

## Activities and Anticipated Results

EwasteR Project envisages the following strategy and activities to achieve its specific objectives and aims in three years:

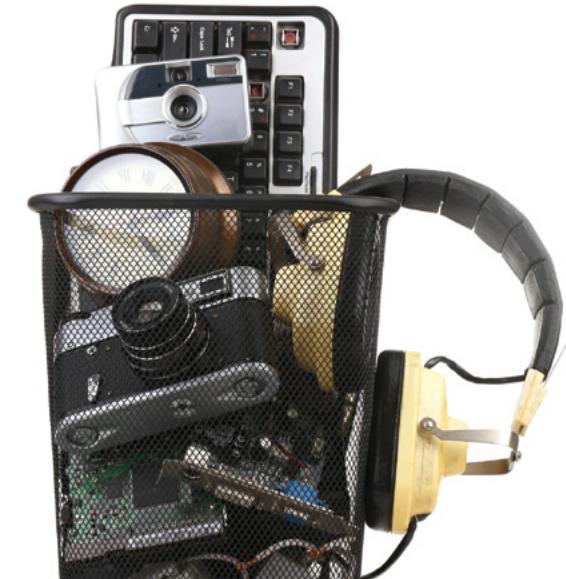
- ➡ Identify the current qualification routes and the occupational profiles across Europe that are relevant to the field of E-Waste Recycling and Re-Use management, exchanging experience, practice and strategies to raise awareness among key stakeholders on the potential of reuse to generate employment opportunities and revenue.
- ➡ Develop a new professional qualification using EU criteria (ECVET-EQAVET) that delivers relevant skills, knowledge and competencies for E-Waste Recycling and Re-Use management professionals, which will be piloted through innovative VET experience (classroom; open management school; virtual mobility) and work-based learning activities (Labs-shadowing).
- ➡ Provide a Handbook for the final transparent recognition and validation process for the assessment of learning outcomes developed during the Pilot experiences to facilitate labour mobility, mutual trust and increased recognition of qualifications at European level within the sector.
- ➡ Create a new Project Open Web-Area to share information, practice, research, tools and expertise across the sector during and beyond the lifespan of the Project.
- ➡ Provide a package of VET tools and instruments that deliver transferable skills and competencies that facilitate the mobility of VET learners and workers across Europe.
- ➡ Invigorate the E-Waste Recycling and Re-Use management business area in Europe to encourage the conversion from informal to formal business.

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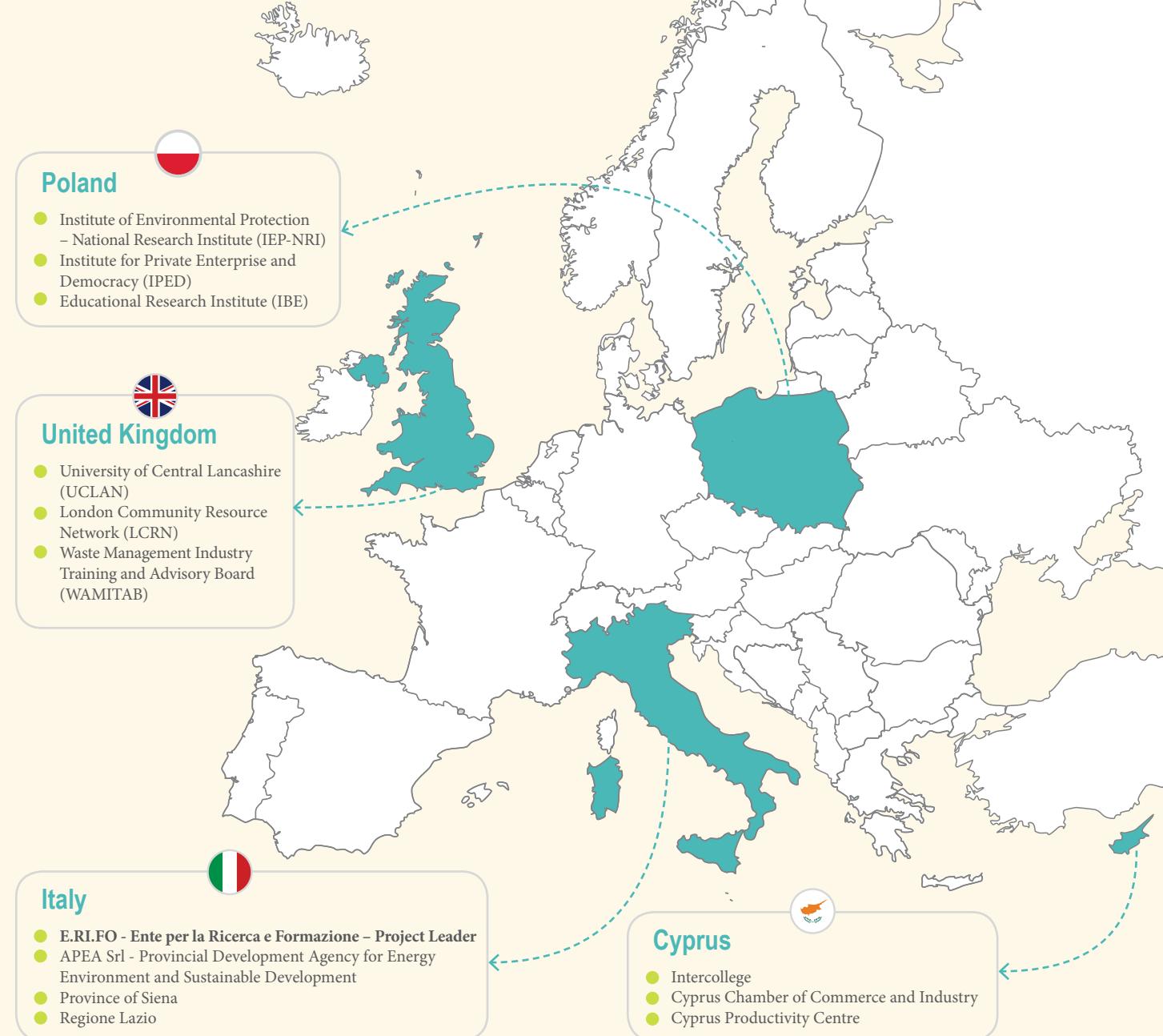


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## EwasteR – one of the six selected and funded projects for the call 2014

The EwasteR Consortium is composed of 13 organisations from four different countries – Cyprus, Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom. The project is managed by E.RI.FO - Ente per la Ricerca e Formazione (Rome, Italy).



## EU Context

Electrical and electronic waste (E-waste) is currently the largest growing waste stream. Each day a vast number of electrical and electronic devices end up as waste; some of them ready for scrap, others just obsolete. This is gradually mounting up to a serious environmental problem, which has so far failed to capture the public interest.

Recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is a specialist part of the waste and recycling industry. It is a rapidly growing sub-sector due largely to the implementation of the WEEE Directive in the EU Countries; setting of stringent recycling targets in the EU countries; the steady stream of updates and enhancements to computer and mobile devices and recent events such as digital switchover.

There is a need for common recognition of the qualifications for WEEE recycling and re-use managers and workers. Despite the ever-increasing need for technically-skilled employees to maintain and operate the advanced e-waste treatment facilities, the qualifications and VET frameworks of E-Waste managements have a diversified structure within the EU states and they are not aligned with EQF and ECVET initiatives.

## Aims and Objectives

The overall goal of the EwasteR Project is to develop and establish a new high-quality interdisciplinary curriculum for the E-Waste Recycling and Re-Use management sector in Europe, creating a link between the production phase and the waste phase of a product and, increasing the sense of initiative and entrepreneurship as well as the quality and potential of employability and mobility.

The EwasteR Consortium fully conforms with Directive 2012/19/EU on WEEE and the old WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC, which was repealed in February 2014.

