

**Question for written answer E-004488/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Mismanagement of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in Europe and objectives at risk

According to the European Court of Auditors' 2021 analysis of electrical and electronic waste, the European Union is likely to fail to meet its ambitious targets.

Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE Directive) established the principle of 'extended producer responsibility', requiring producers of electrical and electronic equipment to finance the management of WEEE, in compliance with Directive 2004/35/EC.

In Italy, despite some examples of excellence, TV retailers and air conditioning and boiler installers face major difficulties in disposing of old household appliances that are returned. Sales in central and southern Italy and the islands have tripled, but WEEE disposal capacity has not increased in parallel¹.

Can the Commission clarify the following:

1. how it intends to achieve the goals, given European producers' belatedness in extending the life cycles of their equipment and eliminating components destined for landfill;
2. how it intends to ensure compliance with Directive 2012/19/EU in Sicily;
3. what its view is of the impact of the Italian TV scrappage bonus on WEEE management²?

¹ <https://www.lasiciliaweb.it/2021/09/boom-bonus-tv-ma-smaltire-i-vecchi-e-un-caso/>

² <https://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/incentivi/comunicazioni/bonus-rottamazione-tv#:~:text=Il%20bonus%20consiste%20in%20uno,importo%20massimo%20di%20100%20euro.&text=La%20rottamazione%20pu%C3%B2%20essere%20effettuata,dell%27acquisto%20la%20TV%20obsoleta.>