WAREG Waste Task Force Meeting Notes – 20-02-2025
Participants:

- **Greece (RAAEY):** Andreas Avlonitis, Katerina Yenouzi, Petros Nikolaou
- **Hungary (MEKH):** Antal Andras, David Horvath
- **Italy (ARERA):** Giovanni Taglialatela
- **Latvia (PUC):** Inara Teibe, Lija Makare
- **Portugal (ERSAR):** Claudia Videira, David Alves, Diogo Rosa
- **WAREG:** Vittorio Graziano

1. Relations with the EU Commission

The Waste Task Force is coordinating a workshop on waste with the European Commission, scheduled for the second week of April. Proposed dates are **8-9-10 April 2025**. Taglialatela will submit these dates to the Commission and await their confirmation.

2. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Topic

MEKH submitted a proposal for the EPR presentation. Questions discussed in the meeting about the presentation outline are:

- Do we have this data?
- How can we increase the added value of presentations by presenting proposals to the European Commission?

The objective is to highlight how national regulators can contribute to the Circular Economy Package. Among the suggest contributions and emphasis on cost-effectiveness as a core topic to enhance the regulatory impact of WAREG members has been suggested.

National Updates on EPR:

- **Latvia (PUC):** Presented following MEKH's proposed structure, the members of the TF Waste thanked Teibe for her effort and appreciated the clarity of the presentation.
- **Portugal (ERSAR):** No detailed data for specific waste streams due to differing regulatory settings and legislation. Focus will be on packaging, which falls under their competency starting March 2025 (limited to domestic waste).
- **Greece (RAAEY):** Some available data. The national legal framework aligns with the 2018 amendment of the **EU Waste Directive**. Data is primarily available on packaging waste.
- **Italy (ARERA):** Has access to reliable data and will be able to present according to MEKH's outline.

3. Structure of the Presentation

The presentation will be divided into two parts:

1. **Overview of national EPR systems** across WAREG members.
2. **Proposals and recommendations**, focusing on regulatory impact and proposals.

Latvia's Note: In the second part, Latvia will focus solely on the deposit system, as limited data is available on other aspects.

4. Upcoming Meetings & Deadlines

- **Workshop on EPR:** 7-9 April 2025 (final dates to be confirmed).
- **Next Waste Task Force Meeting:** 11 March 2025.
- **Presentation Submission Deadline:** 6 March 2025 (Presentations to be uploaded to the shared drive).
- **Romania and Lithuania** will be contacted bilaterally by Taglialatela and Graziano to update them on the most recent developments.