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Project Schedule
- Trials tender launched February 2016
- Trials start June 2016
- Trials completion June 2018
- EU policy recommendations March 2019

For more information on tenders, trials and policy work see www.criticalrawmaterialrecovery.eu/

Project Partners
- WRAP
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Huge quantities of waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) are disposed of each year in the European Union. Although certain valuable materials are recovered in the recycling of waste electronic equipment (e.g. aluminium, copper), many “critical raw materials” (CRM) are not, and are lost from the system forever...

### WEEE CATEGORIES
- Displays (typically LCD screens)
- ICT
- Consumer Electronics
- Small mixed WEEE (including batteries)

9.9m tonnes of waste electronic & electrical equipment is generated every year in the EU, but only 30% is properly collected & recycled.

### THE PROBLEM

- **Potentially Precious Metals in EU WEEE**
  - Silver (Ag): 186t
  - Gold (Au): 24t
  - Platinum (Pt): 7.7t

### WHAT ARE CRMs?
Raw Materials classified by the European Commission as “Critical” due to their high economic importance to the EU combined with a high risk associated with their supply.

### THE SOLUTION

**Trials**
- Collection of WEEE and recovery/recycling of the CRMs in four countries via tender.

**AIM**
- Aim of the combined trials is to collect a minimum of 100 tonnes of WEEE and to increase recovery of target CRMs by 5% by 2020.

**Policy**
- The project will focus on developing policy recommendations using trials and trial evaluation data, and will also develop an infrastructure plan to deliver the most effective resilience for EU businesses and the wider EU economy.

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