Harmonization of e-waste questionnaires

Background

E-waste increasingly concerning across regions

But few data available – this is already changing

E-waste subgroup ongoing since 2020
   Draft pilot survey developed in 2021

2021 Progress

- Research and Review of existing on-going and future endeavours that sought to measure e-waste.

- Classyfying existing questions of each one of the (7) survey modules taken into account into four cathegories: a) discard behaviour; b) reasons to dispose; c) Knowledge and awareness; d) Possesion.

- Establishment of a two-part draft template : a) Possesion, disposal patterns, and reasons to dispose; b) Awareness.

Other ongoing efforts

ITU-UNITAR-EACO

- *E-waste survey administered in Burundi and Kenya in Fall 2022*

Eurostat

- *Two new questions added to the 2022 Model questionnaire*
- *Collected in 2022 with first results available in Q1 2023*

Harmonization needed! (1)

General commonalities between surveys
- *How many products have you discarded?*
- *What was the disposal route of the product?*

Different time frames
- *EGH subgroup – last 12 months*
- *EACO – last 24 months*
- *Eurostat – only asked of Internet users, no time frame specified*

Harmonization needed! (2)

Disposal route options

- *8 common options for EACO and EGH subgroup – **some differences in wording***
- *2 options more detailed for EACO*
- *2 additional options for EGH subgroup*
- *1 additional option for EACO*
- *Eurostat options less detailed – 3 options directly related to disposal*

Harmonization needed! (3)

In-scope equipment

- *EACO categorizes 18 types of equipments in 6 categories*
  - based on Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (WEEE2)

- *EGH subgroup more limited (10 - not always aligned with WEEE2)*

- *Eurostat – mobile phones, tablets, or computers only*

Awareness

Measured by EGH subgroup pilot survey only

- *Do you know what electronic waste or E-Waste is?*

- *What prevented you from delivering your E-Waste to collection points or recycling centers?*

- *Further questions on awareness of negative impacts of e-waste*

Next steps

Further coordination with EACO team and Eurostat

- *EACO survey has clear improvements regarding classification of equipment*

- *Is simplified version in Eurostat Model questionnaire enough?*

Refine questions on awareness

- *Assess usefulness*

- *Comprehensiveness of response options*

Thank you!

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