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sustainability  
week  
donate your  
old mobile  
phones

The social counselling team of the student union wants to make you aware of the possibility to donate your old mobile phone as part of the sustainability week. If you own an old or unused phone, you now have the possibility of donating it at the [mensateria of the European Campus](#).

We are providing you with a 'mobile-box' for your old phone. You have access to this box at the [opening hours of the mensateria](#).

You can be sure, that all of your remaining [personal information will be professionally deleted](#), before it is going be recycled or reused. If it is no longer possible to reuse it, it is possible to use its resources.

Thank you for your participation!

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# The mobile phone collection for the environment

## Do you still have old mobile phones in your drawers/at home?

If so, you can take part in our phone collection – this way you can get rid of your old phones while you're doing something good at the same time.

## Mobile phones for the environment – here's how it works

Send us your old devices by post or via throwing them into our collection boxes. After the old mobile phones went through a **professional data erasure**, they either will be used again or they are sent for high-quality recycling, thereby valuable raw materials are recovered.

## Do something good with your old mobile phones

Through the proceeds which are gained through reuse and recycling of the devices, projects by the 'Deutsche Umwelthilfe' (German environmental aid) regarding nature conservation as well as the environment are supported. Hence, your phone donation makes a valuable contribution to the preservation of nature and biodiversity in Germany.

## Start your own collection!

You can find more information regarding for example 'how you can start your own collection campaign' on the website: [www.handysfuerdieumwelt.de](http://www.handysfuerdieumwelt.de)

An initiative of: Deutsche Umwelthilfe & Mobile Box

translated, see original flyer here: <https://www.handysfuerdieumwelt.de/downloads/>

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# 4 good reasons to donate your old mobile phones

## 1. A new life for your phone

Every device sent in will be checked, to see, whether it can still be used. If so, it will be processed, repaired, or used to extract spare parts after a professional data erasure.

## 2. Recycling of raw materials

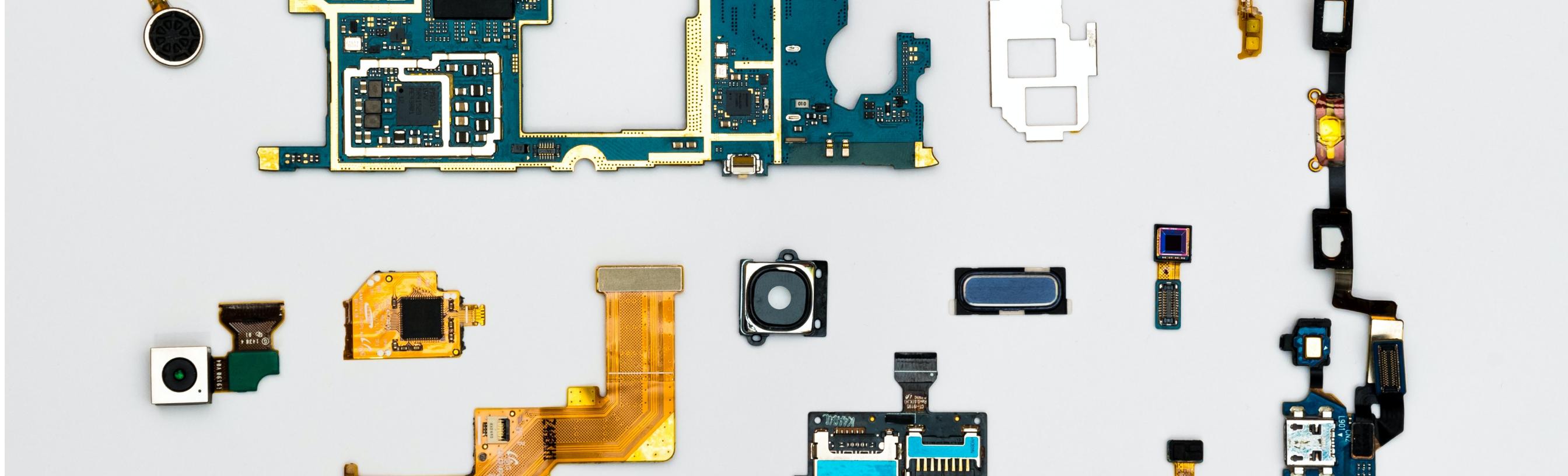
All devices, which are not suitable for reuse, are in order to recover the raw materials they contain recycled to a high standard.

## 3. Pollutant relief

Mobile phones contain a lot of harmful substances. In order to protect the environment, as well as our health, old mobile phones must not be disposed of with household waste. We ensure, that these pollutants are treated environmentally suitable.

## 4. Proceeds for environmental protection

Environmental protection projects in Germany are made possible, due to the proceeds of 2€ for each remanufactured and 0.40€ for each recycled mobile phone. Hence, your mobile phone donation makes a valuable contribution, to the conservation of resources and nature conservation.



### Smartphones – not so smart for the environment

Most smartphones are only used for two to three years, before they are replaced by a new device. Due to this, around 24 million new smartphones are sold every year, in Germany alone. This requires about 720 kg of gold, 264 kg of palladium, 7,320 kg of silver, 396 tons of copper and 1,531 tons of plastics. The mining and processing of these raw materials leads to immense environmental impacts. Alone for the extraction of one kilogram of gold, 1000 times as much rock has to be mined.

### Old mobile phones – to valuable for the trash

124 million old mobile phones are stored unused within our drawers. With every single collected mobile phone, the environmentally harmful exploitation of resources can be reduced and something good can be done for the environment.

## Reuse

Rely on second-hand! Second-hand devices are cheaper and more environmentally friendly. At [www.futurephoneshop.de](http://www.futurephoneshop.de), five percent of the selling price for each device sold, is donated to an environmental protection association or a social aid organisation. In addition, reusing a single smartphone saves around 14 kg of resources and 58 kg of CO2 emissions. \*  
However, if you really want a new mobile phone, the 'Blue Angel' (Blauer Engel) shows, whether a device is comparatively environmentally friendly. \*Fraunhofer UMSICHT 2018

## Repair

Use your mobile phone for as long as possible! This is the easiest way to reduce the production of new devices. Damage can be prevented with display foils, protective covers as well as waterproof cases. By extending the usage time of a smartphone by one year, the CO2 footprint is reduced by up to 31%.\* In case your device has a malfunction, use a specialist workshop in your area, repair cafés or carry out simple repairs by yourself (instructions can often be found on the internet). \*Green Alliance UK 2015

## Recycle

Instead of throwing it away, donate your old device! Donate the devices you no longer need and use to us and thereby support environmental and nature protection. After a professional data erasure, the devices are prepared for further use or recycled to a high standard.