

What does it apply to?

This regulation is to engage producers in considering end of life of their products when putting it on the market. Every company that introduces clothing, household linen, and footwear items on the French market to sell it under their own brands, must either:

- set its own internal collecting and recycling program accredited by the French authorities
- or pay a contribution to Eco TLC (the company accredited by the French public authorities to manage the sector's waste) to provide it for them.

This DOES NOT include:

- Full leather clothing items
- Non-clothing items (doll, toy, pets products, etc.)
- Medical and orthopaedic items
- Technical sport items (ice skating, skiing boots, etc.)
- Household linen like blankets, pillows, etc.

How are contributions calculated?

The contribution is annual, based on the last year's volume put on the market crossed with the size of each item:

- 4 sizes for clothing and linen,
- 2 sizes of footwear.

Rates are announced each year, defined to cover the need for financial supports, it can be found on Eco TLC news feed. It equates to half a euro cent on average (contributions are worth between €0.121 ct to €4.84 ct).

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French EPR for Clothing, Household linen and Footwear



What is it the ERP on the Clothing, Household linen and Footwear in France?

As part of France's commitment to comply with the European environmental standards regarding sustainable waste management, an ERP has been set for the Clothing, Household linen and Footwear (TLC in French) producers, distributors and importers.

Companies are considered responsible by law for providing or managing the recycling of their products at the end of their usage. They can either organise their own recycling program that must be approved the French authorities or contribute to an organisation accredited by law to provide for them.

Eco TLC is the only organisation accredited by the French public authorities to cover for the sector. This company is a non-for-profit private company directed by a board of industrials that aims to tend towards 100% reuse and recycling of used TLCs. The organisation was formed

following the law of the 21st of December 2006 (Article L-541-10-3 of the Code de l'Environnement), ratified on the 27th June 2008. Currently, Eco TLC represents more than 93% of the industry.

Companies that have subscribed for membership to Eco TLC are free to choose whether they communicate about this contribution. A communication kit is available on the Eco TLC registered-only access.

There are neither obligation nor interdiction to communicate toward the end consumer. This contribution does not change the price for the end consumer, but these contributions are not be added as a visible fee for buyers.



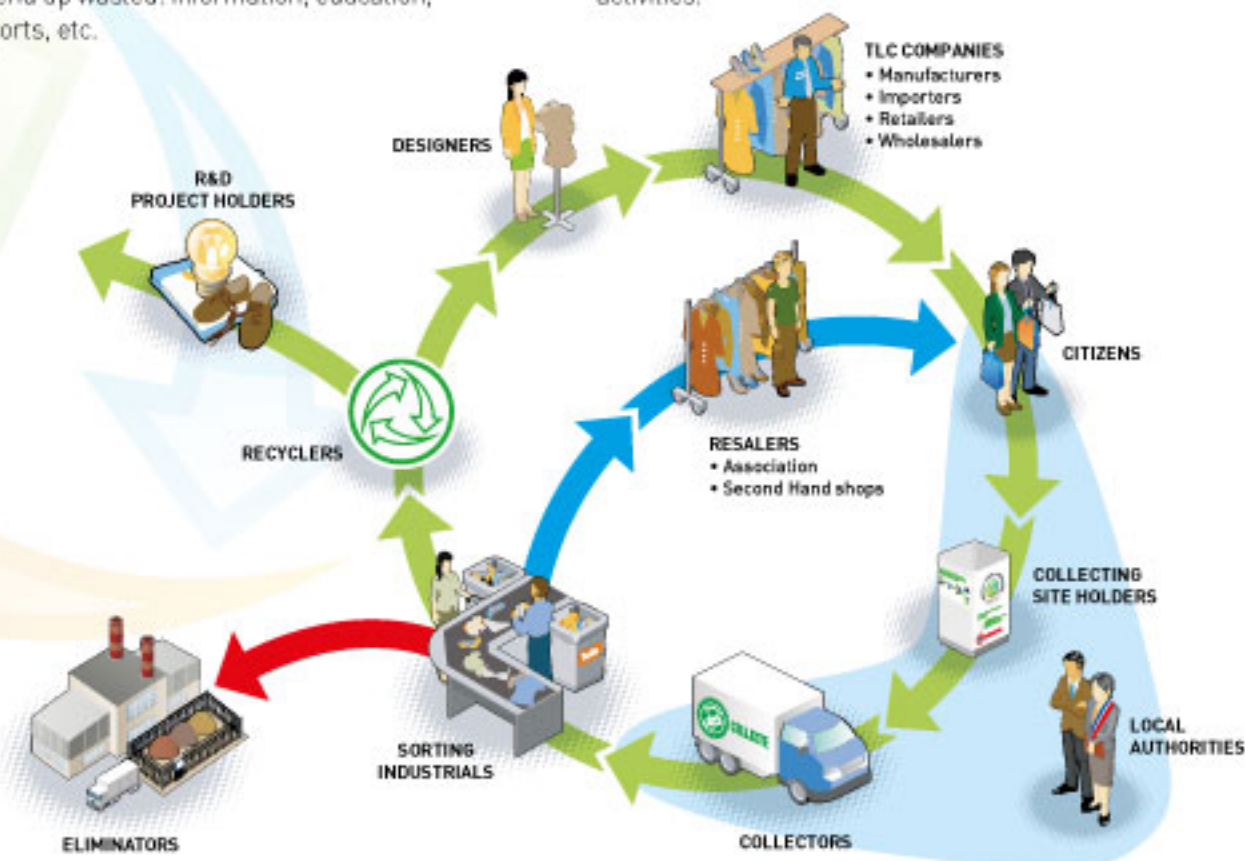
Eco TLC's project:

Eco TLC project gathers all stakeholders of the TLC industry - from the designer to the local authorities - to foster the collection and appreciation of all used clothing, linen and footwear to address environmental issues such as waste management and resources preservation.

The project includes a full set of tools and actions to prevent used TLCs to end up wasted: information, education, financial supports, etc.

It sets itself in the sustainable development:

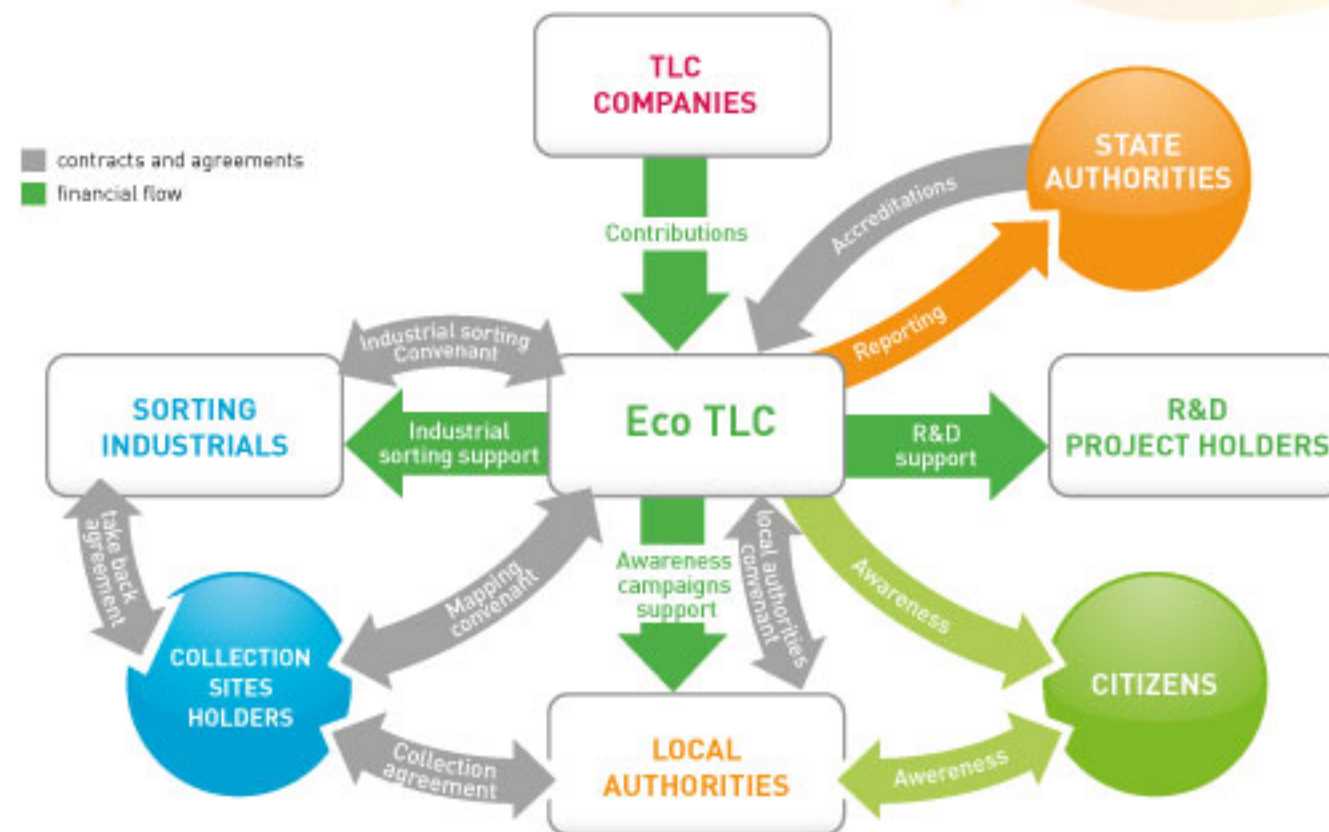
- **Environmental:** Waste reduction through recycling and reuse of material
- **Economic:** Sustainability and increase of the activities around collection and appreciation of the used TLCs
- **Social:** Job creation through development of the recycling activities.



Eco TLC's objectives:

As a central stakeholder of the sustainable development of the industry, Eco TLC works towards 100% reuse or recycling of used TLCs. To achieve this ambition, the company positions itself as a facilitator.

- Eco TLC collaborates with
- Over 5 000 TLC Companies
 - 190 collectors
 - 60 sorting facilities
 - 500 local authorities



What are contributions used for?

The funds collected are used towards supporting:

- All sorting organisations that respects Eco TLC requirements;
- R&D projects that are selected by a scientific committee to find new outlets and solutions to recycle used TLCs;
- Communication campaigns organised by local authorities to motivate end use to change consumers waste sorting habits.

Also Eco TLC goes beyond its mission of general interest by providing:

- Communication kits to all stakeholders of the sector;
- Measuring tools to analyse and develop reliable statistics about the industry;
- Real time mapping of all French collecting sites to inform citizens and communities for free.

