

# Smartphone Lifecycles and E-Waste Awareness among Students - Progress Report

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# PROGRESS SUMMARY

## Milestones Achieved

Preliminary survey designed

Shared among students (150 responses from 4 faculties)

Preliminary analysis of survey results

Initial research on phone returns and recycling

## Results and Findings

Most phones are kept at home as spare devices

Students usually replace phones only when they break or become unusable

Money earned from reselling phones is low

Few students use phone reselling as a method to dispose of old phones

## Comparison to Plan

The timeline is currently on track

Most research will be conducted in early December

Data analysis is scheduled for the second half of December

# ADJUSTMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

## Issues and Resolutions

- Most respondents are from two faculties (FRI and FMF) → Focus efforts on these two faculties
- Most respondents are undergraduate students → Work on contacting more master's students



## Plan for Next Month

- Define the main focus questions for the survey
- Distribute the main survey at the beginning of December (using a more personal approach to reach a broader student base)
- Analyze survey data in the second half of December; compare results with surveys from other EU universities
- Compile a list of available resources for phone recycling, reselling, and exchanging
- Assess student awareness of e-waste disposal options in Slovenia