

ICT Electronic Devices Sustainability

ESA Webinar

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ESA Welcome and **Introduction**

About ESA's **ICT Electronics Sustainability** Invitation to Tender

ICT & Electronics Sustainability and **Space**

→ **Scott Butler - Material Focus: E-waste**

How to Apply to the ITT

Q&A Session



A rocket launch from Earth's surface, showing the rocket ascending with a large plume of fire and smoke. The Earth's blue and white atmosphere is visible in the background.

space transportation

A large, dark, irregularly shaped asteroid or comet nucleus floating in the blackness of space, illuminated by a bright light source from the left, creating a long, diffuse tail of dust and gas.

science

A close-up portrait of an astronaut in a white space suit, smiling through the clear visor of the helmet. The background shows the bright blue curve of the Earth against the black sky.

human spaceflight

A satellite view of a coastal region, showing a complex network of green land, blue water, and white snow or ice. The terrain is rugged and mountainous.

earth observation

A satellite in orbit around the Earth, with a large antenna dish pointing towards the planet. The satellite is connected to the Earth by a network of lines, representing data transmission.

telecommunications
and applications

A diagram of a satellite navigation system, showing a central Earth surrounded by several orbits. Multiple satellites are positioned along these orbits, with lines indicating their coverage areas.

navigation

A Mars rover on the surface of Mars, with a large parabolic dish antenna and a solar panel. The landscape is a flat, reddish-brown desert under a hazy sky.

exploration

A control room with several operators seated at desks with multiple computer monitors. The room is filled with data displays and technical equipment. A sign in the background reads "European Space Operations Centre".

operations

A person wearing a virtual reality headset and holding a hand controller. The person is looking directly at the camera, with a blurred background.

technology

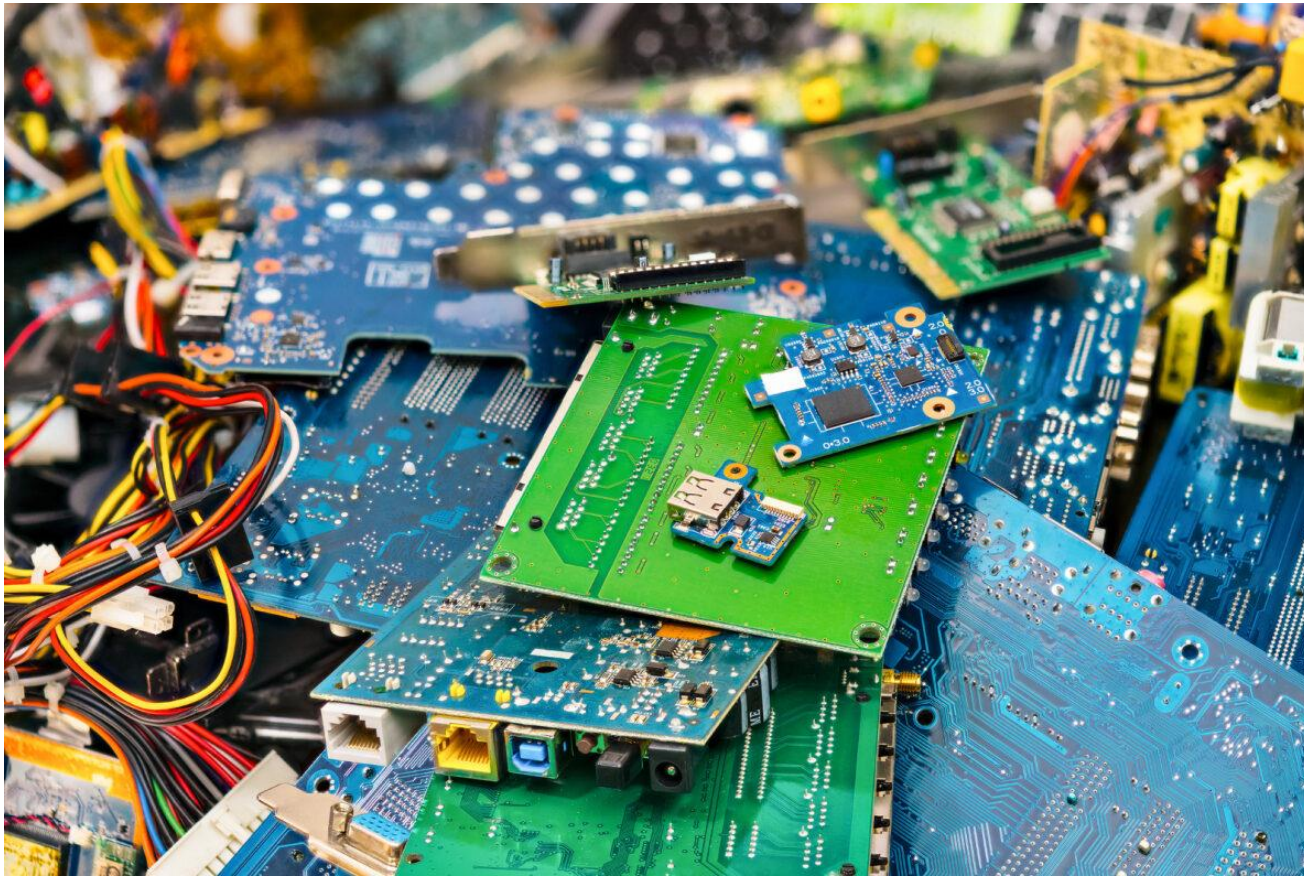
Business Applications: space-enabled services

BASS aims at reaching **commercial exploitation of space assets, data and capabilities** addressing **technical feasibility and business development**. This includes the development of **operational services for a wide range of users** through the combination of different systems, and **support in creating viable companies as well as to existing companies**



What can BASS offer to you?

Your Business Powered by Space:



Zero-equity funding (from €50k to €2M+ per activity)



A personalised ESA consultant



Technical support and commercial guidance



Tailored project management support



Access to our international network of ESA and partners



Access to our network of investors



Credibility of the ESA brand

Sustainability elements of space applications



PEOPLE
Social value



PLANET
Green value



PROFIT
Commercial value



ICT Electronic Devices Sustainability



Structural integrity, disposal & recycling of batteries

Increased battery-powered electronic devices & li-ion batteries:

- *Environmentally hazardous*
- *Cannot be recycled economically in large numbers*
- *Fire hazard: impacting health, safety & releases pollutants*

Export and Management of electronic waste (e-waste)

- *Only 17.4 % of the globe's annual e-waste is collected under documented circumstances*
- *8% is mixed with general household waste*
- *20% shipped to developing countries*
- *Significant amount of e-waste ends in unregulated sector performing activities such as cable burning by unlicensed companies or individuals*
- *Raw material value of e-waste estimated at \$57 billion*

Environmental effects of data centres & blockchain-powered solutions

- *Continuous rise of data centres*
- *Generating large quantity of heat that must be eliminated to prevent equipment damage*
- *Increasing generation of emissions, 2% of world's CO2 emissions*
- *Blockchain applications especially those utilizing proof-of-work (PoW) consume significant amounts of electricity . Ex. Cryptocurrency Bitcoin consumes 80 TWh of electricity annually = 0.3% of worldwide consumption*
- *Blockchain hardware has huge e-waste problem, becoming obsolete after on average 1.5 years*

Structural integrity, disposal & recycling of batteries

- *Earth Observation: Location optimization and monitoring of processing facilities*
- *Satellite Navigation: Tracking battery pack, tracking the entire recycling process chain*
- *Satellite Communication: Instantaneous alerts to emergency services in case of detected leaks of toxic materials or above-tolerance internal temperatures, To law enforcement agencies in case of unauthorized attempted disassembly, Transmit battery anomaly or failure reports to manufacturer*

Export and Management of electronic waste (e-waste)

- *Earth Observation: Detecting illegal & environmentally hazardous e-waste processing facilities, Identify contents of landfills & heaps of waste or the presence of toxic metals*
- *Satellite Communications & Positioning: Enabling or assisting localized, in-situ search for non-visible, hidden smuggling operations, For in-situ recovery operations*

Environmental effects of data centres & blockchain-powered solutions

- *Earth Observation: Detecting heat signatures and possible local emissions, Reviewing whether data centre operators and AI researches abide to promises of continuously reduced carbon emissions*
- *Satellite Communications: key enabler for satellite-based edge computing solutions, those spacecrafts process data from space function as data centres and offer to be energy efficient and environmentally sustainable alternatives*

The goal

Our goal is to deliver space-based services that help to tackle sustainability challenges relating to batteries, electrical products, electronic waste, and the ICT sector.

Solutions can target any part of the product lifecycle, whether it's improving sourcing of materials for the micro-mobility industry or helping to recover useful components from landfill sites.





Speaker: Scott Butler

Material Focus



recycle
your
electricals

ICT and Electronic Devices Sustainability Call

February 2024

What do Material Focus do?

Insights

Identify, produce and share insightful, timely and impactful research to help build a better UK e-waste/WEEE system.

Investments

Identify and fund projects which help make it easier for people to reuse and recycle electricals.

Inspiration

Create and deliver communications which help make it feel easier for people to reuse and recycle electricals through our **Recycle Your Electricals** campaign.

Our impacts since 2020



22,100+ reuse and recycling points

We're making recycling information easy to find in our online locator. And we're adding more recycling locations all the time.



12 million more people

From the Orkneys to the Isles of Scilly, we've funded 60 projects to make it easier for over 12 million more people to recycle their electricals closer to home



702,500 recycling searches

More and more people are finding their nearest reuse and recycling points on our Recycling Locator



48% more people

Nearly half the people who see our campaign say they plan to recycle their electricals in future. We're making electrical recycling the easy and obvious choice for millions of people.

The issue

What is e-waste and what is the issue?

e-waste (WEEE) is old and unwanted electrical and electronic equipment.

Discarded electricals are one of the fastest-growing sources of waste in the world – and the UK.

And that poses a major threat to the environment and human health, and produces losses to society and the economy.

But anything with a plug, battery and cable can and should be recycled.

Legislation requiring producers and retailers to finance collection and recycling of products at end-of-life has been in place for **more than 15 years** but.....

What is e-waste and what is the issue?

.....a lot more needs to be done.

Material Focus research has identified that in the UK we are throwing away or hoarding 490,000 tonnes of domestic and commercial waste, and this is set to grow.

UK households are throwing away 103,000 tonnes of domestic electrical waste every year.

We are hoarding over 800 million small old electricals - 30 items per household.

145,000 tonnes of business electricals are also being thrown away.

What is e-waste and what is the issue?



Resources

If old electricals go to landfill, or are flytipped instead of being recycled, valuable resources are lost forever. That's a big problem.



Economy

Discarded or hoarded household electricals cost the UK economy £370 million per year of lost valuable raw materials such as gold, copper, aluminium and steel.



Financial value

The average UK household is hiding away 20 unwanted electricals. If we passed these on to charities they could make a big difference to people's lives.



Climate change

Producing electricals creates carbon emissions. Recycling our old electricals would cut as much CO2 as taking 1.3 million cars off the road.



**Fastest growing
source of waste**

A close-up photograph of various gold items, including stacks of coins, individual coins, and gold bars. The lighting is warm, highlighting the metallic sheen of the gold. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Precious resources lost forever" in a bold, magenta font.

**Precious resources
lost forever**



Environmental Damage



Financial Loss

Benefits of reuse and recycling e-waste



More sustainable

Recycling equals a cleaner environment. If we recycled all our old electricals we would cut as much CO2 as taking 1.3 million cars off the road.



More from less

Each year, more than £850 mil of precious metals could be salvaged from our old electricals – including enough gold to make more than 850,000 rings.



More cash

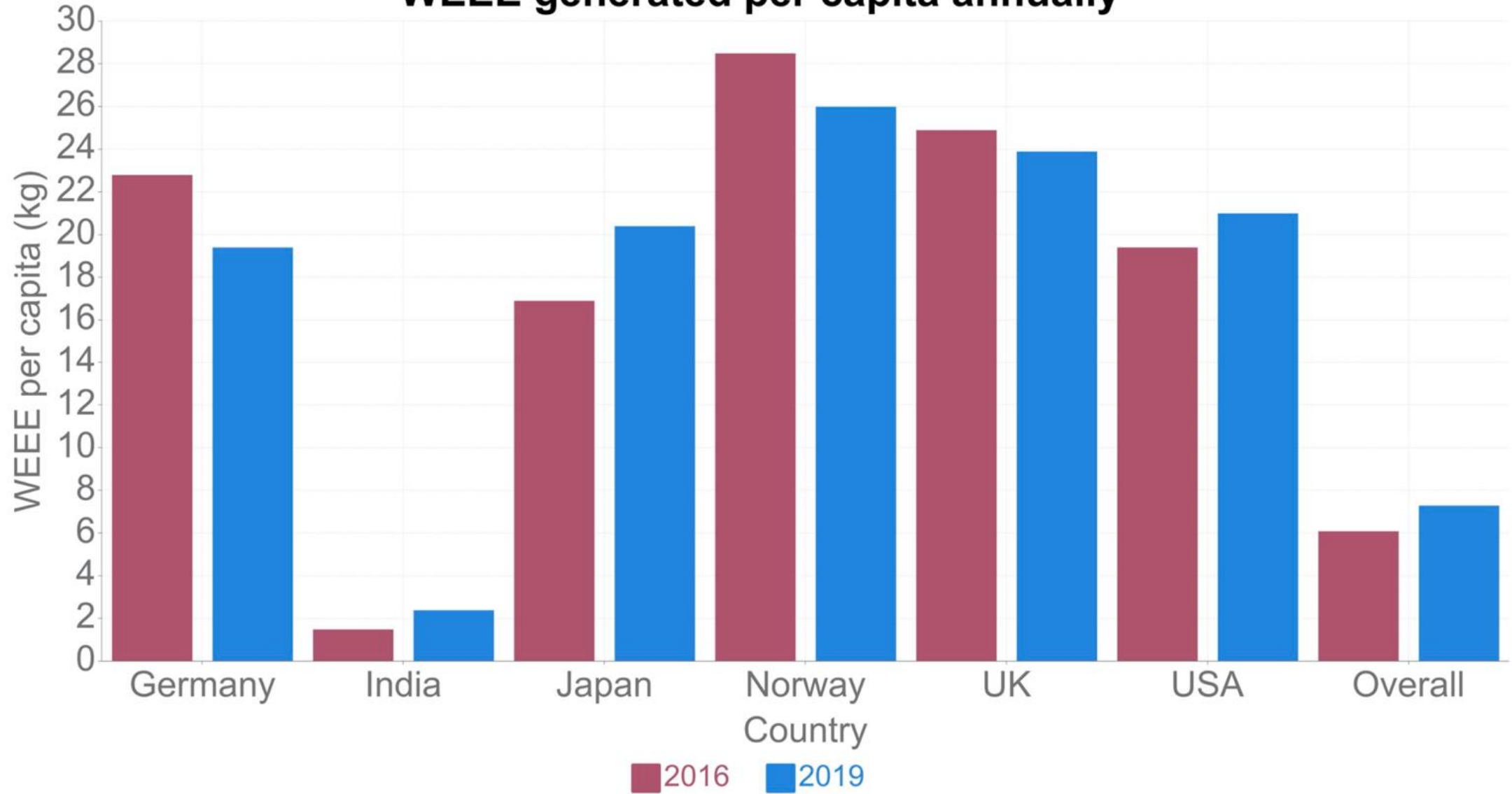
The average UK household could make £620 from [selling their unwanted electricals](#) – imagine all that extra cash and shelf space!



More jobs

Recycling our old electricals would create hundreds of new jobs in electrical reuse and recycling – and save valuable raw materials like gold, copper and steel.

WEEE generated per capita annually





Growth of 9.2 Mt since 2014



Global e-waste documented to be collected and properly recycled⁽¹⁾

Growth of 1.8 Mt since 2014



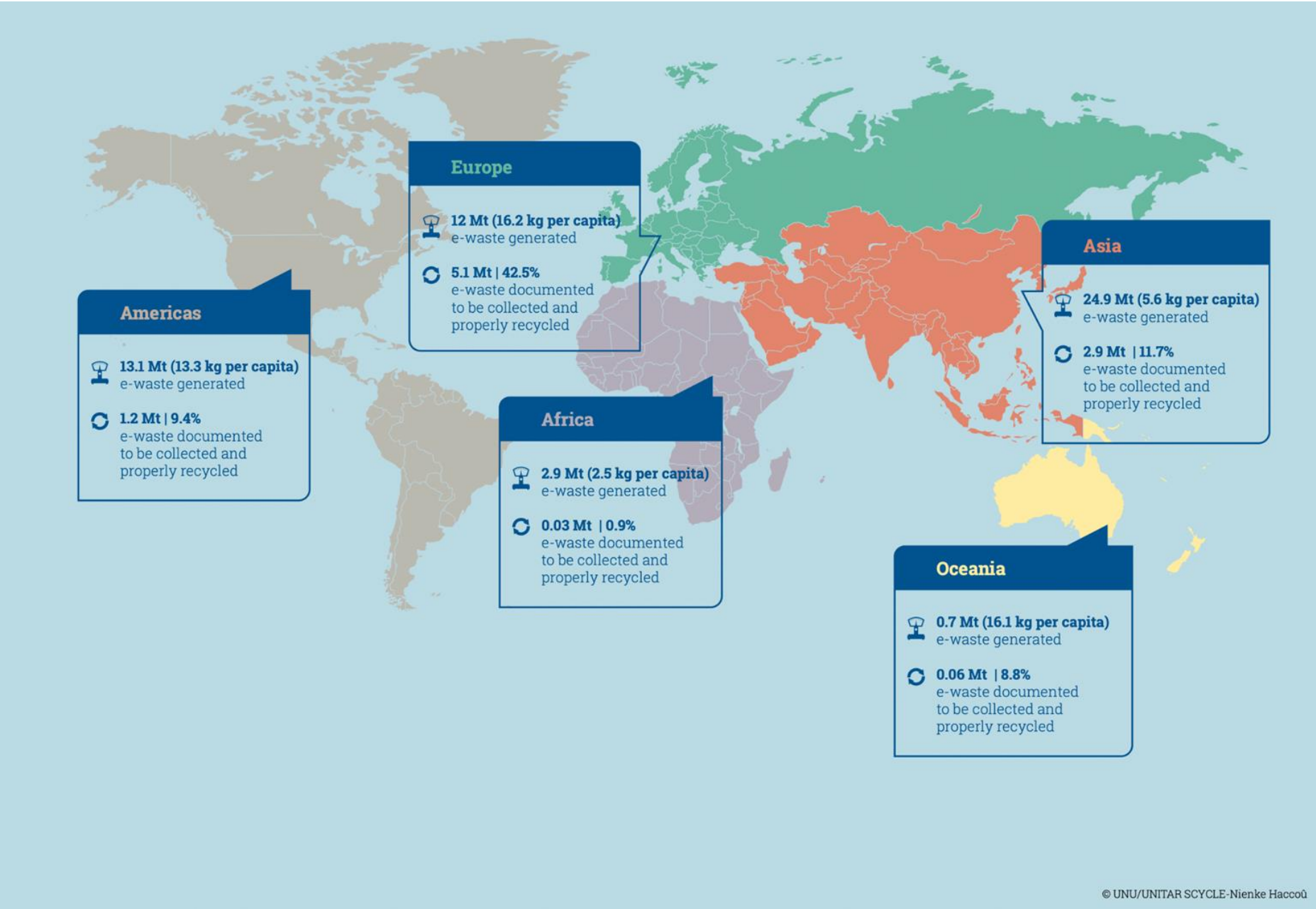
Global e-waste flows that are not documented



of e-waste is unknown; this e-waste is likely dumped, traded, or recycled in a non-environmentally sound way



is estimated to end up in waste bins in EU countries



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Global e-waste documented to be collected and properly recycled



Global e-waste flows that are not documented



Collection and recycling rates



is estimated to be exported as second-hand products or e-waste



is discarded into waste bins in high-income countries



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The future



Future trends

Is green purchasing becoming more mainstream?

Better recovery of critical raw materials from smart tech and batteries that we need for future green tech.

Increasing focus on digital poverty and digital inclusion - devices, data and skills.

Valuing social impacts - benefits from increased reuse providing affordable tech and appliances to those in need.

Increased fire risk from portable tech powered by lithium-ion batteries going to the wrong places.

The rise of FastTech.

New circular business models

Hire and leasing of products.

Service approaches based on delivering specific performance rather than exchanging ownership of a product.

Incentivised return systems for used products.

Active asset management tracking how clients use products and managing the re-use, repair or redeployment of these assets.

Collaborative consumption with products and services being rented or shared.

Products being designed for long life, supported by guarantees and trusted or self repair.

More information

All of our research is available on the link below:

<https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/material-focus-publications-and-research/>



700 TONNES OF COPPER hidden in unwanted cables in UK homes



Unwanted cables stashed away in UK homes could circle the Earth **MORE THAN 5 TIMES**



Erin wants to know what to do with her bag of old electricals?



Our unwanted electricals have a **£160 MILLION DONATION VALUE**

that could help those in need



We purchase a massive **53.5 MILLION ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

between Black Friday and Christmas



Did you know that even your tiny human ear buds can be recycled?



Every year, the magnetic materials recycled from our old tech could help build

2,661 WIND TURBINES



10,000 new recycling points
Dogs still UK's least favourite pet



A massive **8 in 10** of us have been **DECLUTTERING** in lockdown this year!



MORE DATA FOR KIDS = MORE KIDS LEARNING ABOUT RECYCLING



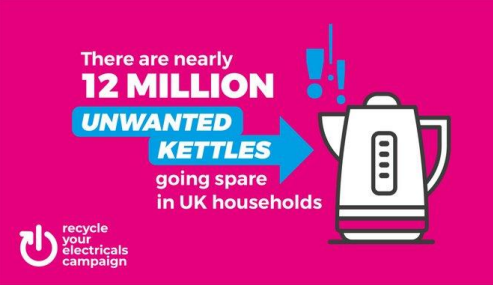
This New Year we'll throw away or hoard **OVER 5 MILLION UNWANTED ELECTRICALS** as a result of Christmas spending



Recycling all **31 million** old laptops hidden in UK homes could provide enough aluminium to make **159,000 bikes**



Kim from Essex wants to know if her son's remote control car can be recycled?



There are nearly **12 MILLION UNWANTED KETTLES** going spare in UK households



There are over **200 MILLION UNWANTED CABLES, LAPTOPS & SPEAKERS** stashed away across the UK



Rahul from Manchester wants to know what to do with his soaking wet phone?!



There are over **8 MILLION UNWANTED HAIR DRYERS**

in UK households, waiting to blow away the cobwebs



Nearly **1 in 3** of us have **SECRETLY DITCHED** a partner's old kitchen gadgets



44% of us **ADMIT TO CHUCKING** obsolete music equipment



UK households are hoarding



527 million small old electricals, an average of nearly 20 per household

Contact

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Material Focus is a not-for-profit organisation - our vision is of a world where materials are never wasted.

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How to Apply

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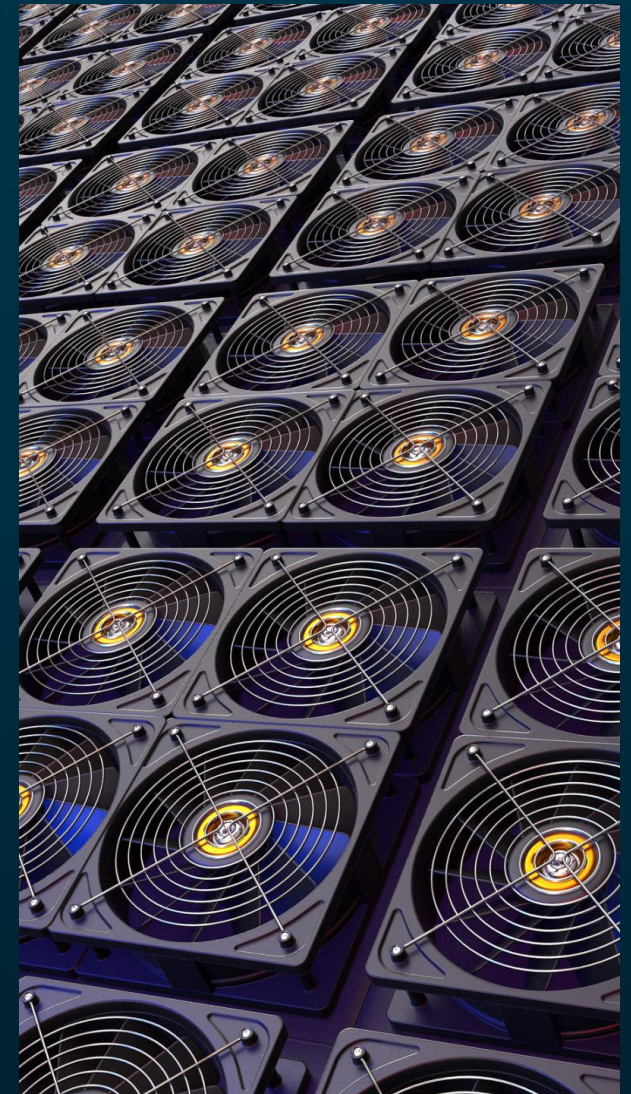
Who can apply?

To be eligible for funding, your team must be based in one of the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

If you are considering applying, you must inform your **National Delegation to obtain a letter of authorisation** allowing the funding of the proposed activity. Contact details of each National Delegate can be found here:

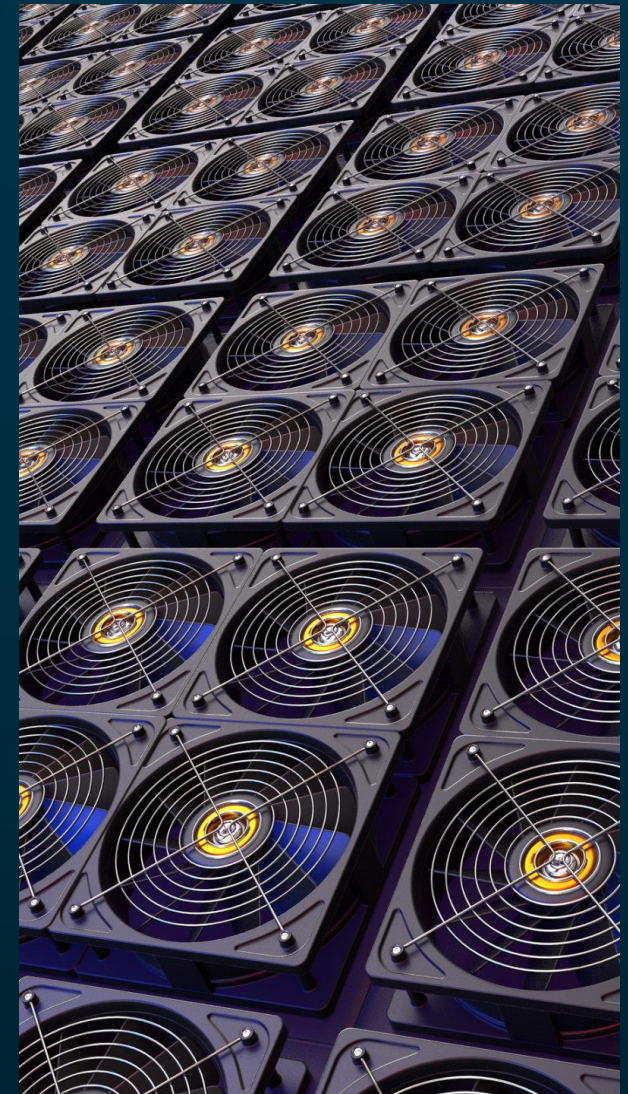
<https://business.esa.int/national-delegations-0>



How to apply?

1. Register your team on [esa-star Registration](https://esastar-emr.sso.esa.int) today!
<https://esastar-emr.sso.esa.int>
2. On 22nd February 2024 visit [esa-star Publication](https://esastar-publication.sso.esa.int) and search for this opportunity to download the official competition documents.
<https://esastar-publication.sso.esa.int>
3. Use the official documents to prepare your proposal
4. Contact details of each National Delegate can be found here: <https://business.esa.int/national-delegations-0>
5. Submit your proposal via [esa-star Tendering](https://esastar.sso.esa.int) by 18th April 2024.
<https://esastar.sso.esa.int>
6. Your proposal needs to include a [Letter of Support](#) from the user/customer representative

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ICT Electronic Devices Sustainability: About the Feasibility Study



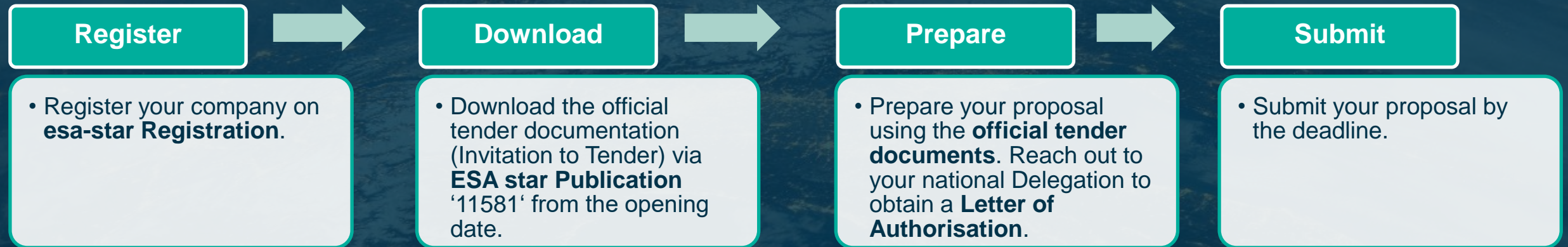
Winners of the competition will run a **9-month study** to investigate the **technical feasibility** and **commercial viability** of their idea.

ESA will provide funding up to **80%** for a maximum of **€200K** to each winning team.

After the study there is the opportunity for **further funding** and support from ESA.

Visit: [ICT Electronic Devices Sustainability \(esa.int\)](https://esa.int/ict-electronic-devices-sustainability)





Please remember:

Estimated activity duration: 9 months

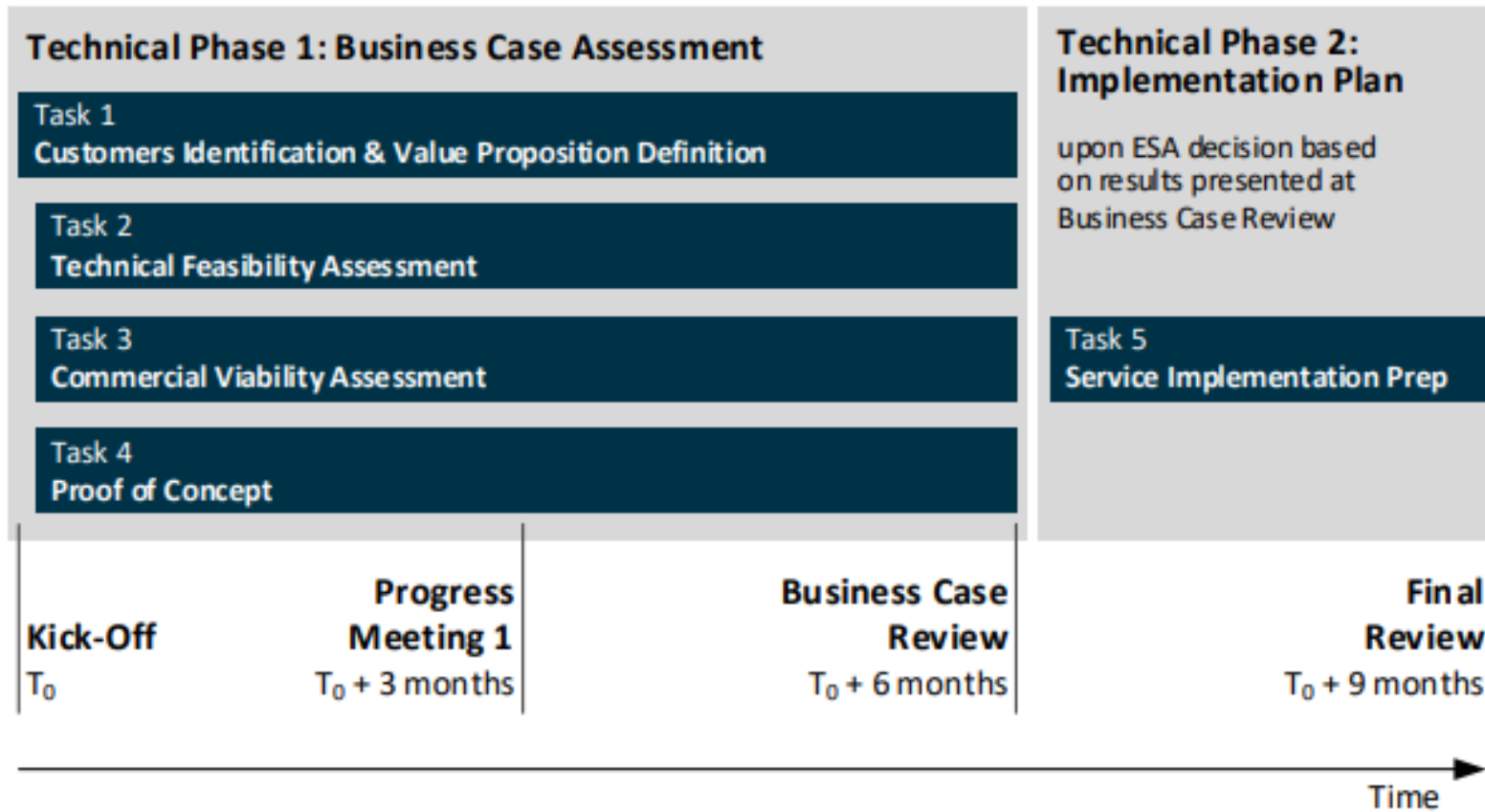
Estimated ESA co-funding: max. €200K per activity (zero-equity funding)
max. 80% of total cost per activity

Eligibility for funding: Companies must be based in a Member State subscribing to ESA BASS *

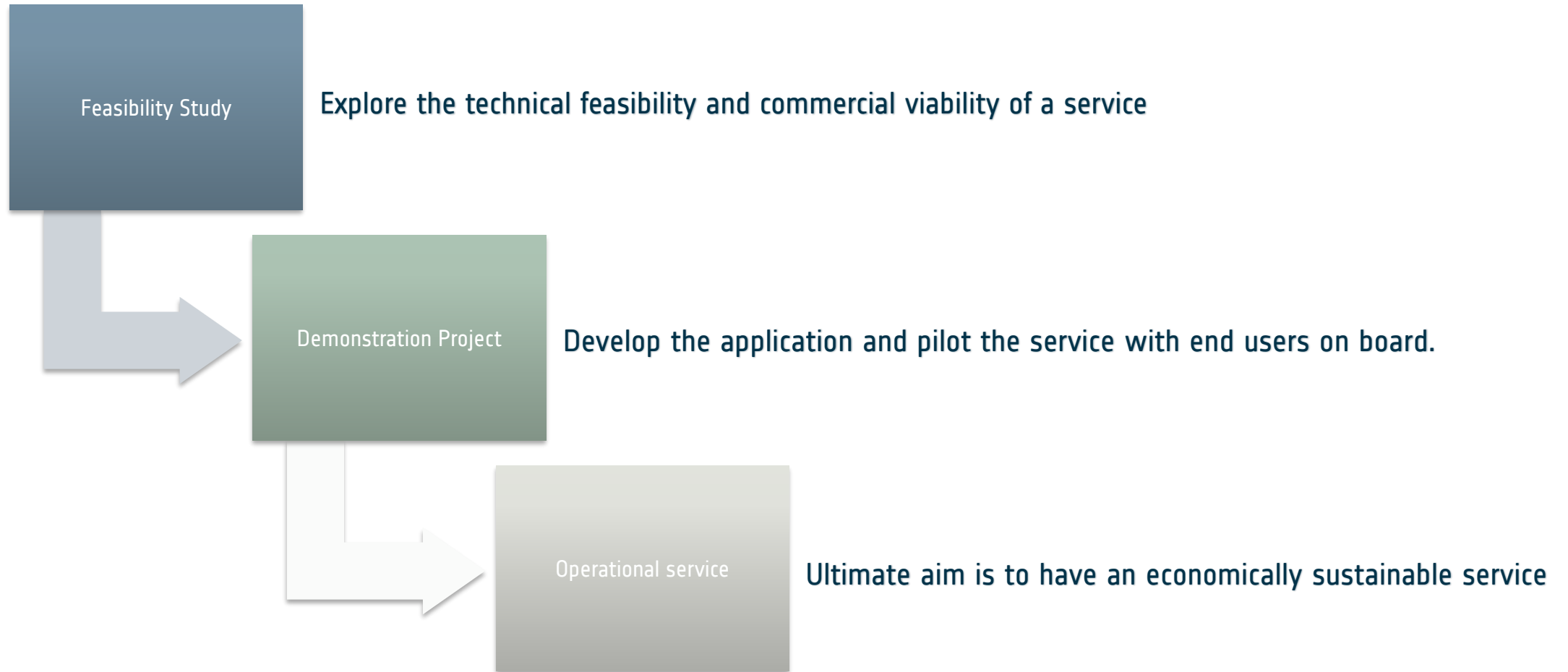
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Overall Aim of the Feasibility Study





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