EPR and development cooperation

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EPR and developing and emerging countries

- Lack of financing for solid waste management, increasing interest in product fees and EPR
- Insufficient municipal capacity to set up separate collection or take-back systems
- Strong informal sector in collection, sorting, dismantling and recycling: need for inclusion and opportunity for direct partnerships with producers
- Preference of many governments for fee/ fund systems – need for discussion of different alternative options
- Ambiguity around the notion of „producer“ (particularly for EEE)
- Lack of appropriate recycling infrastructure
German Development Cooperation advice on EPR

- Tunisia, Algeria: Advice on setup/implementation of product fee systems for packaging and related take-back systems
- Chile: Advice on EPR legislation (2007-2011), e.g.:
  - Impact assessments
  - Dialogues for voluntary agreements with producers
- Ghana, Dominican Republic, Colombia, ...: Advice on take-back schemes and financing mechanisms for cooling devices
- Egypt: Supporting setup of EPR committee and proposals for selected fractions (e-waste, packaging)
- Global (2012): Organising a dialogue and elaborating principles for EPR/product stewardship and informal sector integration
Possible contributions of development cooperation to introduction of EPR systems

- Bringing in experiences from other countries
  - prevent making the same errors/setting up as expensive systems as many industrialized countries
- Facilitating exchange, advise in developing tailor-made solutions
- Analyse existing systems and necessary financial incentives, adapted collection and recycling options
- Support SMEs to formalize, comply with reporting requirements and recycling standards etc
- Support necessary producer/product registers, monitoring mechanisms, PROs??
Our activities and interests - global project Sustainable Solid Waste Management

• Work on marine litter prevention measures – EPR and related instruments (deposit-refund schemes, voluntary commitments) for packaging as one important element

• Intensified conceptual and advisory work on e-waste management until 12/2018 – focus on regulatory mechanisms, financing schemes, EPR
  • International exchange on experiences and solutions
  • Advice on specific aspects of implementation of legislation in 1-2 countries: e.g. registers/ setup of PRO and partnerships
  • Agenda-setting for e-waste specific EPR issues: international transfer of producer contributions for used goods to support compliant recycling in importing countries?

➢ we are interested in your ideas for cooperation!
Thank you very much!