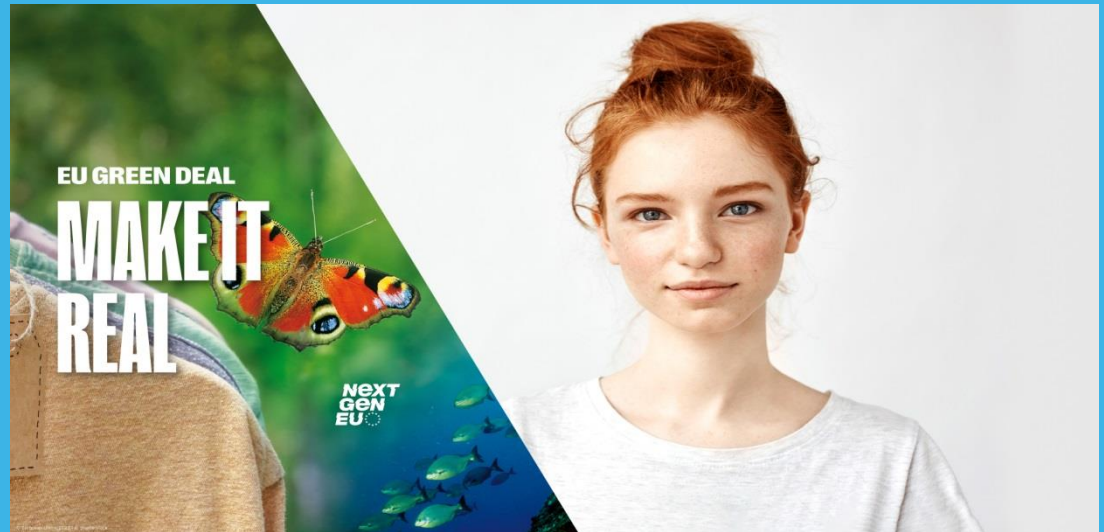




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Circular Economy in Audiology: from Screening to Rehabilitation

- 30.05.2022 to 03.06.2022 -

Audiology Public and Private Services - Hospitals and Clinics

Portugal

#EUGREENWEEK
30 MAY – 5 JUNE 2022

EVENT DRAFT PROGRAMME

Audiology students and professors at the Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Saúde de Coimbra, Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra will go during this week at the audiology practical training places (Public and Private Audiology Services – Hospitals and Clinics - Portugal) to raise awareness among audiologists and their patients/clients to the need to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink and Refuse.

“Currently more than 1.5 billion people (nearly 20% of the global population) live with hearing loss. Nearly 2.5 billion people worldwide – or 1 in 4 people – will be living with some degree of hearing loss by 2050 warns the World Health Organization’s (WHO). And at least 700 million of these people will require access to ear and hearing care and other rehabilitation services unless action is taken.”

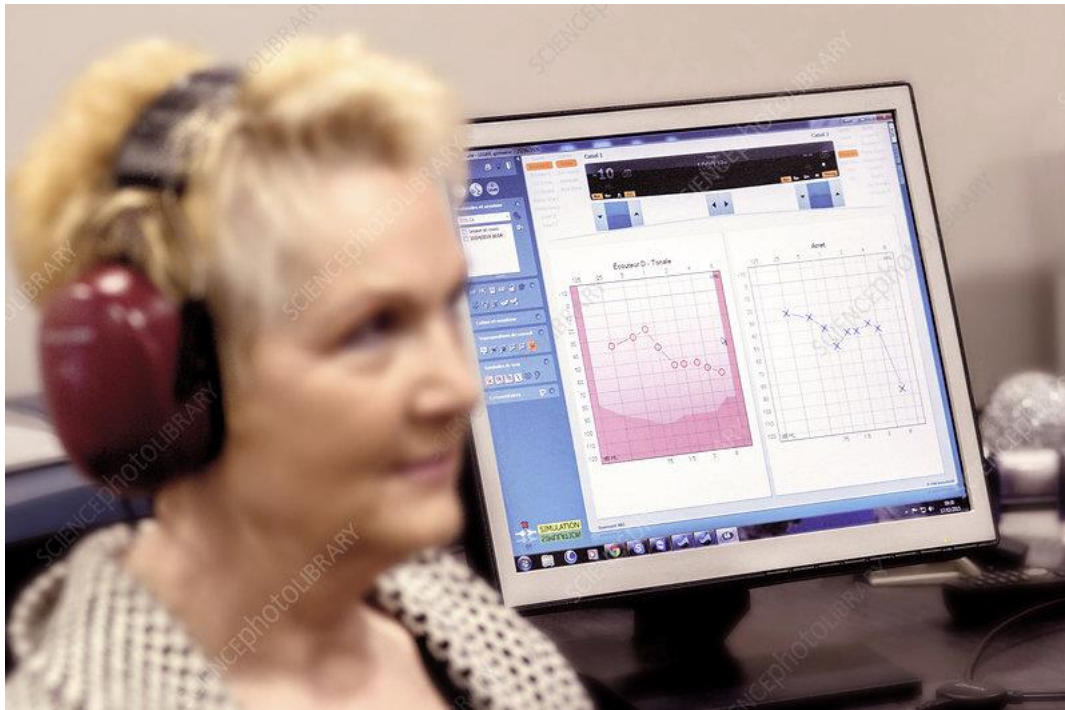
For example, it is estimated that people with hearing loss who use hearing aids throw away billions of disposable hearing aid batteries every year, generating millions of tons of waste. These numbers continue to rise as more people start using hearing aids, unless they choose to recycle their batteries or opt for rechargeable batteries.



In that regard we will go at the audiology practical training places to raise awareness audiologists and clients:

- to Reduce – e.g. energy, water, consumables and material of clinical exams and equipment;
- to Reuse – e.g. electronic components, hearing aids for donating - second life;
- to Recycle – e.g. components of the hearing aids/hearing devices, such as batteries, molds, tubes, filters, electronic components;
- to Refuse – e. g. products that harm the environment;
- to Rethink our future by encouraging behavior change in every work place – e.g. the use of rechargeable batteries and computerization of all exams and data.

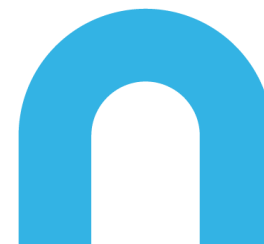
With the help of partners, boxes for the collection of waste will also be distributed and regular and adequate collection of the same will be guaranteed.





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