### Evento Finale Progetto C.Alp.Med GREEN DEAL

# We mine the e-waste not the Earth !

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#### NEW MATERIALS... NEW PROBLEMS

In the Fourth industrial revolution, many new different materials have become in common use.



Currently, the electronics industry is one that mostly depends on such a large number of materials, which are poorly recovered. The dramatically increasing number of end-of-life products pose people and the environment with unprecedented challenges.

Every year, up to 50 million tons of electronic waste are produced in industrialized countries.

At-the-state-of-art recycling methods fail to provide cost-effective recovery opportunities.

Extensive digitazation and Industrial symbiosis will allows us to remove, select and recover allmostall every materials presente in e-waste



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# The scale of the values of electronic waste (e-waste) requires attention

While e-waste is still smaller overall than plastic waste (about 300 million metric tons annually) and textile waste (about 90 million metric tons),

# WEEE represents the fastest growing waste stream in the world at 3 to 5 percent annual growth.

The biggest difference between WEEE and its plastic and textile counterparts ?

The value of the materials that live within if they can be recovered efficiently.

Which is to say, e-waste can be incredibly valuable.



Ecological transition depends on the fact that raw materials are to be regularly available in the necessary quantity.

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Out of 30 CRM's there are 14 with a very low global end-of-life recycling rate of 0% to 5%.





The electronics industry uses more than 40 different materials; about 20 are classified as critical because they are fundamental and indispensable.

Lack of these could block entire production chains.

Figure 1: biggest supplier countries of CRMs to the EU



Source: European Commission report on the 2020 criticality assessment

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Today shredding, followed by separation of the various elements is the first way for raw material salvage from large amount of ewaste.

At the and of selection remainig a mixture of 40 and more different materials, but only 4-8 from those present in larger quantities are actualy recovered.





In this way a lot of metals present is are lost forever becouse this further diluition makes their recovery and refining technically very difficult and economically unsustainable.

Incomplete material selection and liberation from End-of-Life (EoL) products is the kay reason of resource loss.



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#### THE ARIADNE MODEL

Ariadne is based on a digital platform which can handle data necessary to determine: which, where and how much of various materials are present in a new Electric and Electronic Equipment (EEE) and at its EoL

Thank a wide use of the ICT this data is used to improve dismantling, selection and recovery of materials therein.



It lays the foundations for the development of the circular economy in the electronics industry with producers collaboration and without public financing.



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#### Think of this as a few extra tons of profit

### From a linear to a circular model



Ariadne allows the transition from a linear and insurmountable model to a circular, sotenibile and resilient one.











The Ariadne logo থ

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to market that on the web platform are taken the information for disassembly and fine material recovery.

The Qr code refers to the websites of the project and the manufacturer.

So consumers will thus be informed of the manufacturer's efforts to make its appliances easier to disassemble and recycle: therefore more sustainable







OUR SOLUTION

For a better recycling, every part has a material equivalent color code.

Here an example of coffee machine at the first step of dismantling.

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Disassembly and manual selection are made in a specially prepared structure and linked to the web platform for the acquisition of the information that the operator receives on the screen in front of him. A-L Containers for the selected materials (on demand with balance)
1 Roller conveyor
2 Workstation for identifying the e-waste to be disassembled
2.a table top with balance
2.b bar code scanner
2.c data entry panel

3 - 4 Rotating dismantling workstation
6 - 7 Guide panel for disassembly and material selection
8 Support table for manual dismantling
9 -10 - 11 Space for operators



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### E-waste contains valuable resources which offers opportunities for urban mining and job creation





## Thanks for your attention !



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