

# Europäische WEEE News – April 2012.

Liebe Leser,

zur Ihrer Orientierung haben wir in diesem Monat folgende Themen vorbereitet:

Rohstoffe:	Prices are still increasing.
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## Rohstoffe: Prices are still increasing.

Our partner for commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (<u>www.ikb.de</u>) announces increasing commodity prices during March. Despite the current sidewards movement, there is expected rising potential for steel scrap.

The entire IKB-report can be found on our homepage <u>www.rene-europe.com</u> under the column WEEE News / Commodity reports.

### Herstellerverantwortung: Does PV Cycle want to get ahead of WEEE-Recast?

Before the final passing of WEEE-Recast the initiative of photovoltaic panels producer has introduced a plan for the "completely WEEE concurrent" service <u>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/index en.htm</u>. PV Cycle wants to have the take-back and the recycling of the panels organised by a system administrated by the sector. In this way unnecessary sorting and inefficiency in recycling technology are to be avoided.

Source: <u>http://www.photovoltaik-guide.de/photovoltaik-pv-cycle-strategie-zur-weee-einfuehrung-in-vollem-gang-25159</u>

### The Recycler's View: European recycling rates online.

RENE AG as of now provides the European recycling rates for the clients online in the portal <u>www.myrenenet.com</u>. With the client login the rates per country can be retrieved and printed as PDF-file. These reports are the basis for the declarations to the European systems. The rates have been calculated on the basis of the respective pick-up per client. In 2011 RENE AG has organised recycling pick-ups in 15 European countries.

Source: RENE AG

Aus den Ländern: Deutschland, UK, Frankreich, Italien, Schweden.

#### Deutschland: GRS distributes surpluses now automatically.

The take-back system Stiftung GRS Batterien (<u>http://www.grs-batterien.de</u>) has announced that in Germany from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 on the distribution of surplus will be automatically part of the contract and has not to be signed separately as up to now.

Source: GRS-user letter of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

#### UK: Official program for the recovery of precious metal.

The British government plans to subsidize concepts for recovery of precious metal out of electrical and electronic waste equipment. For this 200.000 GBP are kept ready within the Resource Security Action Plan. Beyond that, interested parties are to be informed, which devices contain precious metal. Also data for the future availability and therewith for the economic potential will be introduced.

Source: <u>http://www.theinquirer.net/inquirer/news/2161471/uk-aims-recycle-precious-metals-phones-laptops</u>

#### Frankreich: Isn't it possible without PR?

The French user of electronic and electrical equipment obviously still in 2012 need incentive measures for handing in their waste equipment. For this reason take-back system have organised themselves for the "tournée des DEEEglingués » the second time. Between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June in more then 1000 municipalities in whole France recycling events will be organised. The municipality with the highest collecting results receives a special prize.

Source: <u>http://www.environnement-online.com/presse/environnement/telex/3668/les-</u> <u>deeeglingues-sont-de-retour</u>

#### Italien: Evidence of financial standing facilitated.

The national Committee has reduced the amounts of financial standings for waste transporting companies. The evidences are given inter alia by presentation of the current account and per vehicle.

Source: Chamber of Industry and Commerce Bozen

#### Schweden: Refund realized.

The collective take-back system El-Kretsen has introduced a new price model and reimbursed recycling fees to members, which are higher than the actual or the calculated costs.

Source: <u>www.elkretsen.se</u>, Newsletter April 2012

Wir wünschen all unseren Lesern einen erfolgreichen Monat!

Ihr RENE Team