Informal Interview with Peter Sabbe, the General Manager of Recupel, conducted during the WEEELABEX event on 21/05/2012.

How was the WEEE management system set up? When were the discussions started?

The industry started the discussions for setting up the system in 1999 and the system was finally set up in 2001.

I have talked with Katrien Vefraillie, the communication manager of Recupel, who told me that the discussions started in 1996, as the green government of the time started putting pressure on the industry to take this responsibility, is this true?

Yes, this is true. Actually the government warmed the industry that legislation was about to come and ask them to undertake their responsibility.