

Educational Sheet 4

Conscious consumption

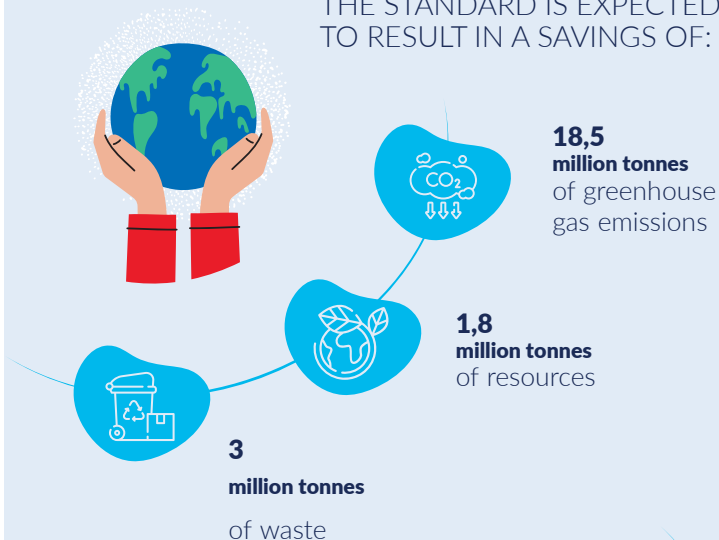


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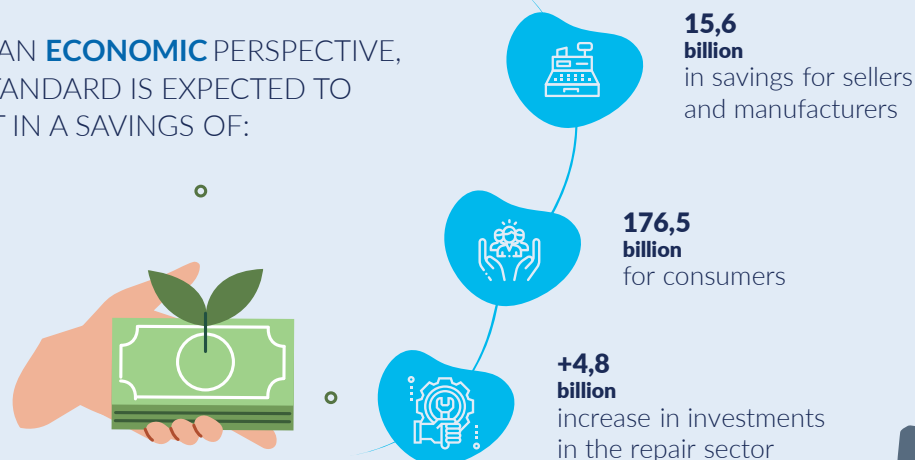
The right to repair not only benefits the environment, it also offers significant economic advantages. **Here is a projection of the expected savings over the next 15 years.**

FROM AN **ENVIRONMENTAL** PERSPECTIVE, THE STANDARD IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A SAVINGS OF:

Did you know that...?



FROM AN **ECONOMIC** PERSPECTIVE, THE STANDARD IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A SAVINGS OF:



PLANNED OBSOLESCENCE

some products are intentionally designed to **fail** or **become obsolete after a predetermined period** set by manufacturers. In certain cases, components are assembled in a way that prevents their removal or replacement.

In the 1930s, researchers at the chemical company DuPont developed nylon, an exceptionally strong synthetic fibre. **Perhaps too strong:** nylon stockings no longer laddered, leading to a decline in sales. In response, DuPont instructed its technicians to weaken the fibre they had originally engineered.

the average lifespan of computers has dropped

from **11** to **4** years over three decades ?

Is there an International Repair Day? Yes, it's on 19 October



REPAIR CAFÉS

If there is one place that **embodies the circular economy**, it is the Repair Café. These **public spaces** (whether bars, shops, or courtyards) allow people to bring damaged objects to be repaired by volunteers, who provide both the skills and the necessary tools.

Items of all kinds can be brought in, from hair dryers and smartphones to washing machine circuit boards, blenders, and even wooden stools. Today, **there are approximately 3,000 Repair Cafés** worldwide, and their number continues to grow.

