

Check-list for a more circular and sustainable management of IT

- *Re-evaluate.* Do you really need to buy and replace your current gadget? If not make it a challenge to use it an additional year and re-evaluate again next year.
- *Extend the life of your products.* This is often the most critical thing you can do to reduce the environmental footprint of your use. Upgrade and repair your products so they last longer. Used products are in high demand, so make use of the second-hand market and buy and sell your products there.
- If you need *to buy a new product*, choose products that carry a sustainability certification that includes robust criteria and requires third-party verification.
- If you can *buy a second-hand product*, ensure you carry out necessary supplier due diligence to product quality and performance.
- *Choose a durable product* that can last longer. Avoid buying unrepairable electronics that you may risk having to throw away after a short usage time.
- *Climate compensate* the e-waste footprint of your new product, either by recycling a product with a similar footprint or by purchasing the offsetting as a service.
- *Don't throw it out!* Electronics contain valuable resources that can be reused. If it's not possible to reuse or sell your old products, take them to an electronics recycler or refurbisher where they will be handled responsibly.