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## European WEEE news – May 2011.

Dear readers,

the following European WEEE topics have been prepared for you this month:

**Commodities:** Further increase in steel production.

**Producer responsibility:** Photovoltaic modules to be WEEE.

**The Recycler's view:** Safe disposal of LCD panels in the UK.

**From the countries:** Germany, UK, Sweden, Italy, Spain.

### **Commodities: Further increase in steel production.**

According to our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)), the world steel production has grown by 9 % in the first quarter. China has contributed again to most of this rate. The demand for scrap in Turkey remained at a low level. Despite the recent price developments, the IKB expects an increase in steel prices throughout the second quarter by 5 %.

You can find the full report in German on our homepage [www.rene-europe.com/WEEE](http://www.rene-europe.com/WEEE)  
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### **Producer responsibility: Photovoltaic modules to be WEEE.**

The EU commission has launched a study that concludes photovoltaic modules to be WEEE. Including both B2B and B2C modules would result within higher collection and treatment results and is thus preferable to the current voluntarily model.

Source: Euwid online

### **The Recycler's view: Safe disposal of LCD panels in the UK.**

The UK Environment Agency has awarded the BATRRT (Best Available Treatment Recovery and Recycling Techniques) to a British recycling plant for LCD panels. The company captures mercury vapor that is released during disassembly. The results range 40 % below the current regulations.

Source: U2M

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**Germany: HP turns municipal collections into company marketing tool**

Citizens of Frankfurt/ Main, Germany, who return their products to municipal collection places on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May will receive a HP purchasing voucher of 10 Euro. This marketing campaign is backed by the administration of the municipality of Frankfurt.

Source: Recyclingzentrum Frankfurt

**UK: No recycling rate reporting.**

As part of the annual declaration of compliance, the UK collective schemes only had to report the recycling volumes, but not the different treatment rates. The UK Environment Agency takes the details directly from the Evidence Notes that are displayed in the Settlement Centre.

Source: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

**Sweden: Reporting adapted to vacation.**

The Swedish collective system EI-Kretsen will extend the reporting time lines for June, Q2 and July with regard to the summer vacation. This approach was already successfully applied by the UK Environment Agency for the 2010 Declaration of Compliance.

Source: [www.ei-kretsen.se](http://www.ei-kretsen.se)

**Italy: Third annual report published.**

The Italian Centro di Coordinamento has highlighted in its third annual report, that the average collection volume has been raised by 27 % in comparison to 2009. With a result of 4,07 kg per inhabitant, the target of the Directive has now been sharply exceeded.

Source: [http://www.cdcaee.it/GetPage.pub\\_do?id=402882a12ebd25e3012ebf6092c60450&language=ITA](http://www.cdcaee.it/GetPage.pub_do?id=402882a12ebd25e3012ebf6092c60450&language=ITA)

**Spain: Producer to be audited.**

Producers that have to report batteries and accumulators in Spain may be audited by the Spanish collective system Ecopilas. The objective is the verification of data reliability. The costs for the audit are covered by the collective system.

Source: [www.ecopilas.es](http://www.ecopilas.es)

We wish all of our readers a successful month!  
Your RENE Team