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The effect of product design on WEEE recycling – case mobile phone

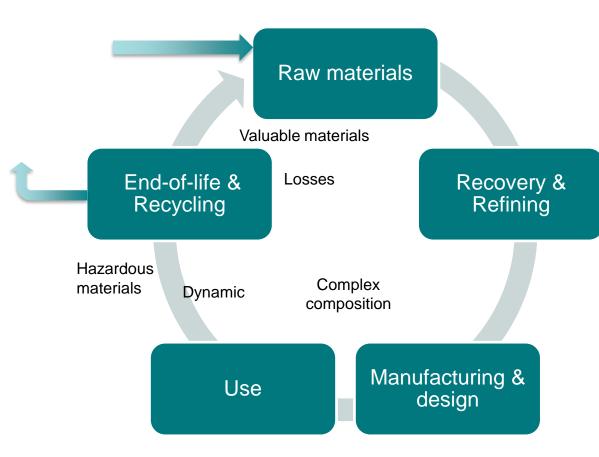
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(W)EEE in circular economy

- Global WEEE generation around 20 - 50 Mt, within EU around 12 Mt¹
- Heterogeneous mixture of different appliances with complex design which changes in time
- Contains valuable, precious and critical metals as well as harmful substances



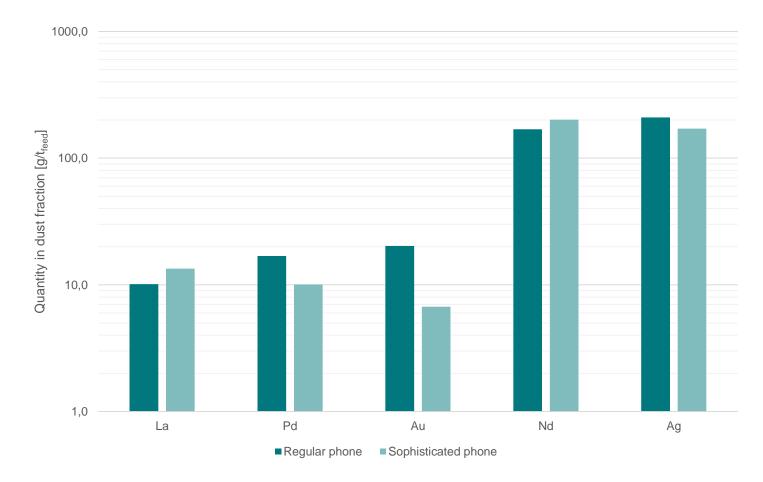


Liberation of PCA and dust generation in a size reduction process 100,00 Regular phone MASS SHARE (%) 10,00 1,00 PARTICLE SIZE (MM) ■ Regular phone Sophisticated phone € 30 35 arvi LIBERATION OF PCA (%)

Source: Bachér J. & Kaartinen, T. 2016. Liberation of Printed Circuit Assembly (PCA) and dust generation in relation to mobile phone design in a size reduction process. Waste Management.



Dusts and their composition









Design related aspects and their impact to liberation and dust composition

	Liberation (PCA/B) (+ = improves liberation)	Dust composition (+ = lower content to be lost through dust)
Modularity of main- components/parts	+	+
Platform based PCA-assembly	-	-
Attachment method (adhesive)	-	?
Less connection per part	+	+
Smaller component size	-	+/-
Tensile supporting structure	+/-	+









Thank you!