

QUESTIONS FOR WP1/1.2: Mapping of alpine regulations and economic policies for waste management

Here is a proposal of systematic and concrete questions that could be asked to project partners from **Austria, Slovenia, France, Italy and Germany** regarding their legislation in relation to the **5R (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose)** phases, and the inclusion of good business practices. We will also include Switzerland in the WP; although they are not a project partner, we recognise that they present a very prominent role in the textile industry of the Alpine region.

The questions are designed to allow a detailed comparison and overview between Alpine countries to define good practices in legislation and regulations accompanying lifecycle management of plastic and textile materials and products and waste.

How we understand lifecycle and waste management in the 5R:

- Design (refuse, repair, reduce)
- Use (repair and refurbish)
- Waste (remanufacture, repurpose, recycle)

The questions should be answered detailing the different components of the 5R, when possible.

1. Legislation in relation to the 5R phases

1.1 National legislation

- How does your country address the different phases of the 5Rs in your legislation?
 - What specific laws or regulations cover refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose?
- Do you have legislative measures that ban or restrict certain plastic or textile materials or products (such as oxy plastic)?
 - What are the penalties or sanctions for non-compliance with these restrictions?
- Does your country enforce EPR (Extendend Producer Responsibility) on textiles ?
- Does your country enforce EPR (Extendend Producer Responsibility) on certain plastic products?
- Does your legislation go beyond EU regulations?
- Are there specific platforms or tools that allow access to all legislation in force?
 - Is there a comprehensive access point to legislation on plastic and textile waste management?
 - Is there a comprehensive access point to legislation on lifecycle management plastic and textile products?

1.2 Regional/local level

- Are there any regional or local regulations that go beyond your national legislation?
- How does the management of textile and plastic waste differ in the Alpine regions compared to other parts of your country?
 - Do you have specific policies tailored to the Alpine regions, addressing specific challenges such as tourism, natural constraints and geographical dispersion?
- How are business practices in the Alpine regions integrated into national waste reduction strategies?
 - Do you have examples of how local entrepreneurs or initiatives in the Alpine regions influence national policies?

2. Integrating good business practices into the regulatory framework

- Does your regulatory framework contain examples of good business practices that are in line with legislation and strategies for textile and plastic waste management?
 - Are these examples also available to private companies and NGOs?
- How do you integrate successful business practices into legislative initiatives?
 - Are there specific programmes to encourage innovative companies or initiatives in the field of textile and plastic waste management that follow the 5Rs?
- Which private sector business models or solutions are identified as examples of good practice in your country?
 - Can you give some successful examples where companies are making an effective contribution to waste reduction in the Alpine regions?

3. Public-private cooperation in waste management

- What is the cooperation between the public sector (municipalities, government) and private companies in your country in implementing the 5Rs for textile and plastic waste?
 - Are specific public-private partnerships in place to improve recycling or re-use?
 - Are there any incentives for companies developing innovative solutions to reduce waste or recycle textiles and plastics?
 - What are these incentives and how are they accessible to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)?
 - Are there tax breaks or subsidies for companies that follow the principles of the circular economy?
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4. Financing and economic policies

- How does your country finance projects supporting the 5R phases in the Alpine regions?
 - Are there specific financial funds to support initiatives focusing on textile and plastic waste management?
 - What economic policies and strategies do you have in place to promote the reduction of textile and plastic waste in the Alpine regions?
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5. Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the 5R phases

- How do you monitor the success of the 5Rs in your country? What indicators do you use?
- Do you have specific indicators at regional/local level?