

## **Eurometrec: European recycling federations welcome the Communication from the Commission tackling the Challenges in Commodity Markets and on Raw Materials**

**The European recycling federations EFR (ferrous scrap collectors, sorters and recyclers) and EUROMETREC (non-ferrous scrap collectors, sorters and recyclers) welcome the Communication on Tackling the Challenges in Commodity Markets and on Raw Materials. There are some key elements of the Communication as:**

The identification of the 14 critical materials for the European Union's industry was a vital task which also pointed out low recycling rates for many of those materials. Having made that identification, Mr. Veys, Executive Director of EUROMETREC, observed that "Recyclers have always recycled what is profitable. Within the last two decades, legislation and funds have expanded recycling of materials", and concluded that "It is important that a robust economic and technological study is conducted into the potential for recycling of each of the critical metals especially those that are used in very small quantities, for example in consumer goods in the EU, that are scrapped at their end-of-life."

EFR & EUROMETREC welcome the recognition in the Communication that "the need for legal clarity for defining when reprocessed waste can be classified as a product" is a major policy issue for resource efficiency and for improving conditions for recycling.