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The EPBA presents the 2014 update to its portable battery collection report

Brussels, 5 January 2015 — The European Portable Battery issued a report which provides an update to its 2013 study on the collection of waste portable batteries in view of the achievability of the collection target set by the Batteries Directive 2006/66/EC.

This report provides the most up to date analysis of the collection rates for portable batteries in the EU Member States as well as Norway and Switzerland by investigating the targets for battery collection set in the EU's Battery Directive. This overview of collection rates across Europe gives examples of best practice by looking at the countries that achieve high collection rates and suggesting ways to improve the collection systems. This report is available for download on EPBA's website [add link]

One of the conclusions highlighted in the report is that although the 2012 target has been reached by most countries, the 2016 target will be challenging and even difficult to achieve for most member states. Hans Craen, Secretary General of EPBA, said that "This conclusion underlines the importance of setting targets which are challenging but also realistic and achievable." He added that "the EPBA will dedicate special focus in the remaining years until the 2016 target – and in collaboration with other stakeholders - on the member states that have concerns in reaching the set target."

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About EPBA

The European Portable Battery Association is the authoritative voice of the portable power industry. It supports the common interests of its members regarding portable batteries and battery chargers with European institutions and other leading international bodies to provide consumers with complete power solutions which are sustainable across their life-cycle.

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