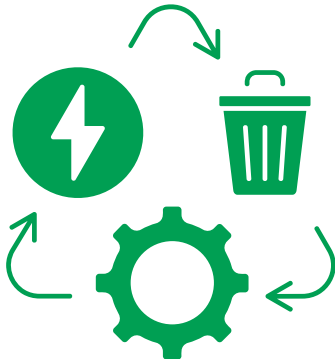


# E-WASTE

E-Waste is any electronic or electrical equipment discarded by its owner as waste without the intent of re-using it.



## Distribution of E-waste generated in Europe:

- **52,7%** Large household-appliances
- **14,6%** Consumer equipment and photovoltaic pannels
- **14,1%** IT and telecommunications equipment
- **10,1%** Small household appliances
- **8,5%** Other

## Global key facts

E-waste is one of the fastest-growing waste types, with **62 million tonnes produced globally in 2022.**

**Only 22.3%** of e-waste is **properly collected and recycled.**

**Developing countries**, such as Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, etc. receive most of the E-waste in the world from the developed countries in Europe and North-America.

Informal recycling releases lead and other **harmful substances into the environment.**

**Health risks** from e-waste exposure are particularly high for children and pregnant women.



## E-waste is an European environmental problem

- The European continent is the first in the world in generating E-waste per-capita, with 16.5kg per-capita.
- Europe is the greatest recycler of E-waste, however, there are great imbalances between the countries.

Croatia: 81.3 %



Spain: 41.0 %



Malta: 20.8 %



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