



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### E-Waste Academy for Managers and Policy Makers in CIS countries

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During a practical session the participants had to dismantle different types of e-waste to further understand the specifics of business operations in this field.

Source: UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation

## Background

In the CIS countries<sup>1</sup>, there is no sufficient system for the management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and not yet any specialized legislation/policy to appropriately treat WEEE. However, the majority of the CIS countries are parties of different international conventions e.g. the Stockholm Convention, the Basel Convention, the Montreal Protocol and most recently the Minamata Mercury Convention. Therefore, the UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation developed a concept for the CIS Executive Committee to create a coordinated regional system of WEEE management for the CIS countries.

## Project details

The E-Waste Academy took place in Moscow on May 15-19, 2017 as a contribution to the concept mentioned above. It gathered over 30 representatives of ministries and governmental agencies, business associations and non-commercial organizations. The training course consisted of lectures, seminars, practice sessions and round-table discussions. The participants had the opportunity to learn about the legislation on WEEE management in different countries, as well as acquire practice-based knowledge, e.g. on how to organize a WEEE management business in compliance with legal requirements, including on transboundary movements of waste for further processing. One of the key parts and results of the course were the action plans on developing an environmentally-sound and commercially attractive system of WEEE management. All in all, the E-Waste Academy has laid the foundations to intensify an fruitful cooperation among the stakeholders and experts from the CIS member countries and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience among them.

**Target country/region:** CIS countries

**Duration:** 12/2016 – 05/2017

**Beneficiaries:** Representatives of competent ministries and governmental agencies, business associations and non-commercial organizations

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<sup>1</sup> CIS stands for „Commonwealth of Independent States” and consists of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan as well as Turkmenistan and Ukraine as associate States.