

## EU Right to Repair 'eco-design' regulations are in danger

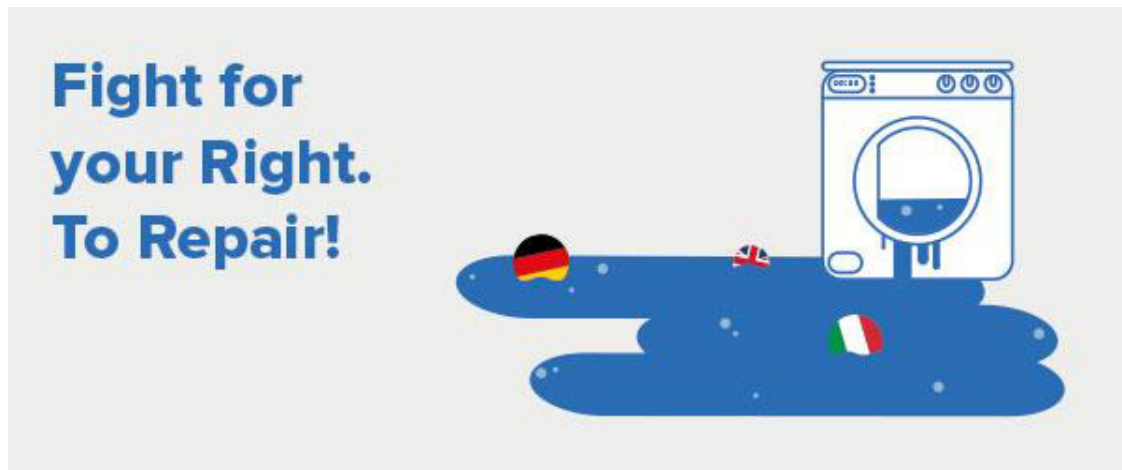
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If you live in Germany, Italy, or the UK—now is the time to speak up about our Right to Repair!

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### The lives of our devices are getting shorter

A 2014 [investigation by UNETO-VNI](#), a Dutch organization of professional technicians, found that household appliances costing €199 have an expected lifespan of two years, while appliances priced at €600 are expected to last about seven years. And a 2016 [study by the German Öko-Institut](#) confirmed that the lifespan of these products has decreased over time: **The average washing machine breaks two years sooner than it did a decade ago.**

### A call for repairability and energy efficiency

The European Commission is [drafting a proposal](#) to make it easier to repair our devices, particularly washing machines and TVs. Their proposal demands increased access to spare parts and repair information. They're also calling for increased energy efficiency standards, which could reduce EU electricity consumption by 5%—amounting to [half of the EU's energy savings target](#) and saving [European households €500](#) on their annual energy bills.

### We're looking at you, Germany, Italy, and UK!

These proposals aren't a done deal: They're scheduled to be voted on by the end of year—and they're at risk to be delayed or shelved altogether. Germany, Italy, and

the UK are currently [blocking the proposals](#), while other influential countries are absent from the debate entirely. This Friday, a decision is expected on whether voting on these regulations will be passed on to the next Commission. That means if you live in Germany, Italy, or the UK, **now is the time to speak up for your Right to Repair**—here's how you can [make your voice heard](#):

Raise your voice!

Sign the  
German  
petition

Sign the UK  
petition

Read the  
Italian  
commentaries



## International Repair Day

Wherever you are, celebrate repair on October 20th—the Second Annual [International Repair Day](#).



## Eco-Design Webinar

If you want to dive deep into eco-design, follow this [eco-design webinar](#) put on by ECOS on October 2nd.

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