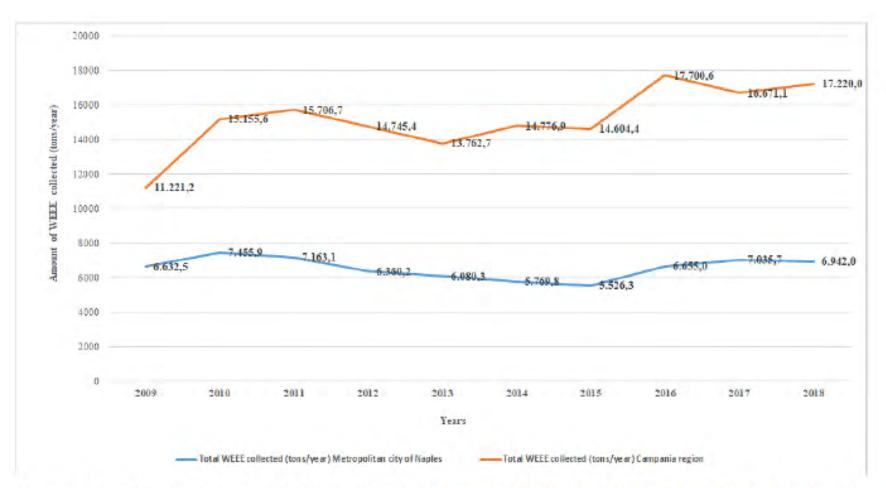


Figure 8. Trend of the amount of WEEE collected in Campania Region and Metropolitan City of Naples. Source of the data: Annual Reports by the WEEE Coordination Centre (https://www.cdcraee.it/GetHome.pub_do).

PROVINCES	COLLECTION PER CAPITA	CHANGE 2018/2017
AVELLINO	3,19	5,11%
BENEVENTO	3,02	17,19%
CASERTA	5,42	7,06%
NAPLES	2,24	-1,33%
SALERNO	2,38	3,94%
CAMPANIA REGION	2,96	3,29%
SOUTHER ITALY AND ISLANDS	3,54	5,55%
ITALY	5,14	4,84%

Table 3. Amount of WEEE collected per capita and percentage change in 2018 compared to 2017. Source of the data: Centro Coordinamento RAEE, Rapporto annuale 2018.

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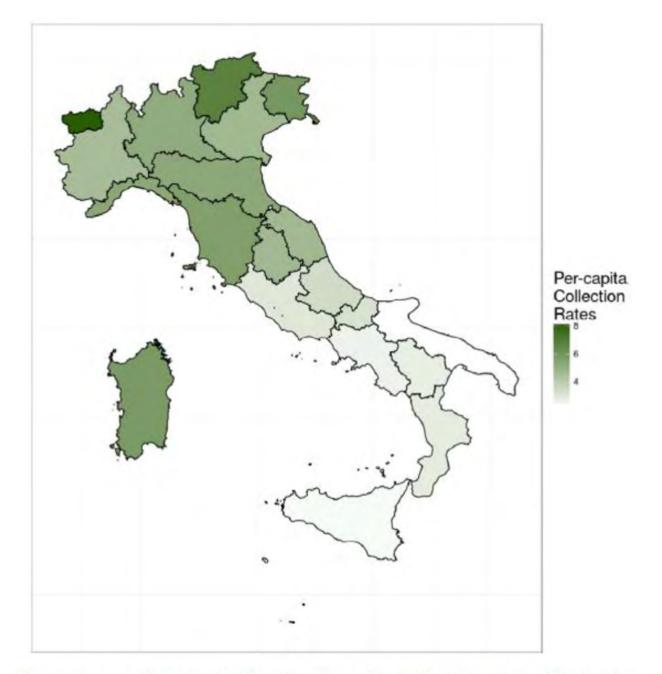


Fig. 2. The spatial distribution of per-capita collection rates (CR) in Italy (Year = 2015) CR: kg collected per inhabitant per year.

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Atrio di ingresso Università Parthenope Centro Direzionale (Isola C4) Napoli



Napoli: RE-BIT, donati scuola pc non rottamati

Inserito da DentroSalerno on 20 maggio 2014 – 01:00

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venerdì 23 maggio, alle ore 10.30 presso l'Università Parthenope di Napoli (Centro Direzionale, Isola C4) il progetto Re-Bit che mira a selezionare computer ancora utilizzabili per destinarli a scuole e biblioteche. Il programma dell'evento prevede alle ore l'intervento di saluto del Direttore del Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie, Prof. Raffaele Santamaria, e del Direttore del Dipartimento di Ingegneria, prof. Vito Pascazio e del vice-sindaco e assessore all'Ambiente del Comune di Napoli Tommaso Sodano. La selezione dei computer utilizzabili presso la A&C Ecotech è già in corso da parte di studenti dell'Università Parthenope. Il giorno 23 maggio, in concomitanza il convegno presso l'Università Parthenope promosso da Legambiente Campania e dal consorzio Ecoem, si svolgerà un "Install Party", in cui ricercatori e studenti dell'Università Parthenope installeranno software open-source idoneo ad usi non professionali (scuole elementari, associazioni) per poi destinare i computer così rigenerati a scuole elementari del Comune di Napoli e a singole associazioni. In parallelo si svolgerà un'esposizione di oggetti artistici ottenuti mediante riciclo di parti di vecchi computer. Il progetto Re-Bit, patrocinato dal Comune di Napoli, è un'iniziativa promossa dall'Università Parthenope (attraverso il Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie e il Dipartimento di Ingegneria



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- Select and repair still usable computers;
- Decrease waste generation and increase resource saving;
- Minimize the existing digital divide.







REBIT 2015 at the junior School G.Pascoli of Naples (https://www.scienzeetecnologie.uniparthenope.it/REBIT-2015.html)

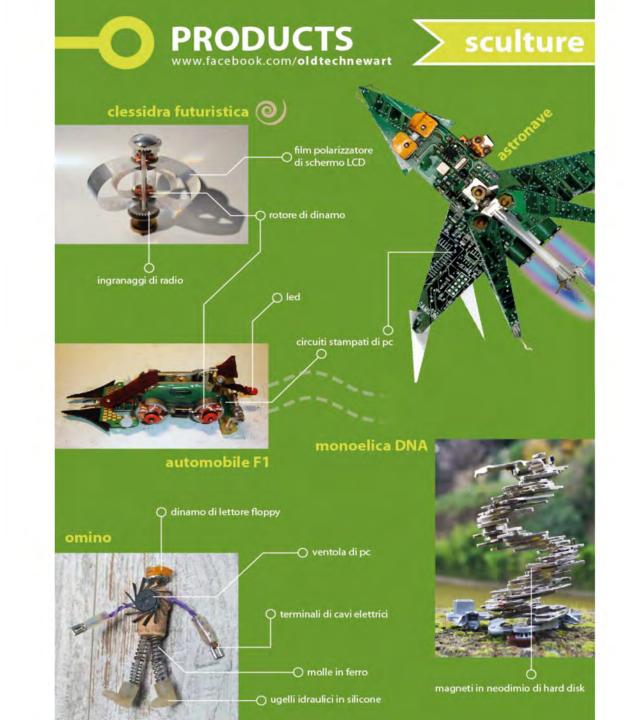




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