



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 severs, including a technical a focus on Firmware

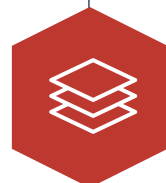
The JRC report is published (July). Next to energy consumption, material efficiency requirements is the second pillar.



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)
- SIRMIET
- Campaign for Clear Licensing
- CIONet
- Cigref





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

Free ICT writes a strong appeal to >200 decision makers

Free ICT joins with other organisations another appeal to decision makers regarding the Ecodesign Package

Final Meeting and Voting

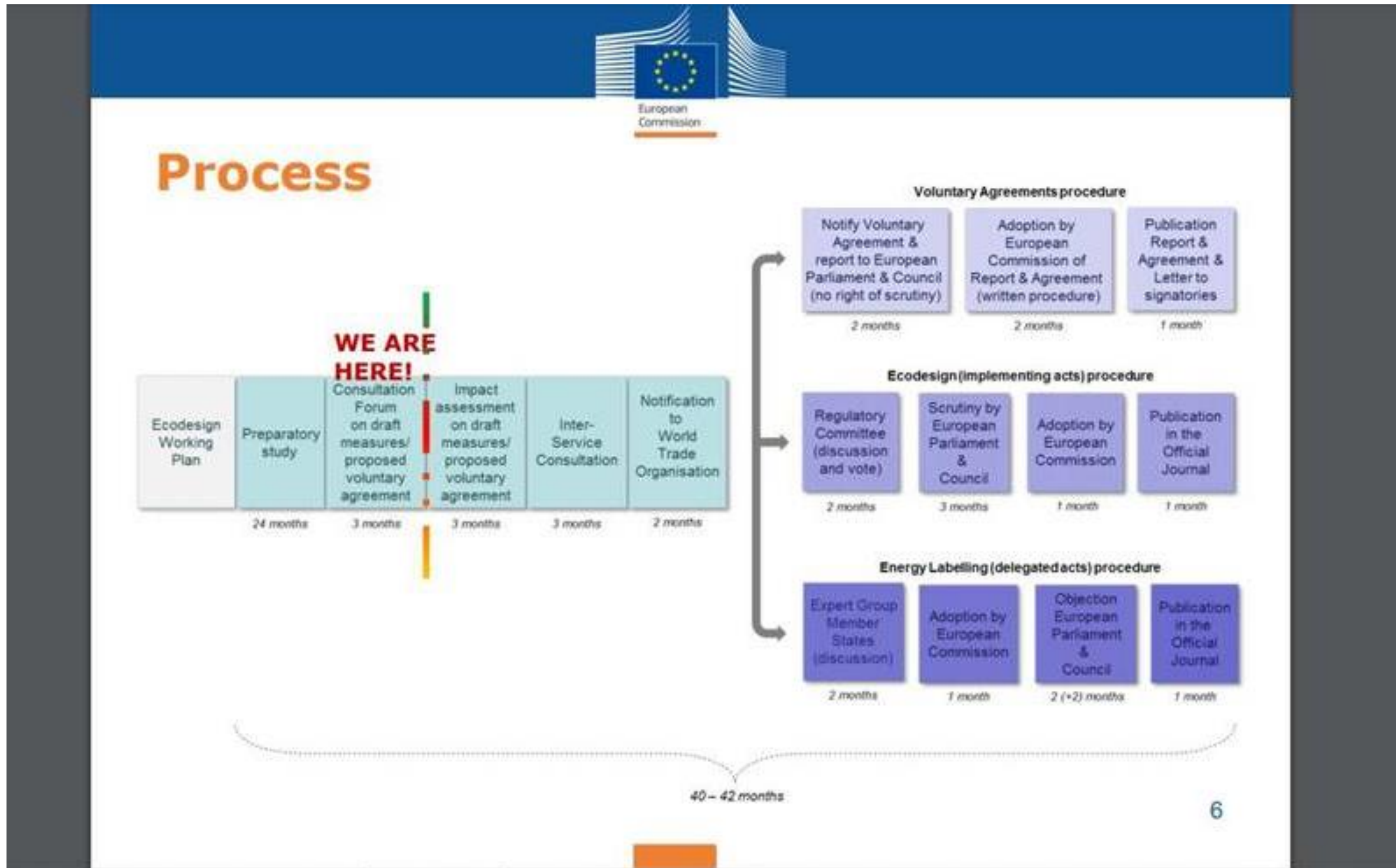


WHAT NEXT

Final adjustments and acceptance by commission



Remember Dublin 2017



What actually happened?

The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee's suggestions & resolutions from the European Parliament 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/glued 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?

- **Firmware must be made available by manufacturers for new mainstream Servers & Storage products – as of March 2021**
- **Firmware Updates will be “free of charge or at a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory cost.”**
- **Security updates will always be free of charge**
- **Firmware must be made available up to min. 8 yrs post Last Sale**
- **A data deletion option will need to be provided by the OEM, either embedded or downloadable.**
- **Fast review: since progressive elements are introduced, the review process of the directive will already start in 2021.**

How can you help?

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