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## Used electrical devices: wasted in the basement or drawer

## CYCEL.de launches - the platform for used cell phones, coffee machines and CO.

reCYCle your ELectronics: this is the motto of the new portal www.CYCEL.de. The online platform launches on March 1, 2019, and is another important element in the EU project FORCE (cities cooperating FOR Circular Economy) towards waste prevention and recycling.

Hamburg - many electrical appliances end up in the basement, even though they still work properly. The owners often don't know what they should do with their old device: It is still worth something? Can it be sold? Where could I donate it? CYCEL can answer all these questions.

For thousands of different electrical appliances, CYCEL indicates the current market value of the used device. Devices that are in demand should be sold, donated or given away: CYCEL shows where. If there is no demand, CYCEL also shows where cell phones, coffee machines and so on can be taken for disposal.

But sometimes a device is also defective. Can it then be repaired? Is a repair worth it? The portal also helps in such cases, and provides links to repair manuals for every type of device. If the repair is difficult or requires special tools, further possibilities are available, especially in Hamburg as a participating project city: You can visit one of the many repair cafés - on CYCEL, you will find the locations, dates and opening times of all repair cafés in and around Hamburg. The next step will be to include repair companies, who can publicize their services via the portal.

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Although it is important to use electrical appliances for as long as possible, technical changes often mean that devices can no longer be used. Then it is important that the valuable materials inside these items are returned to the material cycle as quickly as possible: get rid of the cell phones in the drawer, and the old stereo system or PC in the basement. For this, CYCEL lists all the recycling centers and the additional disposal opportunities in Hamburg.

CYCEL was developed by Consist ITU within the framework of the EU Horizon 2020 Project FORCE (cities cooperating FOR Circular Economy) of the cities of Hamburg, Copenhagen, Genoa and Lisbon, to improve dealing with used electrical equipment. The Hamburg cooperation partners are the Stadtreinigung Hamburg (Hamburg's cleansing department), the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (Senate Chancellery), the HafenCity University Hamburg, the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences and Aurubis AG.

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About Cycel.de: www.cycel.de

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# **Company Portrait**



## About Consist ITU Environmental Software GmbH

Consist ITU Environmental Software GmbH – Consist ITU for short – specializes in Europe-wide IT solutions for environmental protection and operations monitoring.

IT designs, along with the development and maintenance of IT solutions, are our core competencies. For more than 20 years, projects have been successfully implemented at numerous national and international government agencies and companies.

Our experts have excellent engineering knowledge in the field of environmental protection. Competent consulting both in process regulations and IT technology questions and the development of custom IT solutions for your processes in environmental protection and waste management are our stock in trade.

#### **Mission**

Our express goal is to lead our customers to success through competent consulting: With you and for you, we create designs and applications that truly meet your needs.

#### Our service portfolio

Our service portfolio includes, for example solutions:

- for the official monitoring of systems
- for handling of the electronic waste records procedure (with electronic signatures)
- for implementing environmental compliance in companies.

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We can also prepare:

- technical and IT designs, for example for waste management companies
- consult on the use of interfaces in environmental protection and
- maintain and support your (legacy) systems.

#### **History**

In August, 1995, ITU was founded from the DP department of ITU-Ingenieurgemeinschaft technischer Umweltschutz GmbH (Engineering Society for Technical Environmental Protection).

In December, 2004, ITU became a member of the Consist World Group. Since 2008, ITU is named Consist ITU Environmental Software GmbH.

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