**The organisation of WEEE collection in Catalonia**

The WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC was transposed into Spanish legislation by the Royal decree 208/2005 on electrical and electronic equipment and the management of its waste.

The Catalan Waste Agency is a Public Body that has the competence to control the implementation of this legislation in Catalonia.

According to these regulations, producers of EEE must guarantee separate collection and proper treatment of the WEE generated when EEE, which they have placed on the market, arrive at the end of its life.

Producers can choose between two procedures to comply with their obligations, it is the implementation of individual management system or the participation in an integrated management system (collective scheme). Today, in Catalonia there are 9 authorized collective schemes and 10 authorized individual systems.

The Catalan waste agency control the proper functioning of these systems in order to get that the WEEE separated collection system functions properly and in order to achieve the separate collection targets and the valorization and recovery targets established in European directive and in Spanish Royal decree.

From 2005 many activities have been developed to achieve these objectives, but there is yet a long way to improve WEEE separate collection and WEEE treatment in Catalonia.