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### PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE Circular Economy Act

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#### Introduction

As announced in the <u>Clean Industrial Deal</u>, the European Commission is preparing a proposal for a circular economy act for adoption in 2026. The main objective of this new legislation is to accelerate the transition to the circular economy in the EU. It will target several obstacles, such as the lack of sufficient demand and supply for secondary raw materials (including critical ones); and the fragmentation of the single market for circular products, waste and secondary raw materials.

As an integral part of the analysis, the Commission is launching this public consultation to gather views from all interested parties. The questionnaire consists of seven parts:

- Part 1 collects some key information about you;
- Part 2 covers general questions on the circular economy;
- Part 3 focuses on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE);
- Part 4 contains questions related to single market barriers to circularity;
- Part 5 contains questions about the demand and supply of secondary raw materials;
- Part 6 contains questions on improving waste management and circular processes;
- Part 7 provides an opportunity to submit open comments and upload documents.

Your feedback will feed into the impact assessment. This questionnaire is launched in parallel to the call for evidence.

You can save your replies as a draft and finish later.

#### **PART 1. ABOUT YOU**

#### About you

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describes your primary area of business activity?
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#### PART 2. GENERAL QUESTIONS ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

# Question 1: To what extent do you agree with the following statements about barriers hampering the EU single market for secondary raw materials?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Prices for secondary raw materials are generally higher than prices of primary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. The quality of secondary raw materials is generally lower than the quality of primary raw materials	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
c. A lack of standardised certification for secondary raw materials affects their marketability	©	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. There are too many regulatory obstacles to a well-functioning single market for secondary raw materials	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. There are too many other barriers (financial, information, etc.) obstructing economies of scale for the supply and demand of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. There is insufficient supply of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. There is insufficient demand for secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
h. EU-made secondary raw materials face competition from imported secondary raw materials that are cheaper, of lower quality and/or of uncertain origin	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
i. There is not enough high-quality, sorted waste in the EU to produce secondary raw materials	0	0	•	0	0	0	0

j. There is inadequate infrastructure for the collection, sorting, and transportation of secondary raw materials within the EU	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
k. Circular economy business models are not receiving the necessary financial support	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
Current public procurement practices do not sufficiently prioritise or incentivise the use of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
m. Key actors in the products' value chains (e.g. producers and recyclers) are not sufficiently working together to improve circularity	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
n. Consumer awareness and acceptance of products made from secondary raw materials is low	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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Premessa: le risposte possono variare per settore e materiali. I prezzi delle MPS sono spesso più alti, ma non sempre: nuove tecnologie permettono qualità pari al vergine. Criticità: scarsa disponibilità e purezza, costi elevati, ostacoli normativi e logistici, esportazioni di rottami. Servono norme coerenti, incentivi al riciclo, infrastrutture efficienti e un'EPR trasparente, con autorità locali coinvolte.

### Question 2: How important are the following economic incentives in boosting the EU circular economy?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Extended Producer Responsibility schemes (e.g. producers are held financially responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, including their waste management)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Deposit refund schemes	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
c. Public procurement criteria supporting the circular economy	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Taxes or fees on incinerating and/or landfilling of waste	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
e. Taxes on exports of waste	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
f. Tax breaks and other fiscal incentives supporting circular economy practices	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. EU funding for circular economy practices	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
h. National funding for circular economy practices	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. Reduction of subsidies which prevent circularity (e.g. subsidies for landfills and incineration)	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
j. Pay-as-you-throw schemes	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
k. Product-as-a-service models	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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I finanziamenti UE dovrebbero favorire soluzioni circolari efficienti e campagne di sensibilizzazione per l'uso di materiali riciclati. L'economia circolare non equivale a "zero waste" e non va spinta con tasse su discariche e incenerimento, ma con buone pratiche, progetti PA, simbiosi industriale e innovazione. Servono incentivi per hub locali, start-up innovative e ricerca sulle tecnologie di recupero. I proventi UE (ETS, plastica) dovrebbero alimentare un Fondo per la Competitività e ridurre

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# Question 3: To what extent do you agree that the EU can take the following measures to help raise awareness and encourage a change of mindset among the broader public and economic operators towards a more circular economy?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Set up EU-wide public awareness campaigns	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Set up national or local public awareness campaigns	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Systematically introduce the circular economy into educational curricula	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Introduce standardised product labelling, product information, including toxic substances, and other consumer transparency measures and tools focusing on circularity	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
e. Support Member States authorities' capacity building for the circular economy through training, exchanges on best practices and advisory services	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. Support Member States authorities in developing a diverse trainings programme and skill set to meet emerging challenges of circularity	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. Work on prevention (e.g. reducing resource use, waste generation, foster reuse)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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Le misure sulle informazioni e sulla riduzione dei rifiuti dovrebbero rientrare in normative specifiche per prodotto, adattandosi alle diverse categorie. Il Circular Economy Act dovrebbe promuovere sistemi di raccolta efficienti per tutti gli imballaggi immessi sul mercato UE, garantendo il miglioramento dei tassi di raccolta e riciclo dei materiali. Ciò dovrebbe costituire un requisito essenziale per tutti i sistemi di raccolta.

### PART 3. WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

(WEEE)

# Question 4: How important are the following measures to increase the collection of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Make producers legally responsible for meeting national     WEEE collection targets	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
b. Increase collection targets	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
c. Impose financial penalties on producers that fail to meet WEEE collection targets	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
d. Increase inspection to uncover illegal exports of WEEE from the EU	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Require all actors handling WEEE to register and report quantities through a unified national system	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. Conduct recurring, product-specific awareness campaigns at national level	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. Investigate consumer behaviour and barriers to WEEE return as a basis for targeted initiatives	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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L'attuale EPR per i RAEE è superato: la gestione coinvolge molti attori e deve evolvere in una responsabilità condivisa, con obblighi di rendicontazione e un meccanismo di attuazione rigoroso. L'aumento dei target non garantisce maggiore efficienza; serve migliorare il metodo di calcolo e coinvolgere tutti gli attori. I RAEE sono una fonte essenziale di materiali e metalli preziosi, il cui recupero è cruciale per l'industria UE.

# Question 5: How important are the following measures to incentivise waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) take-back?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
Mandating online sellers to offer free WEEE take-back for delivered electronics	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Making door-to-door WEEE collection mandatory for municipalities above a certain population size	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
c. Making Commission Recommendation (EU) 2023/2585 that aims to increase the return of used and waste mobile phones, tablets and laptops mandatory	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
d. Establishing deposit return systems for small appliances (or other products, please specify below)	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
e. Requiring sellers of electrical and electronic equipment to accept WEEE, regardless of where the product was purchased	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. Developing incentives based on consumer preference (e.g. preferences for vouchers over deposit schemes)	0	0	•	0	0	0	•

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# Question 6: What is currently impeding the recycling of critical raw materials (CRMs) from waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in the EU?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. WEEE diverted to scrap metal yards or large shredders	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Lack of infrastructure (e.g. collection, sorting and recycling)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Lack of scale / a fragmented market	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Insufficient technology readiness	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
e. The concentration of CRMs in electrical and electronic equipment components is too low to qualify for recycling	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
f. Insufficient removal of electrical and electronic equipment components	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. Low price of virgin primary CRMs	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
h. Low price of imported secondary CRMs	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
i. The quality of secondary CRMs is lower than primary ones	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
j. Insufficient demand for secondary CRMs	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
k. High energy costs of recycling	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Insufficient information on CRMs in WEEE available to recyclers	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
m. Electrical and electronic equipment not designed for recycling	0	0	0	•	0	0	0

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# Question 7: To what extent do you agree that the current waste of electrical and electronic equipment categories should be expanded?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Setting a new category for renewable energy related equipment, including photovoltaic panels, wind turbines and others	0	•	©	0	0	0	0
b. Setting a new category for photovoltaic panels (from current category 4 into to a new category)	•	•	©	0	0	0	0
c. Setting a new category for wind turbines	©	0	0	0	0	•	0
d. Setting a new category for digital and telecommunications equipment (e.g. data servers)	0	0	0	0	0	•	0
e. Setting a new category for seabed cables, large industrial cables	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
f. Setting a new category for non-mobile road machinery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. Setting a new category for large-scale stationary industrial tools	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
h. Setting a new category for large scale fixed installations	0	0	•	0	0	0	0

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L'esperienza dell'open scope dei RAEE mostra la necessità di introdurre nuove categorie per i prodotti emergenti destinati al riciclo. Inoltre, potrebbe essere utile creare una categoria specifica per le infrastrutture di ricarica elettrica, così da adottare criteri armonizzati per la loro classificazione e gestione, in coerenza con la crescita della mobilità elettrica e i principi dell'economia circolare.

### Question 8: To what extent do you agree with the following measures to improve the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE)?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. EPR financing needs to be harmonised across the EU as well as registration and reporting requirements	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
b. EPR fees for electrical and electronic equipment should remain unchanged	0	0	0	0	0	0	•
c. Member States should do regular compositional surveys of collected mixed municipal waste stream to determine the share of WEEE	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. EPR fees should cover costs additional to the costs currently covered under the current WEEE Directive (from collection to recycling). These include awareness campaigns, compositional surveys, data gathering and reporting, and deducting any revenues obtained from preparation for re-use or preparation for repurposing or from the value of secondary raw materials recovered from recycled WEEE	•	•	•	•	•	•	©
e. EPR business-to-business and business-to-consumer obligations should remain different (as is the case in the current WEEE Directive)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. The difference between EPR business-to-business and business-to- consumer obligations should be reduced to the minimum	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
g. EPR fees should also be eligible for financing behavioural research and targeted consumer initiatives, because the consumer's decision to return or not return WEEE is crucial to the quantity and quality of collected material	0	0	0	•	0	0	0

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Il principio EPR è superato: non solo i produttori, ma più attori gestiscono i RAEE. Tutti dovrebbero condividere la responsabilità in base alla loro influenza sul sistema, al fine di aumentare raccolta, recupero e riciclo. L' imminente Circular Economy Act e la revisione della direttiva RAEE sono occasioni fondamentali per allineare la legislazione alle realtà del mercato odierno e attribuire responsabilità effettive a ciascun soggetto coinvolto.

#### PART 4. SINGLE MARKET BARRIERS FOR CIRCULARITY

# Question 9: How important is it to simplify (e.g. through harmonisation) the following rules in order to improve the single market for waste and secondary raw materials?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Extended Producer Responsibility	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. End-of-waste criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. By-product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Permits (e.g. for establishing a recycling facility)	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Rules on cross-border waste shipments within the EU	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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È fondamentale armonizzare i criteri sull'End-of-Waste e sui sottoprodotti per favorire il mercato unico europeo. Serve accelerare la valutazione delle nuove tecnologie di riciclo per i materiali a contatto con alimenti. La mancanza di chiarezza normativa genera incertezza e oneri amministrativi eccessivi per le spedizioni transfrontaliere intra-UE, ostacolando potenziamento su larga scala del riciclo.

### Question 10: How important are the following obstacles preventing waste from being recognised as reaching the end-of-waste or a by-product status?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Heterogeneity of end-of-waste and by-product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Existence of sub-national/local end-of-waste and by- product criteria	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
c. Existence of national end-of-waste and by-product criteria	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
d. Lack of mutual recognition between national end-of-waste and by-product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Lack of EU-wide end-of-waste and by-product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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La complessità burocratica, la mancanza di linee guida e la scarsa fiducia del mercato limitano la circolazione e l'uso delle materie prime seconde. I criteri EoW devono essere armonizzati in tutta l'UE e, in via transitoria, va rafforzato il mutuo riconoscimento delle autorizzazioni nazionali. Ogni nuovo criterio EoW dovrebbe prevedere un periodo di transizione, tenendo conto delle autorizzazioni esistenti, per permettere l'adeguamento delle parti interessate.

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### Question 11: How important are the following reforms to facilitate the attainment of the end-of-waste and by-product status?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Swiftly develop additional EU-wide end-of-waste and by- product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. No longer allow sub-national/local end-of-waste and by- product criteria	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Enable mutual recognition of national end-of-waste and by- product criteria	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Further develop the provisions for the end-of-waste and by- product criteria in the Waste Framework Directive	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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Servono orientamenti UE sui criteri EoW per ridurre disallineamenti e favorire chiarezza. In via transitoria, va rafforzato il reciproco riconoscimento delle autorizzazioni tra Stati membri e modificato l'art. 29(2) del Regolamento sulle spedizioni per garantire coerenza. La classificazione EoW dovrebbe valere solo intra-UE; per export extra-UE restano obblighi e controlli sulle spedizioni di rifiuti.

# Question 12: To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Extended Producer Responsibility schemes?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Producer responsibility organisations should be regulated at Member State level	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
b. Producer responsibility organisations should be regulated at EU level	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Various actors in the life cycle of the product should be represented in producer responsibility organisations	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Extended Producer Responsibility fees should cover the entire waste management costs (e.g. collection, transport and treatment)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
e. Extended Producer Responsibility fees should cover waste prevention (e.g. re-use, repair and waste prevention campaigns)	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
f. Extended Producer Responsibility fees should be modulated (lower or higher) depending on the circularity performance of related products	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
g. Transparency should be required on how fees are determined and how they are spent	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
h. The issue of 'free riders' (producers that do not register for Extended Producer Responsibility) needs to be addressed	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. Ensuring cost efficiency is a key objective of Extended Producer Responsibility	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

j. Ensuring high recycling rates is a key objective of Extended Producer Responsibility	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
k. Ensuring minimal landfilling of waste is a key objective of Extended Producer Responsibility	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
Ensuring minimal incineration of waste is a key objective of Extended     Producer Responsibility	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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Le domande a) e b) sono troppo generiche. Alcuni elementi EPR vanno regolati a livello UE, altri a livello nazionale, per rispettare le specificità dei sistemi esistenti. L'EPR può favorire la circolarità (f), ma è limitato da norme su sicurezza e salute. È uno strumento per ridurre i rifiuti (j), mentre altri aspetti spettano a norme come l' ESPR. La registrazione UE dovrebbe essere unica. Per i RAEE, la modulazione del contributo ha effetti limitati e non incentiva comportamenti più sostenibili

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# Question 13: To what extent do you agree that EU mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility systems would benefit for the following product groups?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Agricultural plastics	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Tyres	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Mattresses	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Furniture	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
e. Construction products	0	0	•	0	0	0	0

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Assicurare il raccordo tra l'ESPR, che stabilisce le regole su come i prodotti devono essere progettati, inclusa la gestione del fine vita, e l'EPR, che stabilisce regole che rendono i produttori responsabili della gestione dei loro prodotti al termine del loro ciclo di vita, pur mantenendone chiaramente separate le competenze.

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# Question 14: How important are the following digitalisation measures to simplify Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Setting up a national webpage for each EPR system	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
b. Setting up an EU-level webpage for all EPR systems	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Turning an EU-level online registration of producers into an EU-level EPR register	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
d. Turning an EU-level online registration into national EPR registers	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
e. Setting up an EU-level online platform to register and access national EPR schemes (one-stop-shop)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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#### PART 5. DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS

### Question 15: Would you be in favour of the Commission proposing minimum bio-based content targets at EU level?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

#### Please specify for which end product(s)?

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Gli obiettivi devono coprire sia i prodotti bio-based sia quelli bio-attributed, e includere tutte le tecnologie che favoriscono la circolarità. Devono basarsi su valutazioni d'impatto per applicazione, considerando disponibilità di biomassa sostenibile, fattibilità tecnica ed economica, mercato, norme, fattori socio-economici e riciclabilità. Gli obiettivi vanno fissati a livelli realistici nelle normative settoriali, come PPWR per imballaggi ed ELVR per veicoli.

### Question 16: How important are the following measures in increasing the demand of secondary raw materials?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Minimum recycled content targets	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Minimum EU-made recycled content targets	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Public procurement rules favouring products/companies using secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Public procurement rules favouring products/companies using EU-made secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
e. EU-wide standards on the quality and traceability of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. Measures to further reduce the landfilling of waste	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. Information on the quality and origin of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
h. Price incentives for products or companies using EU-made secondary raw materials (e.g. value-added tax exemptions and tax credits)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
i. Price disincentives for products or companies using primary raw materials (e.g. taxes and carbon cost)	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
j. Stronger support from extended producer responsibility schemes for the uptake of secondary raw materials (e.g. ecomodulation of Extended Producer Responsibility fees)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

k. Stronger market surveillance	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Support to increase waste recycling activities in the EU (e.g. financial support for new capacities)	0	•	©	0	0	0	0

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Per rafforzare il mercato delle MPS è prioritario integrare le risorse di rifiuti UE. I requisiti di contenuto UE nei materiali riciclati stimolano domanda e circolarità, ma vanno basati su un'offerta sufficiente e valutazioni su commercio, obblighi internazionali e catene del valore. Misure sulla domanda possono aumentare i prezzi. Poiché normative come SUPD, PPWR, ESPR, ELV e CPR già fissano obiettivi, nuovi interventi nel CEA devono essere coerenti. Nessun target serve per carta e cartone.

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### Question 17: To what extent do you agree with the following statements on public procurement?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Public procurement can be a significant driver of the circular economy	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Circularity criteria should complement price criteria	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Circularity criteria should be optional for contracting authorities to use	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
d. Circularity criteria should be mandatory for contracting authorities to use	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
e. Circularity criteria should apply to specific products' aspects (e.g. durability, reparability, recyclability and recycled content)	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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Le politiche di Appalti Pubblici Verdi devono essere allineate e coerenti con le più ampie strategie di creazione della domanda e con le politiche sui criteri non tariffari (CEA, IDAA, ESPR) per evitare complessità. È fondamentale sviluppare standard e metodologie armonizzate, garantendo qualità e sicurezza. Il value based procurement rappresenta la cornice ideale per integrare efficacemente i criteri verdi negli acquisti pubblici.

# Question 18: In order to support the transition to circular economy in the EU, which goods or services should be prioritised for public procurement criteria?

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Priorità a prodotti con contenuto minimo di materiali riciclati, recuperati e sottoprodotti, a basse emissioni di carbonio e valutati sull'intero ciclo di vita. Incentivare beni circolari e di origine europea, corredati da certificazioni di performance circolare e/o da EPD. Serve superare la frammentazione degli appalti verdi, rafforzando cultura, attuazione e approcci innovativi come il value based procurement.

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# Question 19: To what extent do you consider it important to improve the scrap classifications and trade codes for steel, aluminium and other secondary raw materials?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Additional scrap classifications for recycled steel	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
b. More granularity in trade codes for recycled steel	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Additional scrap classifications for recycled aluminium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. More granularity in trade codes for secondary aluminium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Il termine "recycled steel" per indicare il rottame ferroso non risulta appropriato e può risultare fuorviante, poiché può creare confusione nella definizione di adeguate proposte legislative. Il rottame, anche se ha ottenuto lo status di EoW, non può essere considerato acciaio riciclato: il riciclo si completa solo con la rifusione, quando dal rottame si producono nuovi semilavorati o prodotti siderurgici.

## Question 20: How important are the following measures in reducing the export of products and waste streams containing critical raw materials and increasing recycling capacity within the EU?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Introducing export fees for certain waste streams that contain critical raw materials and reinvesting the revenues generated into domestic recycling infrastructure and technology	0	•	0	•	•	0	0
b. Tightening controls or restrictions on the export of waste that contains critical raw materials	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Enhancing transparency and reporting requirements for exports of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	•	0	0
d. Introducing further regulatory requirements (e.g. for environmental objectives) on exports of secondary raw materials	0	•	0	0	•	0	0
e. Prioritising access to critical raw materials for strategic EU sectors before authorising exports	0	•	0	0	•	0	0
f. Aligning with practices of non-EU countries that restrict critical raw materials exports to support domestic recovery	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

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PART 6. IMPROVING WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULAR
PROCESSES

### Question 21: How important are the following elements into improving waste management systems?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Further limit the use of derogations from the obligation on     Member States to establish separate collection systems for     certain waste streams (Article 10(3) of the Waste Framework     Directive)	•	•	0	0	•	0	•
b. Establish a harmonised methodology at EU level to conduct compositional analysis of the mixed waste	0	•	0	0	•	0	0
c. Introduce a legal obligation to use advanced sorting facilities for mixed municipal waste	0	0	•	0	•	0	0

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Per migliorare la trasparenza e l'efficienza in termini di costi, è necessaria un'applicazione efficace dell' armonizzazione dei principi che regolano la Responsabilità Estesa del Produttore (EPR) per i rifiuti organici (biowaste).

# Question 22: To what extent do you agree with the following measures to reduce the landfilling or incineration of waste and incentivising recycling?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Strengthening the provisions on enforcement of EU legislation concerning landfilling and uncontrolled dumping of waste	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
b. Introducing a general ban on landfilling of waste	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
c. Introducing (additional) bans on landfilling for specific types of waste	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
d. Tax policy aimed at taxation of landfilling waste in the EU	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
e. Tax policy aimed at taxation of incinerating waste in the EU	0	0	0	•	0	0	0
f. Introducing a market-based instrument (e.g. cap-and-trade systems) for landfilling waste in the EU	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. Ensuring a level playing field for circular products by eliminating value added tax (VAT) embedded in the value of recycled goods used as input	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Non si sostiene un divieto generale del conferimento in discarica, ma misure mirate a limitarlo. Per favorire riuso e recupero servono incentivi e buone pratiche, non maggiori costi di smaltimento. Inoltre, per i rifiuti sanitari, serve un'armonizzazione a livello UE delle modalità di raccolta e dei flussi di riciclo, con particolare attenzione ai rifiuti infetti.

Question 23: Which are the most important barriers hindering the use of	
sewage sludge and bio-waste as secondary materials?	
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## Question 24: How important are the following measures for the management of extractive waste and supporting the recycling of critical raw materials (CRMs) from extractive waste?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Improved data availability on the recycling potential of CRMs in extractive waste facilities across the EU	0	•	0	0	0	0	•
b. Ensuring a high level of environmental and human health protection	•	0	0	0	0	0	•
c. Promoting research and innovation in new and emerging technologies	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Adopting mandatory best available techniques (BAT) conclusions for the management of extractive waste	0	0	•	0	0	0	0

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Question 25: Do you agree that amending the List of Waste (Commission Decision 2000/532/EC) to cover new waste streams or to revise existing entries would benefit the efficient and circular management of waste?

- Yes
- <sup>◎</sup> No
- Do not know

### How important is it to specifically include the following waste streams into the List of Waste?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Waste from photovoltaic panels	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
b. Waste from permanent magnets	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
c. Waste from glass and carbon fibre composite materials	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Separately collected bio-waste	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Metal waste from mechanical and physical treatment going beyond specification of ferrous and non-ferrous	0	0	•	0	0	0	0

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Per facilitare le spedizioni di rifiuti intra-UE è necessario ampliare le tipologie incluse nell'elenco verde, comprendendo flussi a basso rischio ambientale e destinati al recupero, in linea con gli obiettivi di sostenibilità dell'UE. L'introduzione di soglie troppo rigide di contaminazione potrebbero ostacolare le spedizioni di rifiuti, sebbene esistano tecnologie in grado di rimuovere livelli di contaminazione più elevati. Serve quindi un approccio più equilibrato.

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### Question 26: To what extent do you agree with the following interventions to facilitate the establishment of transregional circularity hubs that promote smart specialisation and economies of scale for (separate) collection, sorting and recycling?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. Legal enablers (e.g. permitting, licences and permits)	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Financial enablers (e.g. tax breaks and public and private funding)	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Information provision (e.g. digital platforms matching supply and demand)	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Capacity building in national, regional and local authorities	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Per favorire la transizione verso un'economia circolare, i poli di circolarità vanno sostenuti come catalizzatori di specializzazione intelligente ed economie di scala. In parallelo, servono strumenti finanziari mirati per favorire l' adozione industriale e l'innovazione. È inoltre fondamentale scoraggiare le pratiche di trattamento dei rifiuti non circolari, che minano gli obiettivi ambientali e l'uso efficiente delle risorse.

Question 27: Industrial processes often not only produce the core output but also provide side streams or by-products. Those could become an input for another industrial process, which could then be valorised, creating an industrial symbiosis. Is that the case for your industry?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

### How important are the following hindering factors?

	1 (very important)	2 (important)	3 (neutral)	4 (less important)	5 (not at all important)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. No EU harmonised definition of by-products	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Insufficient harmonisation / clarity of rules for waste classification	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
c. Overly burdensome waste shipment	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
d. Lack of platforms or hubs to facilitate matchmaking between companies	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
e. Lack of facilitation	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
f. Lack of awareness of or expertise in industrial symbiosis	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
g. High initial investments costs	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
h. Uncertain return on investment	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
i. Data confidentiality	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
j. Insufficient regulatory incentives or regulatory push	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
k. Insufficient tax incentives	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Limited support for SMEs participation	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
m. Proximity/transport	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
n. Risk of unstable supply of by-products	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

o. Doubts about quality of by-products	0	•	0	0	0	0	©
p. Fragmented policy conditions in EU Member States	•	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## Question 28: Do you agree with the following statements about the benefits and challenges in conducting predemolition and pre-renovation audits?

	1 (strongly agree)	2 (agree)	3 (neutral)	4 (not agree)	5 (not agree at all)	6 (do not know)	7 (not applicable)
a. The audit improves planning of selective demolition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. The audit increases reuse/recycling of materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. The audit reduces landfilling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. The audit allows better cost estimation and project control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. The audit supports circular economy targets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. The audit leads to high administrative burden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. A harmonised database would improve pre-demolition and pre- renovation audits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
h. Pre-demolition and pre-renovation audits should be mandatory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. Pre-demolition and pre-renovation audits should be digital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
j. High costs (especially for small-scale projects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
k. Lack of expertise is a challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I. Lack of a market for recycled materials is a challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
m. Demolition contractors would duplicate the audits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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#### PART 7. OPEN COMMENT BOX + UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

Question 29: What impact do you expect measures supporting EU circularity (particularly measures on WEEE; improving the single market for secondary raw materials; measures on the supply and demand of secondary raw materials; and measures improving waste management systems) to have on international trade?

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Il CEA è parte chiave della strategia UE per decarbonizzare l'economia e sostenere la competitività industriale. Non esiste un approccio unico: le opportunità di circolarità variano per prodotto, modello di business e valore del materiale. Il CEA deve tener conto di tali specificità, garantire coerenza normativa, favorire il mercato unico dei rifiuti, rendere attrattivi i materiali secondari. Inoltre: TARIC (Reg. CEE 2658/87): introdurre codici doganali per prodotti circolari e sostanze bio-based; NACE (Reg. UE 2023/137): creare sottocodici per sostanze bio-based; definire criteri armonizzati per sottoprodotti ed EoW, inclusi i processi di riciclo chimico; semplificare la valutazione EFSA sulle nuove tecnologie; adottare norme europee armonizzate; standard obbligatori per RAEE e materiali riciclati; rivedere target di raccolta e rafforzare la vigilanza. NB: Si rimanda al Documento di Confindustria allegato per ulteriori dettagli e proposte puntuali.

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