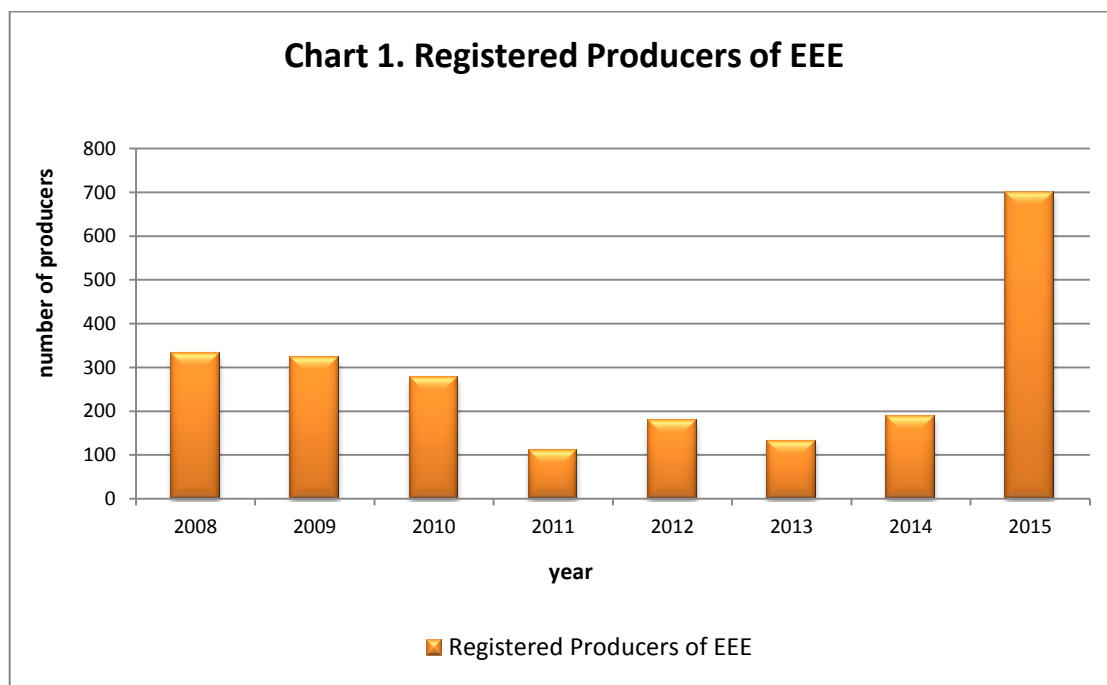


## WASTE ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

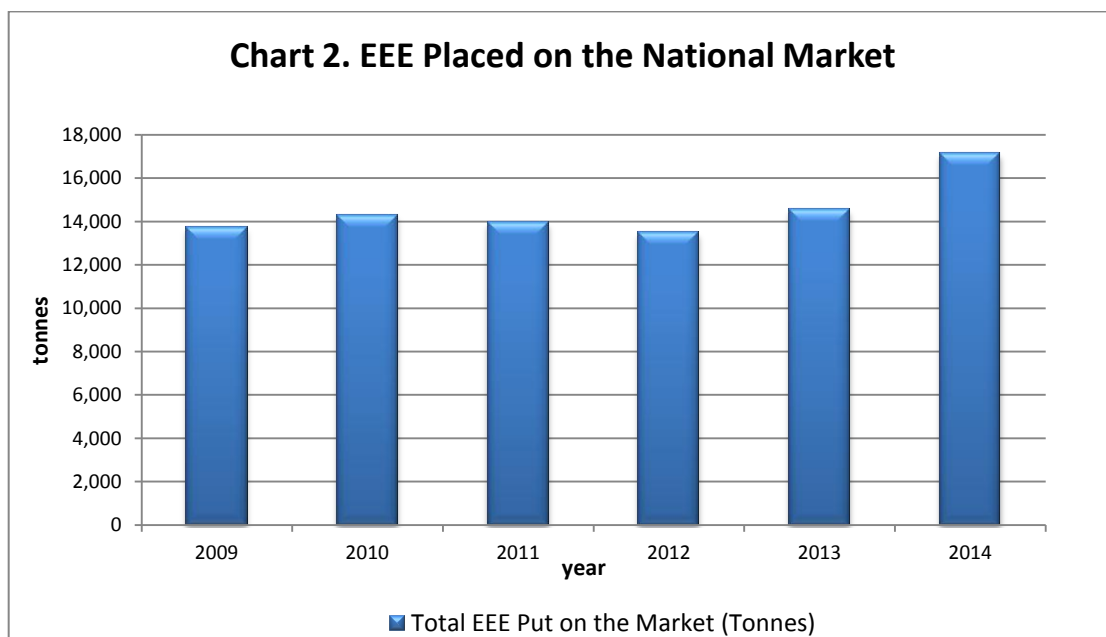
2015 has seen a substantial increase in the number of registered producers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE). In 2015, the total amount of registered producers of EEE amounted to 700 (Chart 1), the main reason being the 'WEEE Reform' conducted in accordance with the recommendations specified in the 'Waste Management Plan for the Maltese Islands, 2014 – 2020'<sup>1</sup>, in particular:

- the phasing out of eco-contribution on electrical and electronic products;
- amendments to the Waste Management (Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations (S.L. 549.89) introducing dissuasive fees in the form of a flat rate per category by weight of EEE put on the market for those producers who fail to register or renew under the said Regulation; and
- amendments to the Waste Management (Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations (S.L. 549.89) requiring producers of EEE to provide a financial guarantee when placing EEE on the market showing that the management of all WEEE will be financed.

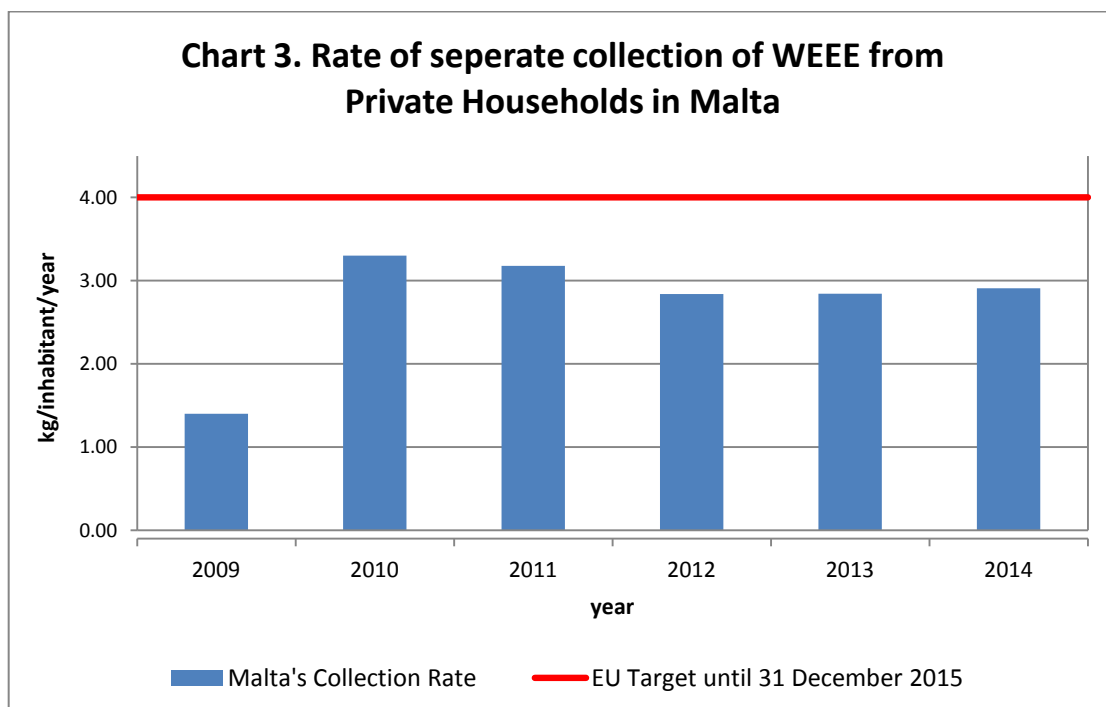


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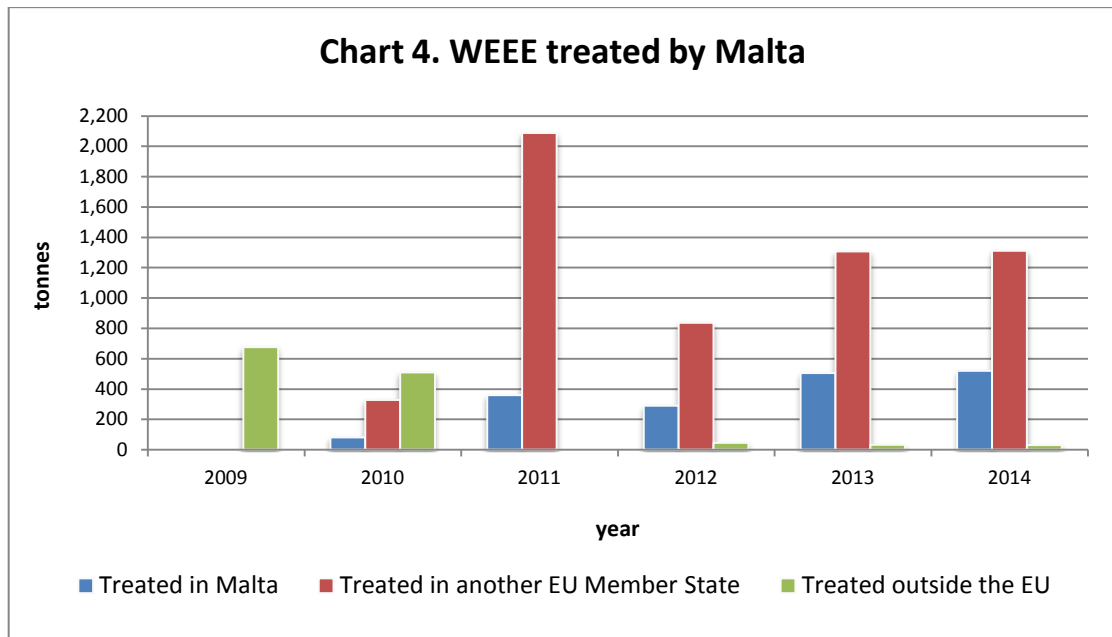
The total amount of EEE placed on the national market reached record high levels in 2014. It amounted to 17,138 tonnes, up by 18 per cent over 2013 (Chart 2).



In 2014, the rate of separate collection of WEEE from private households was 2.91 kg/inhabitant/year. This translates in a 3 per cent increase over the previous year (Chart 3).



The total amount of WEEE treated in 2014 increased by 2 per cent when compared to 2013 amounting to 1,861 tonnes. A large proportion of the WEEE collected (circa 70 per cent) was treated in other EU Member States, whilst 31 tonnes (circa 2 per cent) of WEEE collected were treated outside the EU. This indicates a shift in the treatment of WEEE in Malta when compared to 2009 and 2010, where the bulk of WEEE collected used to be exported for further treatment outside the EU (Chart 4). In fact, in 2014, 28 per cent of the WEEE collected was treated in Malta compared to the 9 per cent in 2010.



**Source(s) of Data:**

- Data on the quantities of Electrical and Electronic Equipment generated and put on the market in Malta were derived primarily from:
  - i. the National Statistics Office which records included Electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) imported and exported per international HS code, description, weight and quantity; and
  - ii. the register of producers of EEE held by the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA).
  
- Data relating to the quantities of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment was obtained from all authorised facilities permitted to collect and/or treat the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.
  
- Data on quantities of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment sent to other Member States or exported outside the Community were retrieved from the notifications as per the Waste Shipments Regulations 1013/2006/EC.