

Annex D: Interim Progress Report Template

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Agreement Number:	BRS-SSFA-2146	SSFA Starting Date:	1/11/2022
Name of Organization:	Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina	Reporting Period:	From: 24 August 2022 to December 31 2024

Expected Result(s): Start the project to outline the first activities, hire the consultants and organize the work program with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention

Output(s): none finished at the moment.

Summary of Status: The official day the project started is August 24, 2022. The first team meeting together with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention was November 15, 2022. Although all the activities have begun to be outlined, some have been delayed due to the change of INTI presidency and vice presidency and the vacation period in the southern region.

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<p>Activity 1 - Development of a roadmap document for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of mobile phones and computing equipment at the national level, in cooperation with the Project Group 1 on dissemination activities and the working group of the Follow up Partnership to PACE.</p>	<p>A draft roadmap document for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of mobile phones and computing equipment at the national level was prepared and presented at the Project Launch Workshop.</p> <p>This was the first instance of dissemination of this proposal to the Project countries. It will be put to the test at the regional workshop to be held at the next regional workshop.</p> <p>A more complete version of the 7-step roadmap for the environmentally sound management of used cell phones and computers was prepared and sent to Francesca Cenni for discussion in the framework of PACE II. This document was also sent to the countries of the</p>	<p>The ESM documents, although they will be for national application, will have a regional vision, for which it is suggested to consider as a reference the general ESM guide for WEEEs of the Basel Convention, so that it can be implemented in all the countries the BCRC Argentina serves.</p>	<p>The product should be ready by the end of April 2024</p>	<p>Delivered</p>	<p>A 7-step roadmap for the environmentally sound management of used cell phones and computers was prepared and sent to Francesca Cenni for discussion in the framework of PACE II. This document was also sent to the countries of the region so that they can make their contributions.</p> <p>A meeting was held with PACE II working group number 1. Comments and opportunities for improvement were received and incorporated into the document.</p>

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<p>Activity 2 - Translation from English into Spanish, of five model workshops' materials developed by the Follow-up Partnership to PACE working group, including the learning objectives, the agenda and the presentations of each workshop.</p>	<p>Translated materials were sent by email on December 22, 2023.</p>	<p>Five model workshops developed by the PACE Follow-up Alliance</p>	<p>End of December 2023</p>	<p>Delivered</p>	<p>The material to be translated was received by mail on November 10, 2023.</p> <p>Translated materials were sent by email on December 22, 2023. Confirmation of receipt was received.</p>
<p>Activity 3 Assessment of WLAB management capacity in Latin America based on an analysis of available information on the region</p>	<p>It was decided to develop a questionnaire to the countries to which the BCRC Argentina serves to collect information that allows it to assess the management capacity in Latin America.</p> <p>An initial questionnaire has been prepared in order to carry out a survey of the national and international regulatory context of the countries and their technical capacities.</p> <p>This questionnaire was disseminated at the project launch workshop and is being completed by the participating countries.</p> <p>Currently, bilateral meetings are being held with the competent authorities of the countries in the region to evaluate the waste management capacity of lead acid batteries and electronic waste in the Latin American region.</p>	<p>A questionnaire and an assessment</p>	<p>The questionnaire must be sent in June 2023, the answers will be consolidated in November and the evaluation will be ready in June 2024.</p>	<p>Ongoing (Almost finished)</p>	<p>Although the questionnaire was disseminated at the Project launch workshop, the percentage of responses was very low.</p> <p>In this sense, bilateral meetings were coordinated with the competent authorities of the countries in the region in order to continue with the information collection process.</p> <p>To date, meetings have been held with the competent authorities of Uruguay, Mexico, Chile, Brasil, Bolivia, Peru and Panama. In these meetings, information on the regulatory context, institutional framework and technical capacity of these countries was reviewed.</p>

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Activity 4 - Development of a strategy for supporting the implementation of the ESM of WLAB across the Latin American region, including the development of model legislations and policies to put in place EPR policy schemes for WLAB.	This activity depends on the completion of the report that arises from activity number 3 and the discussions that arise in the regional project workshop.	----- -	December 2024	Ongoing	This activity depends on the completion of the report that arises from activity number 3 and the discussions that arise in the regional project workshop.
Activity 5 - Development of a model legislation for the ESM of WLAB, including on EPR policy schemes for WLAB.	<p>Based on the information received through the survey and the bilateral meetings with the countries of the region, a model of legislation can be prepared that will serve to authorize ULAB waste managers. A fundamental input was the legislation in force in countries such as Uruguay, Mexico, Colombia, Chile and Argentina, since they served as an example of good practices to prepare this document.</p> <p>Currently it has been sent to all countries in the region by mail in order to count on their contributions.</p>	----- -	April 2024	Delivered	<p>An argentinean company has been visited that handles and recycles lead acid batteries and has a lithium battery recycling project. It has environmental authorizations issued by the National State, provincial and municipal authorities. This experience is extremely useful for this activity.</p> <p>Also, Based on the information received through the survey and the bilateral meetings with the countries of the region, a model of legislation can be prepared that will serve to authorize ULAB waste managers. A fundamental input was the legislation in force in countries such as Uruguay, Mexico, Colombia, Chile and Argentina, since they served as an example of good practices to prepare this</p>

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<p>Activity 6 - Assessment on how to apply digital technologies for tracing WLAB, ensuring their ESM during the life cycle and design and development of a pilot system.</p>	<p>This activity will be developed in collaboration with the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP) and Working Subgroup No. 6 (SGT6) MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market).</p> <p>The Projects staff participated on ITU's Workshop "Shaping a Sustainable and Digital Future" where the "Digital Passport" subject was disseminated.</p> <p>The Projects Coordinator participated as moderator of the "Session 1: Exploring the benefits and importance of a Global digital passport of TIC products for Latin America",</p> <p>Francesca Cenni (BRS Secretariat and the Projects Programme Officer), Adriana Zacarias Farah and Leandro Navarro, gave presentations on how solutions such as the digital product passport (DDP) can encourage design ecology and sustainability by standardizing the information on the reuse, repair and modernization of a product.</p>	<p>Two meetings were held between GAHP, SGT6 MERCOSUR and different national organizations of Argentina, including the private sector of Brazil to evaluate the possibility of applying tracing</p>	<p>First meeting August 18 at the Solid Waste Association (ARS) offices in Buenos Aires, Argentina, second meeting October 17 and 18 in Montevideo Uruguay SGT6 MERCOSUR , third meeting December 16 in Buenos Aires, Argentina at ARS</p>	<p>-----</p>	<p>The results of this activity will depend to a large extent on the progress of the countries of the MERCOSUR region</p>
<p>Activity 7 - Awareness raising workshop on ESM of WLAB, including EPR schemes in the Latin American region.</p>	<p>The awareness raising activities will depend mainly on the results of the activities 1 to 6.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Scheduled for September</p>	<p>-----</p>	<p>This activity will be prepared after the previous activities</p>

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	Regarding the Regional Workshop to be held within the framework of the Project, this depends on the new end date of the Project.		2024		are completed. The idea is to use this workshop to validate the deliverable products of the Project.

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