

Research of UPcycling supports to increase reuse, with a focus on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. (UpWEEE)

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Objectives

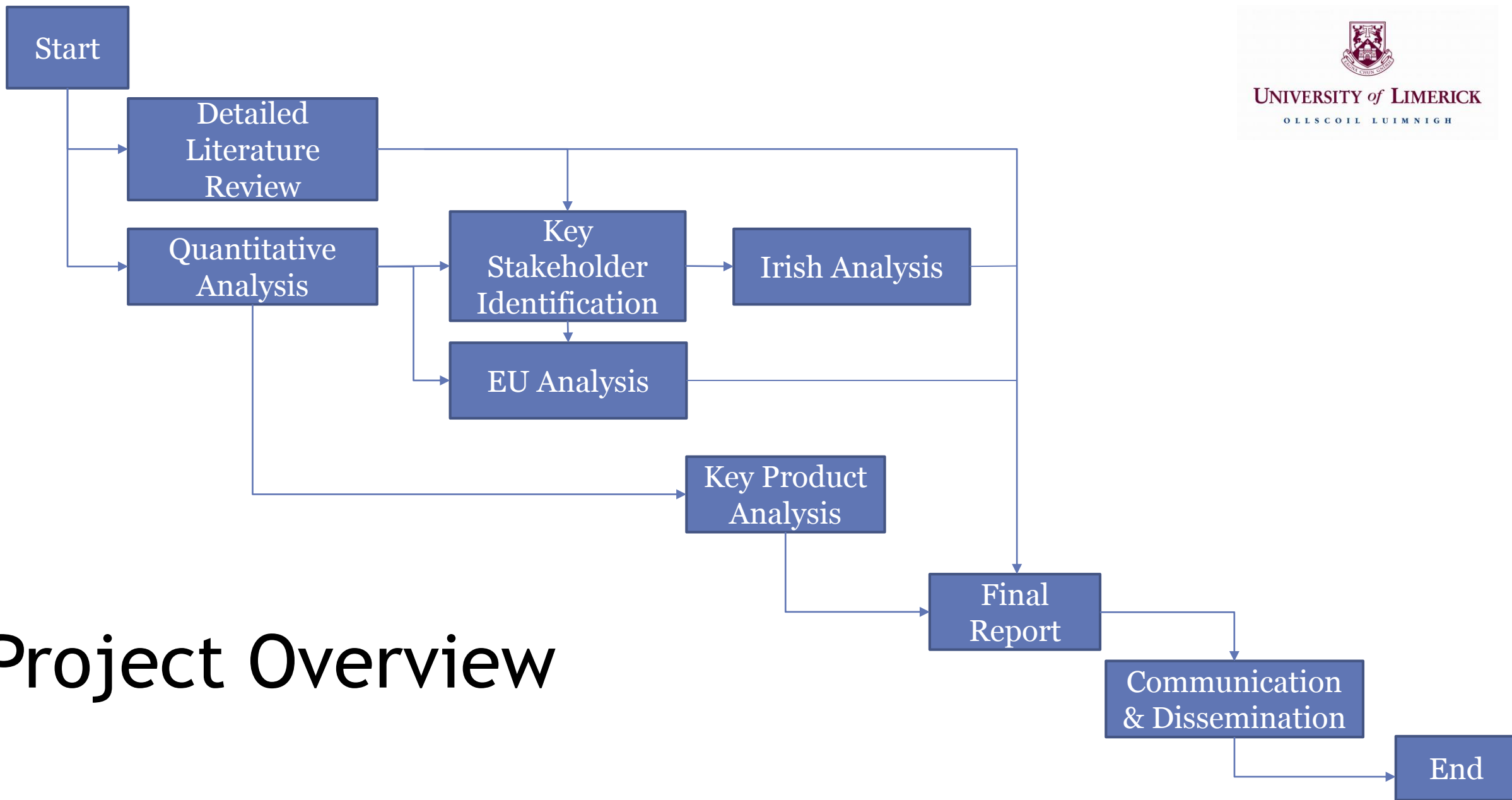
“To offer options to policy makers that will support the development of a WEEE reuse sector in Ireland.”

- **What:** To deliver a suite of policy options aimed at supporting reuse.
- **Why:** To support an embryonic WEEE reuse sector and development of a circular economy.

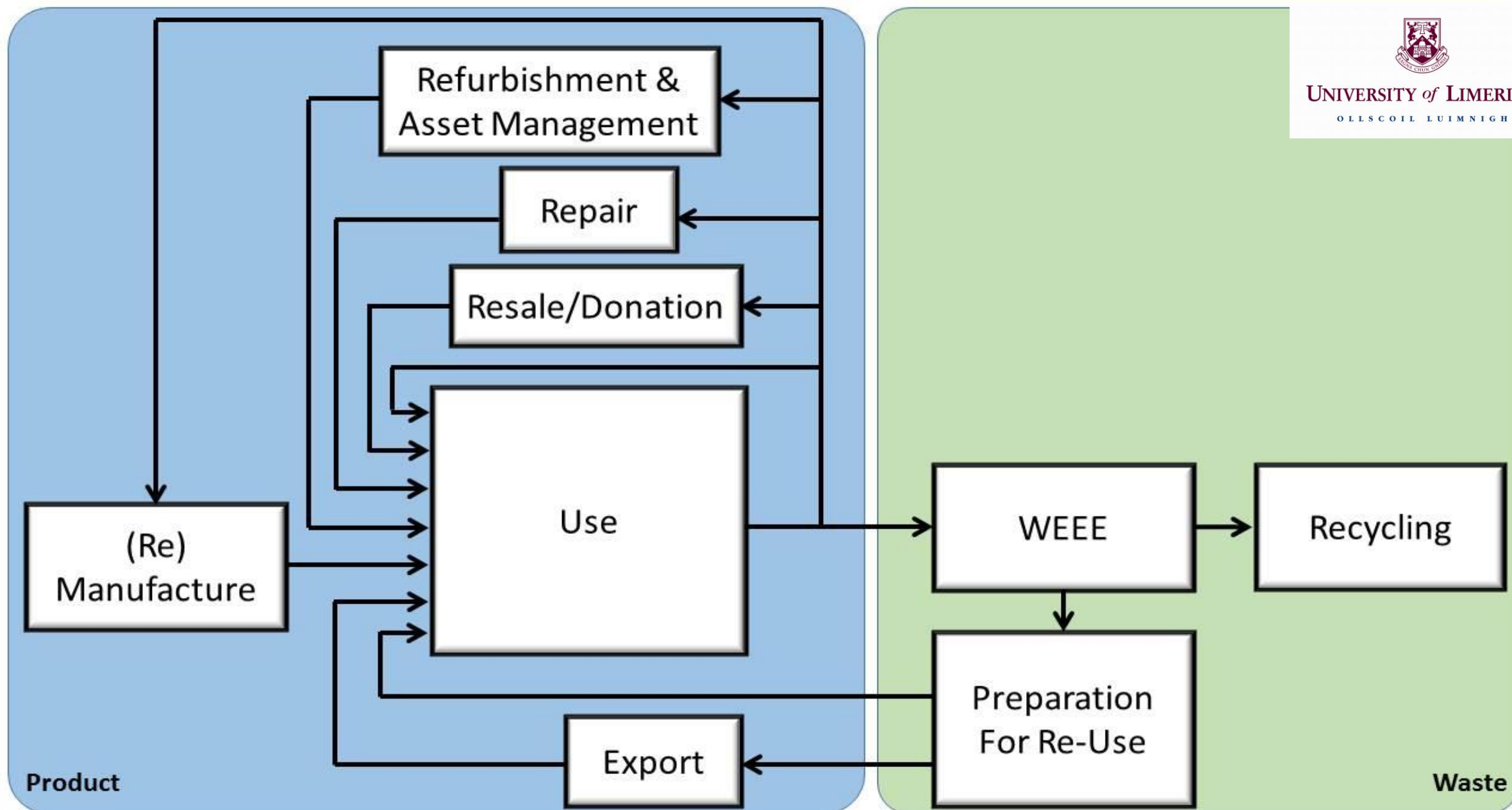


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Project Overview





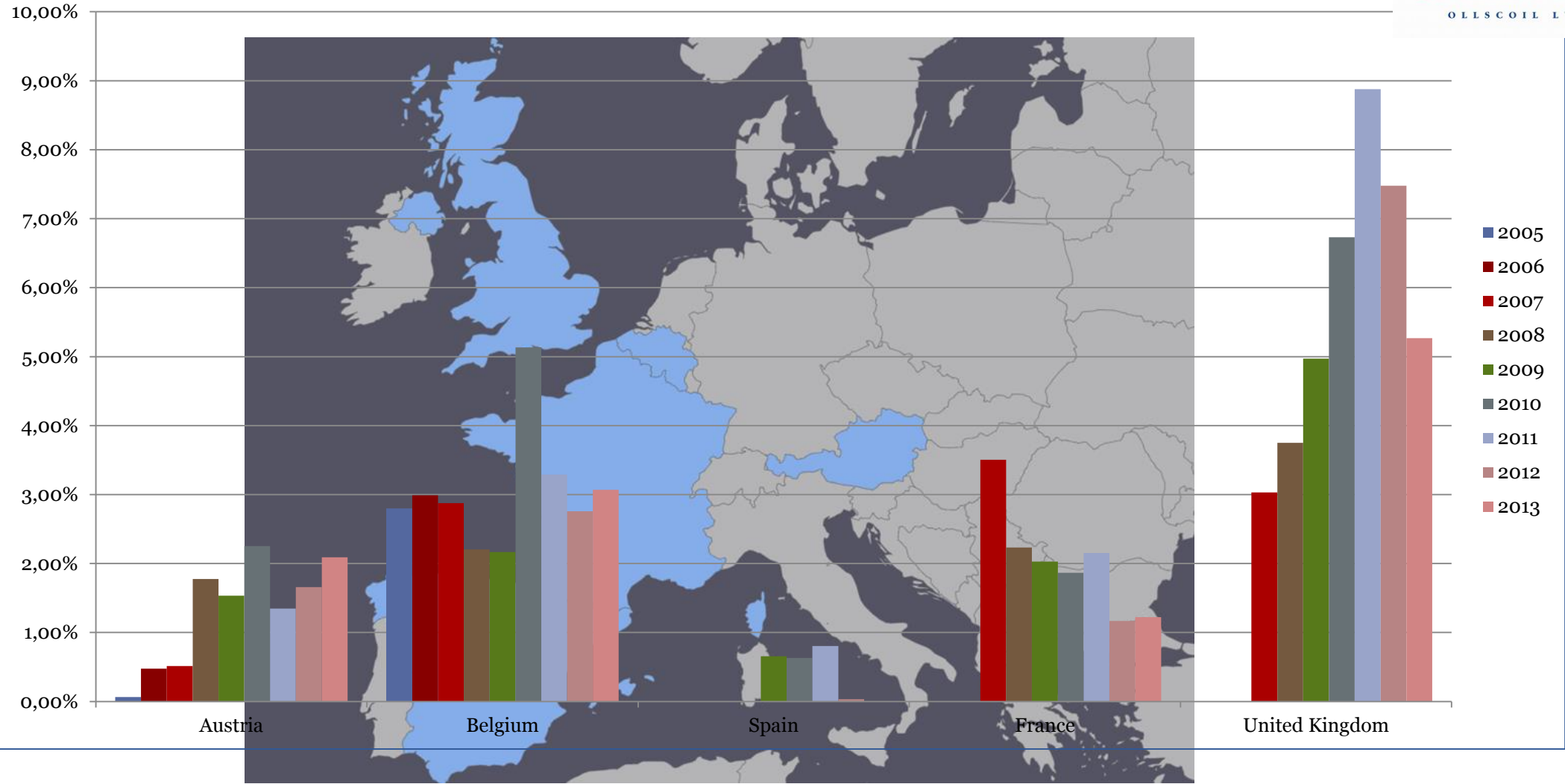
Policy Analysis of Selected EU Member States

- To identify the policy and practice in EU member states demonstrating high reuse rates and explore if these measures are transferable to Ireland.
- Develop and implement a methodology to gather the pertinent data.
- Interview key stakeholders identified.
- Each of the interviews will be transcribed and then collated/synthesised.

Countries Selected



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EU Interviews



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Country	Organization
Austria	Demontage- und Recycling Zentrum (DRZ)
Belgium	Komosie
France	Envie
Spain	Aeress
United Kingdom- Northern Ireland	Refresh Appliances

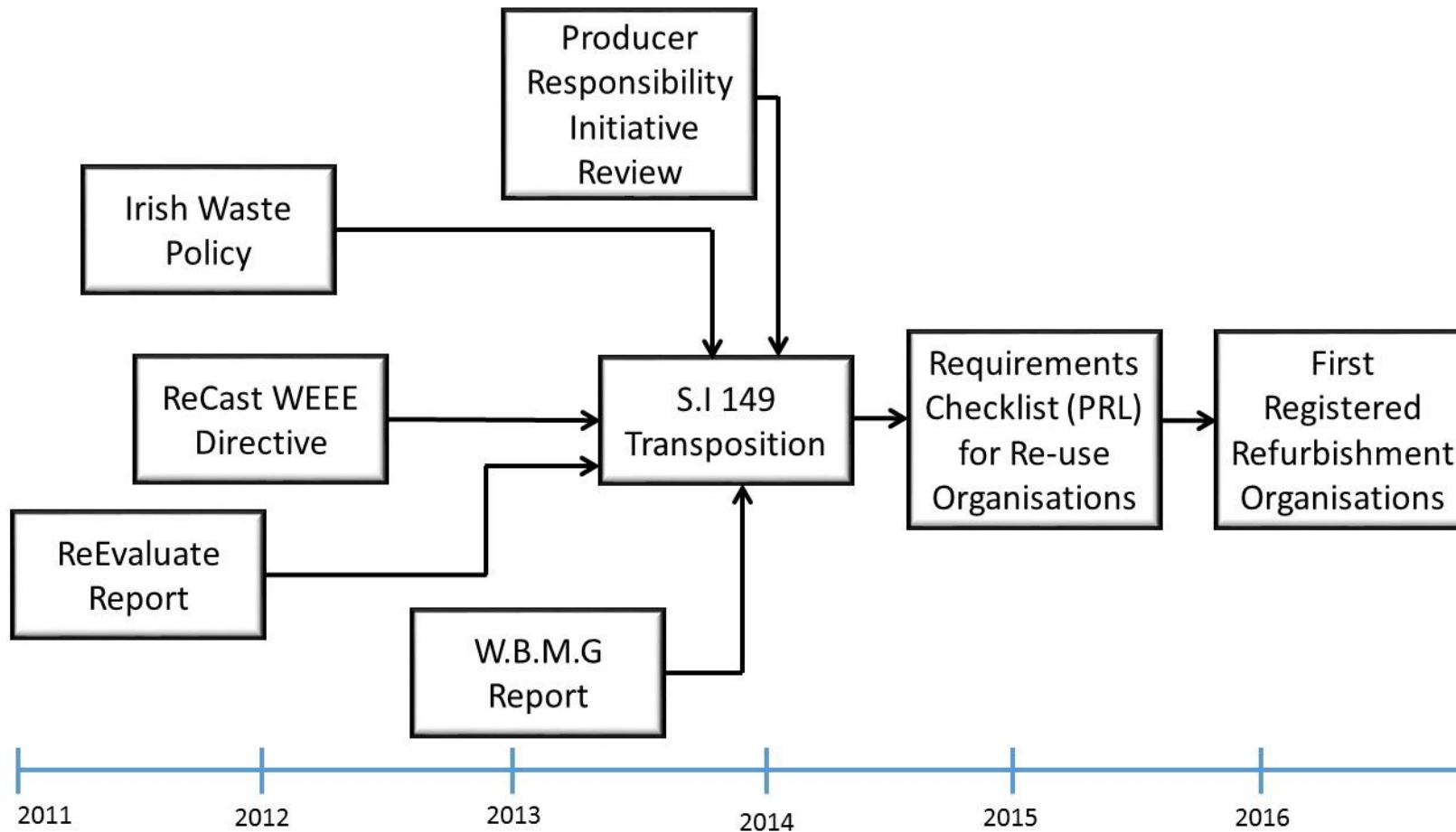
Areas of interest: high involvement/support of social enterprise, access to enough quality material, positive relationship between PROs and preparing for reuse organizations, history of reuse of WEEE prior to legislation(?)

Irish Applications



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Stakeholders



- Rehab
- Phoenix (Recosi)
- WEEE Ireland (compliance scheme)
- ERP (compliance scheme)
- KMK (recycler, consolidation point)
- TRD (recycler)
- Community Reuse Network Ireland

Conclusions and Recommendations for preparation for reuse systems



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- Ireland must comply with WEEE Directive/waste hierarchy, however, the current model for EPR may in some situations be hindering the change to that compliance.
- Where there is little history of WEEE reuse pre Directive, motivation must be found to break the status quo.
- Integration of social enterprise is essential.
- Access must be provided at the point closest to the end user in order to ensure highest quality and fitness for reuse.

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