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## European WEEE news – June 2011.

Dear readers,

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

- Commodities:** Steel production still on the rise.
- Producer responsibility:** Potočnik supports „cradle to cradle“ concept.
- The Recycler’s view:** EU to create demand for recyclates.
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### **Commodities: Steel production still on the rise.**

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 again grown by 8 % in April. As before, China has contributed to most of this rate. The prices for scrap have not moved significantly, potentially with regard to a sufficient user stock level.

You can find the full report in German on our homepage [www.rene-europe.com/](http://www.rene-europe.com/) WEEE News/ Commodity reports

### **Producer responsibility: Potočnik supports „cradle to cradle“ concept.**

At the end of the Green Week in Bruxelles (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/>), EU environment commissioner Janez Potočnik has put emphasis on the importance of design for re-use. Producers should work together with service providers in the markets in order to move forward in this direction.

Source: <http://www.eu-koordination.de/umweltnews/news/produktpolitik/890-umwelt-braucht-eine-bessere-kreislaufwirtschaft->

### **The Recycler’s View: EU to create demand for recyclates**

“The EU should do more to stimulate demand for recycled materials, Peter Kurth, head of European waste industry association FEAD, told delegates at a conference on waste recycling held on Wednesday morning as part of Green Week.

This could be done through green public procurement (GPP) standards or by requiring particular industries to use certain amounts of recycled material, Mr Kurth suggested. He also stressed the need for harmonised standards for recycled materials.”

Source: <http://www.weee-forum.org/news/ends-europe-daily-call-for-europe-to-create-demand-for-recyclates>

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**Germany: Goldberg to continue EWRN presidency.**

The European WEEE Register Network (EWRN) has decided to continue with the German presidency for another two years. The extension of the presidency period roots in the expectation to reach a higher level of continuity and efficiency for the member registers. A central focus of the work is given to common interpretation of legal aspects from national legislations.

Source: <https://www.ewrn.org/>

**UK: AATF without approval.**

The UK Environment Agency has started to inform all WEEE PCS (producer compliance schemes) upon the withdrawal of approvals for recycling plants. Throughout the month of May, the treatment plant Sanak Ventures has lost their approval based on 52(5) of the regulations for not providing an independent audit report.

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

**France: Eco-systèmes reaches one million ton bench mark.**

The French take back system eco-systèmes has collected one million tons of WEEE since 2006 according to official statements. In 2010 alone, 311.000 tons were collected. The increase in collection may be based on the ongoing awareness campaigns that eco-systèmes undertakes regularly throughout France.

Source. [www.eco-systèmes.fr](http://www.eco-systèmes.fr)

**Belgium: Audits on paper.**

The Belgium system Recupel executes its audits along the paperwork that producers were asked to hand in. Company visits are not happening.

Source: RENE AG

**Spain: WEEE fraud is wide-spread.**

An official report on WEEE published in Spain, reveals WEEE fraud on a massive scale. The analysts even perceive bending of the WEEE rules as systematic in Spain. Thus, non-compliance is frequent.

Source: [www.endseurope.com](http://www.endseurope.com)

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**Denmark: DAKOFA Conference upon producer responsibility.**

Status and Development of the WEEE Directive and its transposition in Denmark are discussed on a conference organised by the Danish DAKOFA on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in Copenhagen. A central focus is put on recycling quality achievement beyond mere cost reduction or avoidance. Participants are producers such as IKEA, representatives from municipalities and the main Danish take-back systems.

Source:

[http://www.dakofa.dk/Aktiviteter/konferencer\\_seminarer/110509/Materiale/20.06.2011%20rev.pdf](http://www.dakofa.dk/Aktiviteter/konferencer_seminarer/110509/Materiale/20.06.2011%20rev.pdf)

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