

EPR challenges and opportunities in Tallinn (Estonia)

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How EPR works in Estonia

- 3 packaging producer responsibility organisations with equal market shares
- over 400 public packaging collection points
- PROs cover:
 - public collection points maintenance (graffiti, emptying, new containers, packaging waste littering nearby)
- Local authorities cover:
 - public collection points littering (other waste), almost 20,000€/y (Tallinn)
 - containers suitable for old town (10 public collection points almost 50,000€)
- Estonia has also electronic waste EPR:
 - 2 PROs
 - They cover costs for WEEE collecting from waste treatment centers (5 centers) and from shops

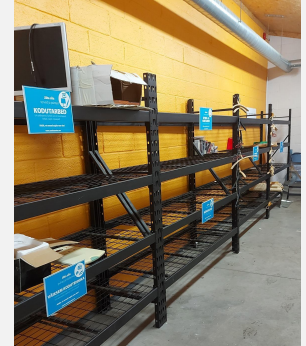


What are the challenges?

- Packaging collection point's **maintenance problems** (infrequent logistics)
- **Littering**
- **Not enough points** to cover packaging waste collection infrastructure to meet the citizens expectations
- Some collection points are **not welcomed by citizens** (too loud, too much littering etc.)
- **Lack of cooperation** with packaging PROs – organisations are not motivated to find ways to collect more packaging waste, because they achieve their goal without doing extra steps

Reuse and prevention

- Public reusable textile collection points (70)
- Circular economy centers with:
 - Reuse rooms for reusable textiles and items
 - Clothes and furniture textile repair workshop
 - 2 repair workshops (for metals and wood)
- Circular Economy Development Plan 2035



Next steps

- **With extended EPR system there will be more funding to reuse and prevention sector**
- **More funding will open new opportunities for reuse/prevention NGOs, companies and circular economy centers to build new workshops/construction material bank**
- **Some reuse/prevention EU funding projects waiting approval**
- **Implementing Circular Economy Development Plan 2035**
- **Reusable dishes and cutlery mandatory for all takeaway restaurants**

Thank you for your attention!

