



Work Package 2: WEEE Actors and Amounts

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Inventory of WEEE related research



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the key aims of the CWIT project is to produce a comprehensive overview of the WEEE industry and determine how the actors involved are combatting illegal trade in WEEE. This requires an extensive data collection and information gathering process which also draws on other work being undertaken on an international scale to target illegal trade in WEEE.

An important part of this task is building a knowledge database of complementary studies and initiatives that focus on understanding the dynamics of the WEEE industry, illegal flows of WEEE, and also the actors concerned with the fight against organised crime.

This knowledge database is an inventory of related research that will identify relevant projects, studies and initiatives funded by any international, European, and national organisations. The inventory lists information from across the globe and highlights where international cooperation is fostered in interregional and cross-border initiatives. This will be a useful reference tool for both the project partners and the European Commission directorates.

The inventory is a significant resource and an opportunity to use information that has been compiled in previous projects for the benefit of the CWIT project. The resources compiled here will be used as an input to research being carried out throughout the other work packages and will also feed into the overall recommendations of the project.

The inventory is structured to be easily searched by geographical region, title and type of document (*i.e.* projects, initiatives and other publications), and by organisation or body responsible for the document. In addition, each resource contains a summary, providing users with a brief overview of its relevance to their particular interest.

During the course of completing this deliverable nearly 300 studies, projects, initiatives, and other publications relevant to the CWIT project were identified and entered into an online database (C2P) for use by the project participants. The pie chart to the right gives the breakdown of type and quantity of sources of information.

This inventory is available on the C2P platform for the project participants and the European Commission. The list is also available on the CWIT public project website¹.

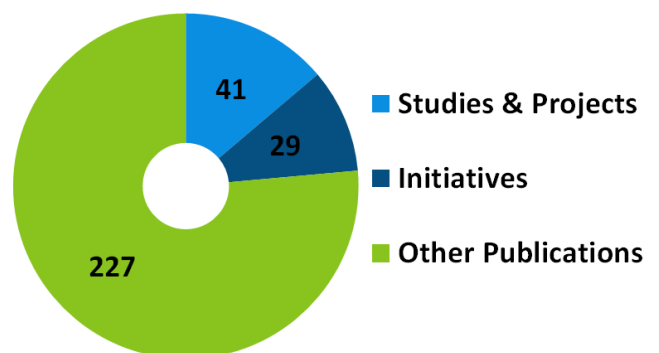


Figure 1: Breakdown of types and numbers of Information Sources

Further data will be collected as the project develops and will be incorporated into the C2P database and updated to the CWIT project website.

¹ www.cwitproject.eu/weee-related-research