



# *Implementation of the 3Rs by the European Union*

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# *Major policy developments (I)*



- 2005 has been good year for EU 3R policies with significant progress on several fronts
- This contributes substantially to the SPC agenda
- Action taken at EU level frames complementary action taken by the EU Member States



# *Major policy developments (II)*



- Ambitious new EU Strategies for sustainable use of resources and for waste prevention and recycling
- EU's first legal framework for eco-design of products breaks new ground
- Strong commitment to support eco-innovation by funding, setting-up of networks and pilot projects



# *EU's 3Rs good practices (I)*



- All governments from EU to local levels are committed to promoting the use of resources lost in waste
  - Recycling of municipal waste doubled in 8 years and this trend is continuing
  - At least 50% of the paper and steel, 43% of glass and 40% of the non-ferrous metal in the EU are made from recycled materials
  - Reason for success: mix of instruments



## *EU's 3Rs good practices (II)*



- Reduce the flow of heavy metals through the economy
  - Packaging, batteries, cars, WEEE
  - Reason for success: targeted substitution policy
- European platform on life cycle assessment
  - Better use of tools for designing process, product & policy
  - Full involvement of stakeholders guided by government



*Thank you for your attention*

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