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Legal Framework of the EPR system

At national level, the EU Directive 2018/851 was transposed by the Law 4819/2021 which includes the following articles on EPR system:

- *Article 8*: General regulations for the EPR system.
- *Article 9*: Minimum requirements for the EPR system.
- *Article 10*: The EPR system for the new product categories.
- *Article 11*: Producers obligations.

Institutional Framework of the EPR system

Hellenic Recycling Agency (HRA)

- Responsible for implementing and supervising the EPR system in Greece.
- Collects the fees paid by the producers through the alternative management system and finance the collection, sorting and recycling of waste.
- From 2016 onwards, producers are required to register in the National Producers Registry (NPR) of the HRA based on Ministerial Decree 181504/9.8.2016 (Government Gazette 2454/B/2016), so that there is supervision of the system.

Ministry of Environment & Energy

- The Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy implements the EPR system to enhance waste management and recycling. Various collective alternative management systems operate under this framework for different waste categories, including packaging, end-of-life vehicles, waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), and used tires.
- The ministry, in collaboration with the Hellenic Recycling Agency (HRA), oversees these systems to ensure compliance with national and EU regulations.

Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste & Water

- Collaborates with the HRA contributing to the monitoring of the EPR system, as it can be a factor of destabilization of the waste management market and lower the recycling percentages.
- There is a provision that the EPR scheme may become a componence of the regulator in the near future, after ministerial decision.

Financial Framework of the EPR system

- The financial contribution of the producers is calculated based on the quantity or pieces, type and category of products, as specified in the Article 2(2), Joint Ministerial Decision No. 175216/2018 (Greek Government Gazette 1892B 24.5.2018) and ensures that the cost elements of the management and administration of the alternate management systems are covered.

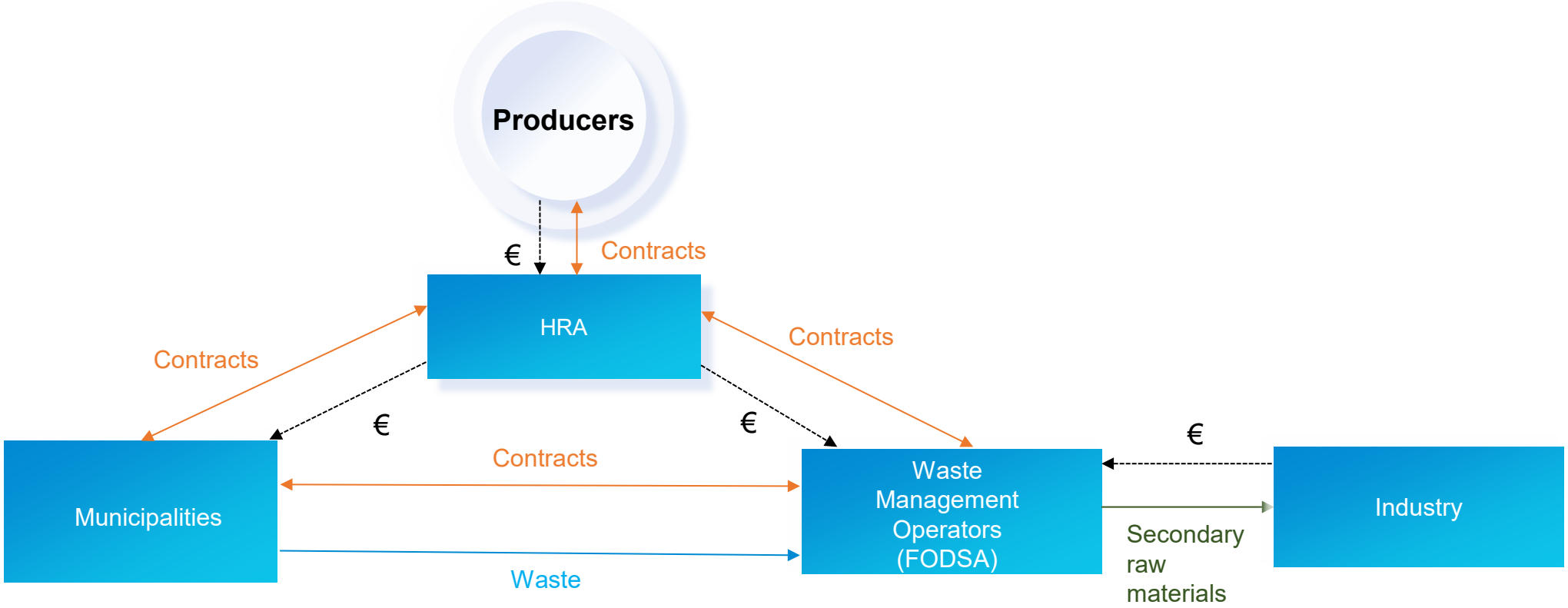
- The Hellenic Recycling Agency is responsible for collecting the fees and through their management improve recycling and educate citizens about EPR systems and waste sorting.

EPR System Overview

No. of local authorities	314 municipalities in the system 99% of inhabitants are covered by the system
No. of companies in system	3.653
Packaging introduced to the market	1.100.000 tons
Recovered waste	540,000 tons 31 Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) operating nationwide
Types of packaging	Household, Commercial and Industrial

2024 Data (Source: Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance)

EPR Scheme Overview



Waste streams covered by the EPR system

- Packaging Waste (e.g., plastic, paper, glass, metals)
- End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs)
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Batteries and Accumulators
- Used Tires
- Waste Lubricating Oils
- Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW)
- Waste from Photovoltaic Panels

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