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This document describes the operational procedures for the proper management of photovoltaic panel waste (WEEE PV), in compliance with the current national and European legislation.

### Regulatory References

- Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE)
- Legislative Decree 49/2014 and subsequent amendments
- Legislative Decree 118/2020 and subsequent amendments
- Legislative Decree No. 2 of 7 January 2026
- Law No. 221 of 28 December 2015 (*Collegato Ambientale*)
- *Conto Energia* Decrees
- GSE Operational Instructions

### Incentive Schemes – *Conto Energia*

- 1st *Conto Energia*: **DM 28 July 2005**, amended by **DM 6 February 2006**  
Effective from 2005 (operational from September 2005).
- 2nd *Conto Energia*: **DM 19 February 2007**  
Operational from 2007 (AEEG resolution April 2007).
- 3rd *Conto Energia*: **DM 6 August 2010**  
Applicable to plants commissioned from 1 January 2011.
- 4th *Conto Energia*: **DM 5 May 2011**  
Applicable to plants commissioned after 31 May 2011.
- 5th *Conto Energia*: **DM 5 July 2012**  
Entered into force on 27 August 2012. Ended on 6 July 2013 upon reaching the spending cap.

### Consortium Option - Legislative Decree 118/2020 and subsequent amendments

Legislative Decree 118/2020 introduced the so-called “Consortium Option,” which allows the Responsible



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Party to choose whether to pay the financial guarantee to the GSE or to the Trust of a Collective System.

The guarantee also covers the costs for dismantling photovoltaic panels, as confirmed by the RG 13131/2022 ruling of the Lazio Regional Administrative Court (TAR).

PV CYCLE Italy reimburses deficit fees only for panels managed directly.

### Financing and responsibility after the entry into force of the new WEEE DECREE Legislative Decree No. 2 of 7 January 2026, from 24/01/2026

- The financing system for the management of household and professional WEEE remains based on the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).
- For end-of-life PV panels, the financial responsibility for management and disposal lies with the producers for panels placed on the market from 13 August 2012 onwards.
- PV panels installed before that date are no longer subject to the retroactive financing obligation imposed on producers.
- Guarantees and financial instruments already activated for incentivized PV plants remain valid, with possible checks and reimbursements managed by the GSE.

For explanatory purposes, some scenarios for the management of photovoltaic (PV) panel waste can be identified based on the applicable legislation. The scenarios are outlined below:

#### 1. PV Panels before 2005, belonging to the period prior to the *Conto Energia* incentive mechanisms, and PV Panels from the I, II, III, and IV *Conto Energia* periods until 13/08/2012

##### ▪ Panels from Residential Plants (< 10 kW total capacity)

Private individuals can deliver PV panels directly to municipal collection centers independently, or they can rely on the Installer/Distributor, who is obliged to ensure authorized transport and deliver the waste to municipal collection centers that accept waste coming from distributors.

Collection and disposal costs: NONE

Find your municipal collection center here: <https://www.cdcaee.it/centri-di-raccolta-comunali/>.

Find municipal collection centers open to distribution here: <https://www.cdcaee.it/centri-di-raccolta-comunali-aperti ALLA-distribuzione/>.

In the case of an incentivized plant, it is necessary to submit *Allegato 8.1*, i.e., the "Declaration of WEEE Delivery," signed by both the Responsible Party of the plant and the municipal collection center.

Furthermore, the installer or maintenance provider delivering household waste to the municipal collection center open to distribution must also provide the Responsible Party with the transport documents related to the waste.

##### ▪ Panels from Professional Plants ( $\geq 10$ kW total capacity)



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In the case of replacement with new PV panels, decommissioning without replacement, or replacement with panels already in stock, the waste holder will be responsible for the disposal costs.

If the plant owner has joined and registered the panels with a Collective System, it is necessary to:

- Refer to the Collective System that the plant owner has joined and to which the Trust fee has been paid;
- If the Collective System is PV CYCLE, collection and disposal costs: Net of the Trust fee already paid.

- To verify if the PV panels of the plant are registered and guaranteed with PV CYCLE ITALIA CONSORZIO, you can check directly on our website by uploading a .CSV file containing the list of PV panel serial numbers.

To perform the verification, visit: <https://registeritaly.pvcycle.org/search-certificates-step-1/>.

- To use the collection and disposal service for PV panels registered and guaranteed with PV CYCLE ITALIA CONSORZIO, it is necessary to complete the waste management request form available at: <https://pvcycle.it/richiesta-di-ritiro-rifiuti-fv>, along with an Excel file containing the serial numbers of the PV panels to be disposed of.

According to the current GSE Operational Instructions, the disposal documentation must be submitted within 180 days from the replacement notification. The documentation includes the Waste Form (FIR) completed by the Consortium and *Allegato 8.1*, which must be completed and signed by the Responsible Party and countersigned by the Consortium.

### 2. PV panels from plants incentivized under the *Disciplinare Tecnico* of the IV or V *Conto Energia*, commissioned after 30 June 2012 until 06/07/2013

#### ▪ Panels from Residential Plants (< 10 kW total capacity)

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Collection and disposal costs: NONE

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In the case of an incentivized plant, it is necessary to submit *Allegato 8.1*, i.e., the "Declaration of WEEE Delivery," signed by both the Responsible Party of the plant and the municipal collection center.

Furthermore, the installer or maintenance provider delivering household waste to the municipal collection center open to distribution must also provide the Responsible Party with the transport documents related to the waste.

#### ▪ Panels from Professional Plants ( $\geq 10$ kW total capacity)



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### Simple Decommissioning:

In the case of decommissioning without replacement or with replacement using PV panels already in stock, the holder of the PV waste will be responsible for the disposal costs:

- Refer to the Collective System to which the producer of the old PV panels has joined and paid the Trust fee;
- If the Collective System is PV CYCLE, collection and disposal costs: Net of the Trust fee already paid.

### Replacement with New Panels:

The producer of the new PV panels, in compliance with the “one-to-one” provision (Art. 24 Legislative Decree 49/2014 and subsequent amendments), is responsible for the collection and disposal of used PV panels, regardless of the brand or model of the panels to be disposed of:

- Their Collective System will handle the management of the PV waste;
  - If the Collective System is PV CYCLE, collection and disposal costs: Net of the Trust fee already paid.
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According to the current GSE Operational Instructions, the disposal documentation must be submitted within 180 days from the replacement notification. The documentation includes the Waste Form (FIR) completed by the Consortium and *Allegato 8.1*, which must be completed and signed by the Responsible Party and countersigned by the Consortium.

### **3. Non-incentivized PV panels installed after the closure of the V Conto Energia (between 07/07/2013 and 11/04/2014)**

#### **Note: period with unregistered panels and no Trust guarantee**

- **Panels from Residential Plants (< 10 kW total capacity)**

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Collection and disposal costs: NONE

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In the case of an incentivized plant, it is necessary to submit Allegato 8.1, i.e., the “Declaration of WEEE Delivery,” signed by both the Responsible Party of the plant and the municipal collection center.

Furthermore, the installer or maintenance provider delivering household waste to the municipal collection center open to distribution must also provide the Responsible Party with the transport documents related to the waste.

#### ▪ **Panels from Professional Plants ( $\geq 10$ kW total capacity)**

In the case of replacement with new PV panels, decommissioning without replacement, or replacement using PV panels already in stock, the waste holder will be responsible for the disposal costs.

#### **4. PV panels installed between the entry into force of the new WEEE Regulations (Legislative Decree 49/2014) and the entry into force of the Collegato Ambientale (Law 221, 28 December 2015), i.e., between 12/04/2014 and 01/02/2016, inclusive**

#### ▪ **Panels from Residential Plants ( $< 10$ kW total capacity)**

Private individuals can deliver PV panels directly to municipal collection centers independently, or they can rely on the Installer/Distributor, who is obliged to ensure authorized transport and deliver the waste to municipal collection centers that accept waste coming from distributors.

Collection and disposal costs: NONE

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#### ▪ **Panels from Professional Plants ( $\geq 10$ kW total capacity)**

- Refer to the PV panel producer (i.e., the first one who placed the PV panels on the Italian market);
- The Producer's reference Collective System will handle the management of the PV waste;
- In the case of replacement with new PV panels, it is the producer of the old panels who must take care of the collection and disposal of the waste through their own Collective System.

#### **5. PV panels installed from the entry into force of the Collegato Ambientale (Law 221, 28 December 2015), i.e., from 02/02/2016 to the present**

#### ▪ **Panels from Residential Plants ( $< 10$ kW total capacity)**

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Collection and disposal costs: NONE



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- **Panels from Professional Plants ( $\geq 10$  kW total capacity)**

#### **Simple Decommissioning:**

In the case of decommissioning without replacement or with replacement using PV panels already in stock, the holder of the PV waste will be responsible for the disposal costs:

- Refer to the Collective System to which the producer of the old PV panels has joined and paid the Trust fee;
- If the Collective System is PV CYCLE, collection and disposal costs: Net of the Trust fee already paid.

#### **Replacement with New Panels:**

The producer of the new PV panels, in compliance with the “one-to-one” provision (Art. 24 Legislative Decree 49/2014 and subsequent amendments), is responsible for the collection and disposal of used PV panels, regardless of the brand or model of the panels to be disposed of:

- Their Collective System will handle the management of the PV waste;
  - If the Collective System is PV CYCLE, collection and disposal costs: Net of the Trust fee already paid.
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