



Free ICT Europe

Aftermarket Alliance for Freedom
to Support, Repair and Resell

How to change the law?

Everything starts with an idea....!



2014

FOUNDATION FORMED

Dutch registered non-profit

EU Transparency Registration



2014

EU LOBBYING COMMENCES

The EU Joint Research Centre starts pre-study,
asks Free ICT for input





2015

WE START TO GET NOTICED BY DG'S

Free ICT provided a report about maintenance, refurbishing and resell of servers, including a technical a focus on Firmware

The JRC report is published (July). Next to energy consumption, material efficiency requirements is the second pillar.



2016

WE START TO WORK ON MEP'S AND COMMITTEE LEADERS

Study about the Technical Standards
SME online consultation, Free ICT participated and stimulated SME's to respond
We spot ECODesign as possible way to get some of what we want!



2017

WE FIND PARTNERS

- ECOS
- European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)
- SIRRMET
- Campaign for Clear Licensing
- CIOnet
- European Digital SME Alliance....





2017 continued

WORKING CLOSELY WITH PARTNERS

Draft working document for the directive, Firmware is included

Consultative meeting for stakeholders, FIE participated

Free ICT files positioning paper, keeps in contact with EC and other organisations and lobbied



2018

SUCCESS – WE WILL HAVE A NEW LAW!

New Draft has been published, also send to WTO

Free ICT updates position paper and voting announced

Free ICT writes a strong appeal to >200 decision makers

Free ICT joins with other organisations another appeal to decision makers

Final Meeting and Voting

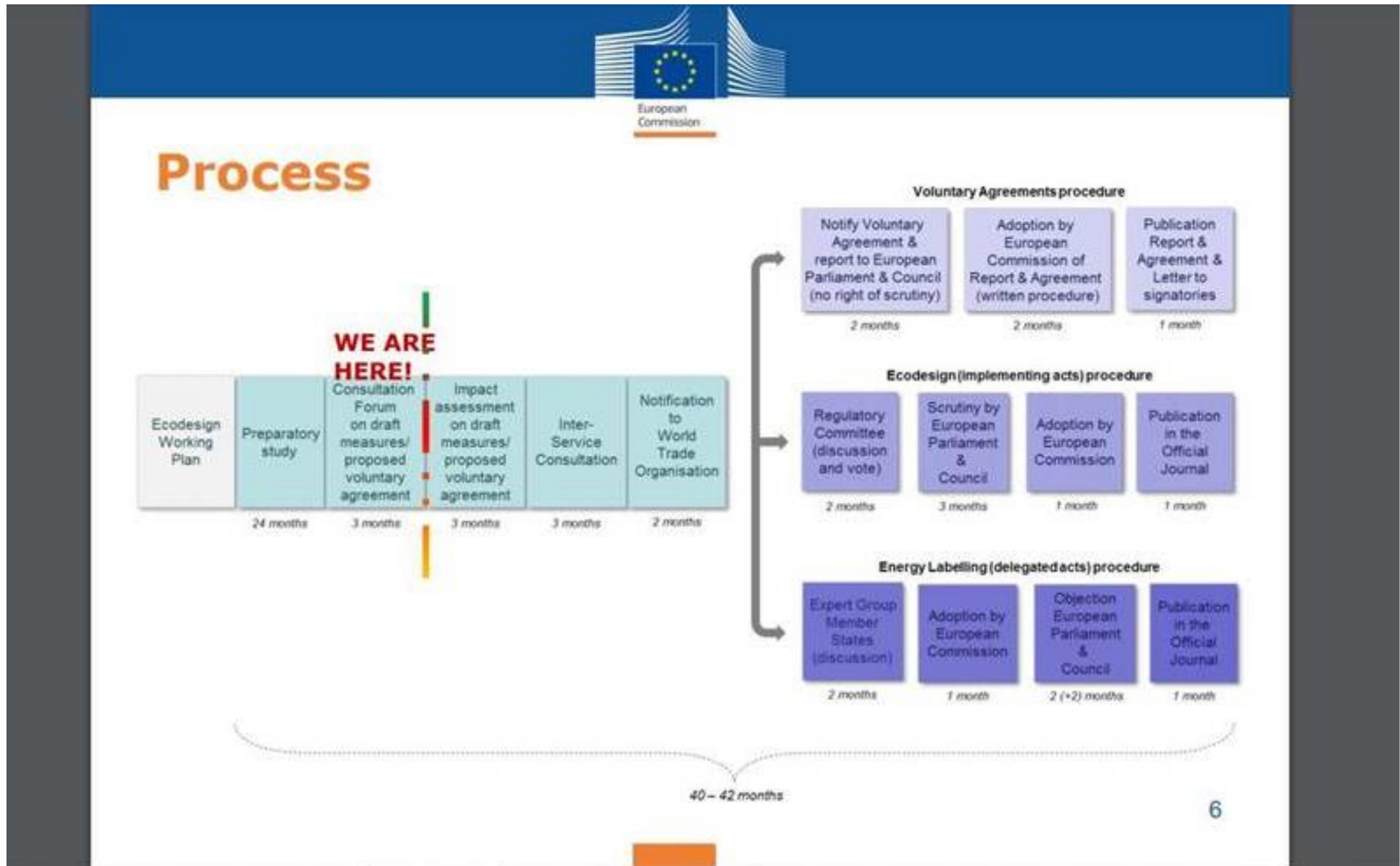


WHAT NEXT

Final adjustments and acceptance by commission



Remember Dublin 2017



What actually happened?

The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee's suggestions, as approved last month, include:

- Ensuring that products are designed to be robust, easily repaired and upgraded,
- Consumers should have the option of going to an independent repairer: technical, safety or software solutions which prevent repairs from being performed, other than by approved firms or bodies, should be discouraged,
- Member states should consider offering “appropriate incentives” for durable products which can be repaired, boosting repairs and second-hand sales - this could help to create jobs and reduce waste,
- Parts which are crucial to the functioning of the product should be replaceable and repairable;
- Essential components, such as batteries and LEDs, should not be fixed into products, unless justified for safety reasons
- Spare parts essential to the functioning of the goods should be made available “at a price commensurate to the nature and life-time of the product”; economic operators should clearly indicate whether spare parts are available or not, on what terms and for how long,

What new law means for SIA members?

- They voted yes (final exact text expected any day now)
- Firmware must be made available by manufacturers for new products – as of March 2020
- Firmware Updates will not be free of charge. However, the current text says “at a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory cost.”
- Security updates will be free of charge
- Firmware must be made available up to 7 yrs post Last Sale (instead of 8yr after placing on the market)
- A data deletion option will need to be provided by the OEM, either embedded or downloadable.

How can you help?

The Survey

- We asked organisations to respond to our survey. The input will be used to create a report, by Deloitte, about the IT aftermarket. This is required for our further lobby with MEP's and the European Commission. This can be done anonymous. A copy of the final report will be send to our members.
- Please note: do not take the numbers/percentages too precise (this is no audit, details are lost in the whole set). Then you need 10-20 min for it. Link: https://deloittefr.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMeRYIIWAMILRZP (deadline in 2 weeks time)

Support us as of Tomorrow

- As a foundation we are depending on donations to continue our work. As your representative, please support us with a donation.

Volunteer

- Free ICT Europe is recognised as the official representative of the IT aftermarket towards the EU.
- Join to create a voice towards European Policy makers