



Product lifetime extension in developing economies

Improvement of waste treatment infrastructure

In many economies a formal, environmentally sound and safe waste management system is needed. In order to make such a system function properly, public education on how and where to dispose products is required.

Recognition of the full potential of the informal sector

Informal economic sectors that revolve around trading, repairing and regaining materials from redundant products currently lack access to investment capital and information to make repairs energy efficient, safe and environmentally sound. It is recommended to recognize these professions and offer them social rights, official status, and training.

Stimulation of energy efficient repair and refurbishment of old appliances

Addressing the often prevailing lack of an institutional infrastructure to implement energy efficiency regulations, appliance efficiency in the used and rehabilitated appliance market can for instance be promoted and increased through training and the provision of energy efficiency repair manuals.

Consumer education and information

The introduction of energy efficiency labelling, other eco-labels and awareness campaigns can stimulate the more affluent households to invest in high-quality, longer lasting and/or energy efficient products.

Monitoring, verification and enforcement (MVE) measures

Developing monitoring, verification and enforcement (MVE) measures can help ensure that energy efficiency and product lifetime standards are met.