

## Regional E-Waste Monitor for the Western Balkans Launching Event Speakers



**Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**  
**Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau**

**Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava is the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).**

With more than 30 years in telecommunications, including over 20 years in ITU's Development Sector, Dr Zavazava has promoted and implemented impactful information and communication technology projects around the world.

Prior to his election as BDT Director, he served as ITU's Chief of Partnerships for Digital Development, overseeing development-related projects, strategic partnerships, and resource mobilization between 2019 and 2022, while launching new initiatives that have boosted the engagement of industry, private-sector, and academia members in ITU's work. Earlier, Dr Zavazava headed the Republic of Zimbabwe's Government Telecommunications Agency and served as a senior diplomat. He also taught MBA classes at the UK's Nottingham Trent University.

Throughout his career, he has focused on closing the digital and skills divide and accelerating digital transformation to achieve socio-economic development for all.

Dr Zavazava holds a PhD in Multilateral Trade from Business School Lausanne (Switzerland), and a Master of Laws degree in Telecommunications and Information Technology from the University of Strathclyde (UK), as well as a Master's in International Relations from Webster University (US), and an MBA from the University of Zimbabwe. He also holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration and diplomas in Telecommunications and Systems Engineering



**Arnold Kreilhuber**  
**Regional Director and Representative, Regional Office for Europe**

**Arnold Kreilhuber is the Regional Director of the UN Environment Programme's Europe Office in Geneva since 1 May 2023.**

He is a national of Austria and has over 15 years of professional experience in the fields of environmental diplomacy, policy and law. He began his professional career at the regional and national levels and joined UNEP in 2005, fulfilling growing responsibilities for the organization. Most recently,

he was deputy director and acting director (2019 – 2021) of UNEP's Law Division.

Among his key professional achievements are the repositioning of the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme, his work on improving governance of natural resources, human rights and the environment, or his support to the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), among others. In 2012, he led the planning and organization of the first World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability, as part of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

Earlier in his career, Arnold worked in the governmental, non-governmental and private sectors. He holds a doctorate degree in international law from the University of Vienna as well as a master's degree in advanced international studies from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.



**Ruediger Kuehr.**

Head, UNITAR Bonn Office  
Manager, Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) Programme

Dr. Ruediger Kuehr is the Head of the UNITAR Bonn Office and Manager of the Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) Programme. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Limerick (Ireland) in the Department of Electronics & Computer Engineering in recognition of his distinctions and achievements. As a political and social scientist by education, Ruediger has worked for more than twenty years on the e-waste challenge. He co-founded the StEP Initiative, co-initiated the development of an e-waste coalition among the various UN organisations and the SCYCLE Programme, and initiated the permanent E-waste Academies and E-waste Monitors at the global, regional, and national levels. But the foundation of Ruediger's work is in establishing strategic approaches to sustainability, which renders life-cycle thinking indispensable in his activities; as such, he is also a frequent speaker for forward-thinking at conferences and in media appearances.



**Jaroslaw Ponder**

Head of the ITU office for Europe, ITU

Mr. Ponder is the Head of the Office for Europe at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), representing ITU in Europe and directing ITU's actions, projects, initiatives, and expert groups targeting 46 countries in the Europe Region. His portfolio also includes Regional Initiatives for Europe, designed by the European Member States and focusing on the ICT infrastructure, digitization, digital inclusion, accessibility, innovation, and cybersecurity.

During his professional career, Mr. Ponder has held official positions in the public sector and has been a leading contributor to legislative projects, influencing public policy. Jaroslaw has been working for ITU since 2004, holding diverse positions in the General Secretariat, Telecommunication Development Bureau, and Regional Presence, addressing the complexity of information society development and digital transformation at the national, regional, and international levels, including the United Nations level.

For years he has managed ITU's work in the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process. Mr. Ponder was appointed Head of the ITU Office for Europe in 2017



**Giulia Iattoni**

Assistant Programme Officer, UNITAR

Giulia Iattoni is Assistant Programme Officer within the Sustainable Cycles Programme (SCYCLE) under the Division for Planet of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Giulia is involved in various projects on e-waste data collection and quantification, as well as ones concerning the analysis of e-waste management models and related environmental impacts at the national and regional level. She is also designing and conducting workshops to build institutional capacity on e-waste statistics, management, and legislation for several countries worldwide. Giulia is author of three previously published *Regional E-waste Monitors*: ones for the Commonwealth and Independent States plus Georgia, for the Arab States, and for Latin America. Giulia holds a MSc in Environmental Engineering (curriculum Earth Resources Engineering) from the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, where she graduated cum laude in 2019.



**Ševala Korajčević**

Head of Environment, Energy and Regional Statistics Department  
Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sevala Korajcevic, Head of the Environment, Energy, and Regional Statistics Department at the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is a distinguished leader in statistical research with expertise in environmental and energy domains. With a master's degree in Environmental Protection and Safety, she brings over two decades of experience, excelling in roles such as Senior Advisor for Business Statistics. Fluent in multiple languages, Sevala serves as the Chair of UNECE Joint Task Force of Environmental Indicators and contributes significantly to global projects.



**Ružica Brnović**

Independent adviser, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro

Ružica Brnović, a seasoned biologist specializing in Environmental Protection, currently serves a pivotal role at the Ministry of Tourism, Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Development of the North. With an impressive 21-year tenure in waste management within the ministry, Ružica has become an essential contributor to environmental initiatives. Beyond her professional commitments, Ružica is a devoted wife and the proud mother of three boys. Recognized for her altruism, positive demeanor, and creative spirit, Ružica brings a unique blend of passion and expertise to her work. Her commitment to environmental sustainability reflects her deep sense of responsibility and love for the community.

**Luka Starcevic**

Chief of Unit for Special Waste Streams, Waste Department, Ministry of Environment Protection Republic Serbia.

Luka Starcevic is a seasoned professional with a career dedicated to waste management since 2006, showcasing expertise in overseeing special waste streams since 2009. In his role, Luka manages diverse categories, including WEEE, waste batteries and accumulators, waste tires, ELV, P&PW, waste oils, and SUP. As the responsible person for transposition and implementation, he ensures compliance with all EU legislation related to special waste streams, with a recent focus on the SUP EU Directive. Luka has played a pivotal role in two EU-financed twinning projects, serving as the RTA counterpart, demonstrating his commitment to advancing waste management practices. Actively participating in various EU-organized events, projects, and workshops, Luka continuously enhances his expertise, staying at the forefront of evolving waste management practices and regulations.



**Elma Babić Džihanić**  
Assistant Director  
ZEOS eko-sistem  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Elma Babić-Džihanić, assistant director of ZEOS eko-sistem d.o.o. Sarajevo. The founders of the company are manufacturers and importers of electronic equipment. ZEOS eko-sistem is the first authorized operator of electrical and electronic waste systems in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We are working on e-waste collection, public awareness activities and investment in waste collection infrastructure. We are a member of the international organization WEEE Forum, through which we obtain examples of good practice and apply them in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We have about 250 electronic equipment importers included in our system, which accounts for approximately 65% of the FBiH market share.



**Tomas Marques**  
Regional Sub-programme Coordinator for Science-Policy and Air Quality,  
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Tomas Marques is Regional Sub-programme Coordinator (for Science-Policy and for Air Quality) at UNEP's Europe Office where he works on environmental assessment processes, on the implementation of Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles of open access to data, and on assessment and capacity-building activities related to environmental statistics and the SDGs, air pollution and air quality monitoring and management. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, the main geographical foci of his current work at country level include Central Asian and Western Balkan countries but he is also involved in several regional-level processes related to environmental monitoring and data, environmental statistics and assessments, and air pollution. Before joining UNEP's Europe Office, he worked as Economic Affairs Officer in the Secretariat of the UNEP-hosted International Resource Panel (IRP) where he was responsible for coordinating IRP assessment work streams on sustainable management of metal resources, material flow analysis, integrated scenario analysis, and the circular economy. He also worked on UNEP programmes related to cleaner and safer production, resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production (SCP), industrial risk reduction and emergency preparedness. An industrial engineer by training, before joining UNEP in 2007 Tomas worked for 8 years in several environmental impact assessment studies, environmental audits and other environmental-related projects in a variety of sectors including the construction sector, transport sector (airport, road, light railway and high-speed railway infrastructure projects), and industry.