



01 . ECOLEC FOUNDATION

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Extended producer responsibility organization operating in Spain, providing compliance services to producers and retailers for the collection, transportation, preparation for reuse and recycling of electric and electronic equipment (EEE) and batteries.

01.1 . STATUS

The Fundación ECOLEC is a non-profit private entity, established by the manufacturers and importers of large and small domestic appliances, in march 2004, to comply with the obligations of producers concerning the management of electric and electronic devices at the end of its life. Within the last years, producers from other categories of electronic devices have joined ECOLEC to comply with the legislation, to protect the environment and promote the Sustainable Development and Circular Economy.

The Board of patrons includes producers in representation of all EEE and streams.

In 2008 ECOLEC started a complementary activity by establishing the system to manage the collection and recycling of waste batteries in order to provide a global solution for EEE producers that include batteries in their products,

Today, we are a one-stop solution system where producers can comply with their legal obligations on regard of either WEEE and batteries regulations.

Currently, ECOLEC has a market share responsibility of 35% for EEE and. More than 250 incorporated producers rely on ECOLEC. Leadership in local consumer information campaigns, fitting of new Collective Scheme`s authorization with all EEE Directive Standards, or leading practices to fight against free riders, are some of the achievements for the last years.

ECOLEC is one of the Spanish members of the UN Global Compact committed to implement the 10 universal sustainability principles and to drive actions in support of achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ECOLEC is also member of the national producer association CONFEMETAL, participating specially in the environment working group. Moreover, ECOLEC has also participated in the set-up of Weeelabex Standards.

01.2 . MISSION AND PRINCIPLES

Our aim is to establish the Collective System of Extended Producer Responsibility (SCRAP) that manages WEEE and in an efficient way from the environmental point of view, but also from an economic, technological and social point of view, through best practices to reduce the ecological footprint of WEEE and, with transparency and rigor, favoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and transition to Circular Economy.

The people who work at ECOLEC share some principles that govern all our actions: **Vocation of service** towards incorporated companies; **Efficiency** in all our processes, both in economic and sustainable ways; **Transparency/Integrity** We try to do things well, in the right way, always looking for continuous improvement; We want to be the ones who can be trusted; **Commitment**, that implies the observance of the law and achievement of environmental goals; **Sustainability**, directing all our actions to the prevention of waste, reuse, reuse of materials, the defense of Nature and the Environment, the reduction of the Carbon Footprint of WEEE and Batteries and the promotion of the Circular Economy.; **Social responsibility**, promoting projects for the integration of people at risk of social exclusion and promote equal opportunities.



02 . WEEE CATEGORIES COVERED

ECOLEC authorization covers all EEE categories for both, B2C and B2B appliances, and all categories of batteries.

03 . FINANCING OF THE SYSTEM

According to Spanish legislation, ECOLEC has to ensure the financing of the management costs of WEEE generated, collected and treated, the coordination instruments stated by law and information and awareness campaigns. All according to the market share of producers (in proportion to annual declarations of EEE put on the market) incorporated to ECOLEC. The financing of the system is based in the concept "as you go". So, producers in ECOLEC pay for the real cost incurred, per category and proportion of market share declared. Budget is invoiced monthly to producers, adjusted quarterly/yearly according to put on the market declarations.

ECOLEC also helps producers to set up the mandatory financial guarantee by contracting, on behalf of them, a credit insurance policy to cover the financial obligations of each year (the whole management costs as calculated by law).

03 . COLLECTION SYSTEM

ECOLEC system is organized in a collection network of more than 9.000 collection points across the country, including retailers (on & off line), shopping malls, producers and technical services, municipal collection points, logistic companies, universities, schools, hospitals, industries, etc. As member of OfiRaee (the Spanish clearing house), we coordinate with other PROs pick-up services for all municipal collection points through the agreements signed with the regional governments (Comunidades Autónomas).

ECOLEC has a traceability system, Weee-Trace/Weee-Tracker, to track all services from collection points to treatment plants. Thanks to this system, ECOLEC receives all pick-up orders in an automatic IT system that connects all partners through the logistic chain in order to make it more efficient.

ECOLEC offers free collection services to all its producers, for waste generated in their facilities or other related collection points, which is very appreciated specially by B2B producers.

As part of the certified ISO 9001 and 14001 Quality and Environmental Management Systems, ECOLEC performs periodical evaluations and/or audits of the waste management companies performing transport, storage, treatment, recycling, recovery and disposal of WEEE. Audits are performed in accordance with Spanish legal requirements and/or CENELEC or WEEELABEX standards.

04 . LOGISTIC AND TREATMENT PARTNERS

The above collection network is supported by an upstream structure of 73 logistic operators, 109 reception / classification centers and 71 treatment plants to ensure the fulfilment with all norms and legislation. ECOLEC also takes part of WEEELABEX organization and follows its criteria in all contracts with its partners.