

**Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)**

# **MACEDONIAN CHALLENGES**

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# **CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS**

- **Takeback Companies (PRO's)** – Authorities may help making sure that necessary systems are available through agreements
- **Producer register** – Authorities responsibility, but could be organised through buying services from private company (public tender)
- **Prepare municipality(?) and shop collection of WEEE**
- **Treatment capacity**
- **Efficient supervision**
- **Information to citizens and industry**

# CONDITIONS FOR COMPLIANCE

- Practically possible for those responsible
- Competitors must not “get away with” less
- Reasons for legislation understood (but not necessarily agreed on)



# CONDITIONS FOR EU ACCEPT

- **Legal text** (according to national tradition)
  - Directive: 15.000 words
  - Norwegian implementation: 4.000 words
- **Trustworthy and functioning system**
- **Measurable results**



# **EU EXPERT GROUPS (TAC)**

**Experts from Member states (1-3 meetings a year)**

**EEA and accession states can take part in discussions, but cannot vote**

**Lead by EU Commission**



**Committee procedures according to Directives**

**Important when preparing amendments**

**Technical workshops**

**Network of colleagues**



## A complex digital collage featuring numerous portraits of people in various settings. The background is a cloudy sky. In the center, a man with sunglasses and a grey jacket is playing a white piano. To his left, a man with glasses is looking at a laptop. Above him, a man is taking a photo with a camera. In the bottom right, a man is eating a sandwich. Other people are scattered throughout the collage, some looking at the camera, others looking away. The overall style is a mix of realistic and surreal, with people appearing to be in different places at the same time.

# **LEARNING POINTS FROM NORWAY**

- **Make it as simple as possible**
- **Common WEEE & battery schemes if possible**
- **Avoid exceptions.** Consider including all WEEE and full shop collection from Day 1.
- **Be prepared for more ambitious directive in the future**
- **Take part in Brussels and cooperate with other countries**
- **Professional cooperation with industry** – Deal: Environmental results against business opportunities. Avoid exclusive monopolies.
- **Start information work early**



**It is possible**

**in Norway**

**In Macedonia**

**...and in the rest of the World!**

