

ReSoCart-ED - NEWSLETTER #1

We are happy to present the first issue of our ReSoCart-ED newsletter. Furthermore, a project-Homepage is in progress and will be online soon!

About

ReSoCart-ED The ReSoCart-ED Project is about Recycling Solutions for Non-Reusable Printer Cartridges in Emerging and Developing Countries. The project started in May 2022, and it will be implemented in Ghana and Malaysia. ReSoCart-ED ends in February 2024 and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV).

The project is implemented by ECOLOGICON and Umweltcluster Bayern.

The project aims to conduct a feasibility study and examine whether the recycling of printer cartridges could be an economically sustainable business model in the two countries.

Trip to Malaysia

After a long period of preparation, we were finally able to embark on our first trip to Malaysia at the beginning of August 2022. Besides interesting insights into the legal framework in the treatment of toner cartridges, we had important conversations with significant stakeholders like the Department of Environment (DOE), the Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK), Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Waste Management Association of Malaysia (WMAM), GTC-Associates, SIRIM, Electronic Recycling Through Heros(ERTH).



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Trip to Ghana

Only 2 weeks after the trip to Malaysia, we went to Ghana, where we received an equally warm welcome. There, too, we had enriching meetings in Accra with the GIZ-Ghana, CARITAS, City Waste Recycling (CWR), and the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Ghana (AHK). We also visited the informal landfill Old Fadama to get interesting insides into the treatment of E-Waste in Ghana.

On our further journey, we traveled to Kumasi, where we visited another scrap yard and had inspiring conversations with the NGOs Recycle Up Ghana, KumasiHive, and Ecocent.



#Mile Stone 1 – Assessment Report

November the 30th is the deadline for Mile Stone 1 – The Assessment Report. Here we have to evaluate if our project goals can be achieved, and according to the goals determine the next steps.

#Further proceedings

Before the close of the year, we are planning to subcontract local partners in Malaysia and Ghana to assist us with our feasibility study. The implementation will then take place from the beginning of 2023.

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