

# **Design and development of a pilot plant for WEEE-computers reusing**

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#### LIFE-ECORAEE project <a href="http://www.life-ecoraee.eu/en/">http://www.life-ecoraee.eu/en/</a>







**ecoRaee** – Demonstration of a re-use process of WEEE addressed to propose regulatory policies in accordance to EU law

#### What is ecoRaee?

- 6th of 35 projects (2011) EU LIFE+ Environmental & governance sub-program.
- Team:
  - Coordinate by Universidade de Vigo,
  - Partners: revertia and EnergyLab
- 3 year transfer project (2012-2015)
- Total budget of 1,269,155 euros,
- European Union providing: 622,038 euros (50% of the total budget)









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## Who is in the project team?

- University of Vigo (\*Coordinator)
- **Revertia:** start-up company founded in December 2009
  - waste electric-electronic equipment (WEEE) management operator
- EnergyLab: founded in 2008,
  - specializing in energy efficiency and sustainability





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Who is in the project team? (\*Coordinator)

- Universidade de Vigo
  - institutional project comprising departments and/or research groups
    - Department of Mechanical Engineering (Grupo CIMA)
    - Department of Electrical Engineering
    - Department of Computer Engineering,
    - Department of Applied Economic
    - Department of Environmental Law
  - other **University services** such as:
    - the Environmental Office,
    - the European Project Section of the Research and Development Support Service,
    - and the Rector's Office, responsible for institutional communication









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- ✓ Characterizing and **demonstrating** an industrial preparation process for <u>reusing</u> electric and electronic equipment (EEE)
- ✓ Promoting standards that guarantee the correct implementation of European law
- ✓ Contributing to a high level of separation of WEEE









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Focus on this paper: Design and development of a pilot plant for WEEE-computers reusing



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# Demonstrations of **New use of PC reused**











# **New-life: 4 different applications**

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**DEMO-1: Control system air conditioning and lighting** 

**DEMO-2: Cluster of computers for grid processing** 

**DEMO-3:** Perimeter security devices intranet



DEMO-4: Generic purpose computers Offimatic and internet use





















# New life: D4 – D3 and D2

**DEMO-2: Cluster of computers for grid processing** (calculation)

**DEMO-3: Perimeter security devices intranet** (internet defender)

**DEMO-4: Generic purpose computers** (Offimatic and internet use)











# New life: focus on DEMO-1



Offimatic and internet use









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# Operations needed: Design and development of PILOT PLANT



# **2-Treatment or processing**









# **Operations needed:** Design and development of **PILOT PLANT**

# Treatment or processing (*details* for D1-D2-D3)

DEMO 1	DEMO 2	DEMO 3	
TR 1 - 2: Filtering equipment	TRI 1 - 2: Filtering equipment	TR 1 - 2: Filtering equipment	
TR 10: Treatment components.	TRI 10.1: Recovery cabling.	TR 10: Recovering	
TR 3.1: Classification of basic	TRI 10.2: Classification of	components.	
equipment.	wiring.	TR 3.1: Classification of basic	
TR 3.2: Test POST.	3.1 TRI: Basic Criminalization	equipment.	
TR 3.3: Comprehensive	of equipment.	TR 3.2: Test POST.	
Classification of teams.	TRI 3.2: Test POST.	TR 3.3: Comprehensive	
TR 3.4: Manually checking	TRI 3.3: Comprehensive	Classification of teams.	
components.	Classification of teams.	TR 3.4: Manually checking	
TR 3.5: Determination of the	TRI 8.1: Erasing disc.	components.	
target configuration.	TRI 7.1: Removing equipment.	TR 3.5: Determination of the	
TR 8.1: Erasing disc.	TRI 7.2: Classification of	target configuration.	
TR 7.1: Cleaning and	components.	TR 8.1: Erasing disc.	
sanitization.	TRI 5: Diagnosis.	TR 7.1: Cleaning and	
TR 7.2: Assembly of		sanitization.	
equipment.		TR 7.2: Assembly of	
TR 7.3: Installing software.		equipment.	
TR 7.4: Checking		TR 7.3: Setting client.	
communications.		TR 7.4: Checking and final	
TR 7.5: Performance testing.		testing.	
TR 5: Diagnosis.		TR 5: Diagnosis.	



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# Operations needed: Design and development of PILOT PLANT

Lay out concept definition:

based on operations (product)











# Operations needed: Design and development of PILOT PLANT

Lay out concept definition: based on operator (worker)











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#### Operations needed: Design and development of PILOT PLANT Lay out – flow operation and PILOT PLANT **PERSON** in TR 7.1 COMPONENTES the center of HDDs the process TR 10.1 PERIFÉ-TR 5.1 TR 3.3 TR 3.4 TR 3.5 HDDs TR 7.3 RECICLADO TR 7.1 TR 7.4 TR 8.1 TR 7.2 TR 8.2 TR 7.1 EX 2.1 TR 4.1 TR 7.3 TR 6.1 SALIDA FR 7.4 EX 1.1 HACIA TR 9.1 EX 2.2 SALIDA TR 3.3 HACIA TR 3.4 EX 1.2 **TR 3.1** TR 3.5 TR 1.1 TR 7.1 TR 2.1 TR 8.1 TR 7.2 TR 8.2 Ruta normal ENTRADA Cambio de zona EQUIPOS, PERIFÉRICOS Ruta para reciclado **Y COMPONENTES DE** Producto acabado RE 2 Tratamiento de limpieza Periféricos Componentes extraídos **FLOW OPERATION** Componentes preparados



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**PILOT PLANT design:** 





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## **PILOT PLANT design and development: CONSTRUCTION**





## PILOT PLANT <u>re-use process</u>



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# PILOT PLANT re-use process

# **2-Treatment or processing**

- Turn-on and first check T3.2
- Checking hardware T3.4
- HDD formatting T8.1
- Internal hardware cleaning (TR7.1)

**Classification:** cables/components

Assembly of components
(TR7.2): motherboard / HDD
SO installation (TR7.3)

















# **RESULTS:** Equipments for Demo 1

#### First processing (start-up and test stage)

- From 12/05/2014 el 19/05/2014
- Number of days: 6 days
- Computers processed: 33 ud. (358,9 kg)
- 7 ud OK (75,2 kg) <u>=> 21% OK</u>

#### Demonstration of a full operative stage processing

- From 5/06/2014 el 14/07/2014
- Number of days: 20 days (working month)
- Computers processed: 90 ud. (934,9 kg)
- 20 ud OK (194,8 kg) => <u>23% OK</u>







Mo-OK – Recycle









# **RESULTS:** Equipments for Demo 2

#### First processing (start-up and test stage)

- From 26/05/2014 el 3/05/2014
- Number of days: 7 days
- Computers processed: 23 ud. (299,4 kg)
- 12 HHD + 3 power supply + 3 mother board
   (14,8 kg) => 5% OK

#### Demonstration of a full operative stage processing

- From 18/08/2014 el 15/09/2014
- Number of days: 20 days (working month)
- Computers processed: 100 ud. (314,4 kg)
- 42 HHD + 20 mother board (37,0 kg)

## <u>=> 11% OK</u>





Mo-OK – ReuseMo-OK – Recycle







# **RESULTS:** Equipments for Demo 3

#### First processing (start-up and test stage)

- From 19/05/2014 el 23/05/2014
- Number of days: 5 days
- Computers processed: 42 ud. (417,4 kg)
- 7 ud OK (80,0 kg) => 17% OK

#### Demonstration of a full operative stage processing

- From 15/07/2014 el 12/08/2014
- Number of days: 20 days (working month)
- Computers processed: 68 ud. (697,6 kg)
- 16 ud OK (194,8 kg) => <u>24% OK</u>













# RESULTS: <u>resume</u>

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DEMO	Dates	Number of days	Computers processed	Acceptable to reuse
Demo 1	12/05/2014 - 19/05/2014	6 days	33 units (358,9kg)	7 units (75,2kg)
Demo 2	26/05/2014 - 03/06/2014	7 days	23 units (299,4 kg)*	12 components <sup>*</sup> (14.8 kg)
Demo 3	19/05/2014 - 23/05/2014	5 days	42 units (417,4kg)	7 units (80,0kg)
DEMO	Dates	Number of days	Computers processed	Acceptable to reuse
Demo 1	05/06/2014 - 14/07/2014	20 days	90 units (934,9kg)	20 units (194,8kg)
Demo 2	18/08/2014 - 15/09/2014	20 days	100 units $(400 \text{ kg})^*$	75 components <sup>*</sup> (300 kg)
Demo 3	15/07/2014 - 12/08/2014	20 days	68 units (697,6kg)	16 units (177,59kg)
22%		79%	21%	
	■ % OK – Reuse ■ % No-OK – Recycle	<ul><li>■% OK – Reuse</li><li>■% No-OK – Re</li></ul>	orcycle OK− No-C	Reuse K – Recycle









# **CONCLUSIONS**

- This paper *Design and development of a pilot plant for WEEE-computers reusing* is focus on the work development by research group CIMA at University of Vigo (Spain) within the project ecoRaee (ecoWEEE)
- ecoRaee (6<sup>th</sup>/35 LIFE+2011 Environm.&Govern. sub-prog. main objective is demonstrating a valid (technically and economically) industrial process for reusing WEEE-PCs









# **CONCLUSIONS**

- ecoRaee team:
  - University of Vigo: CIMA Group (and others)
  - Two companies: Revertia and EnergyLab
- ecoRaee defines a WEEE reuse process based on circular economy to give a 'new-life' to PCs
- PCs' new-life is demonstrated with FOUR DEMOS
- A pilot plant was defined and constructed









# **CONCLUSIONS**

• **Results** of reuse process (D1-D2-D3 at University of Vigo)







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