Community repair

Cooperation between consumers

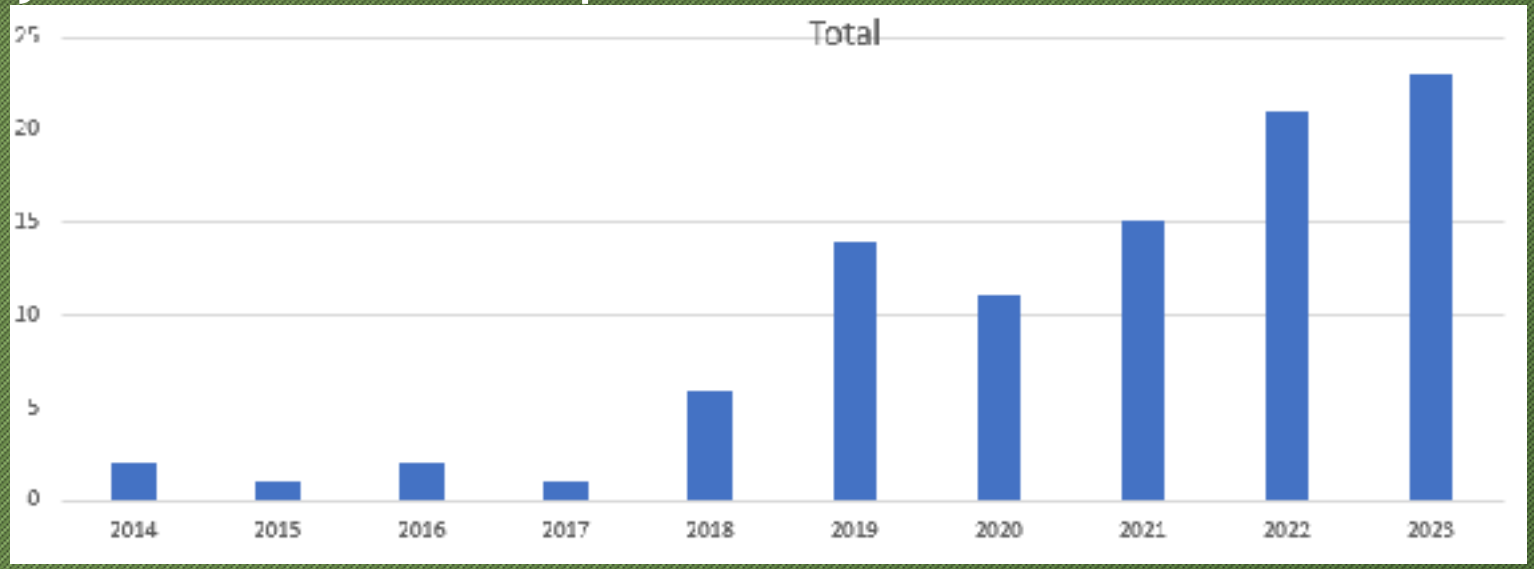
Consumers vs production

Repair Cafe Danmark

- A network of community repair groups working to
  - Reduce use of natural ressources
  - Reduce load on climate
  - Reduce load on environment
  - Reduce waste
  - Preserve knowledge on repairing

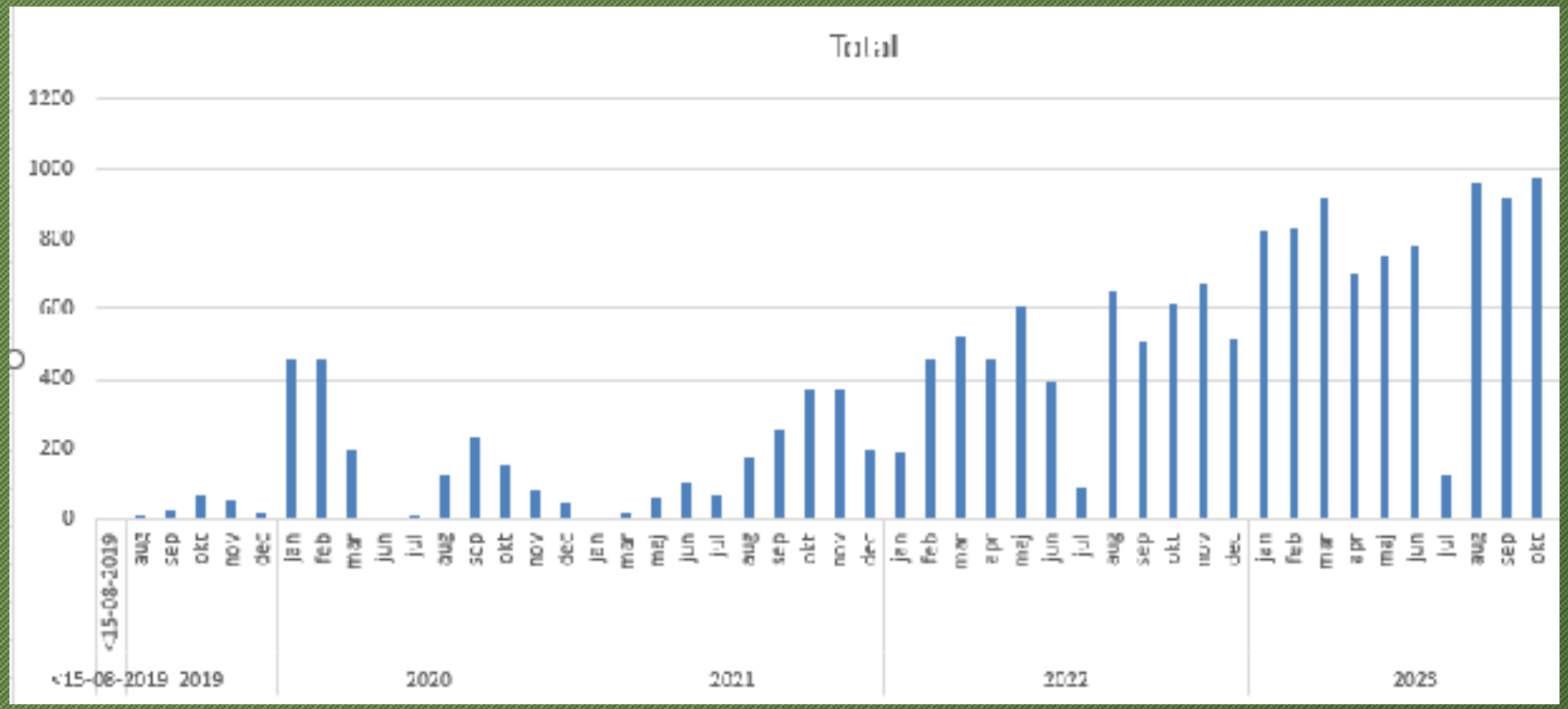
RCDK History

- Yearly number of new repair cafes



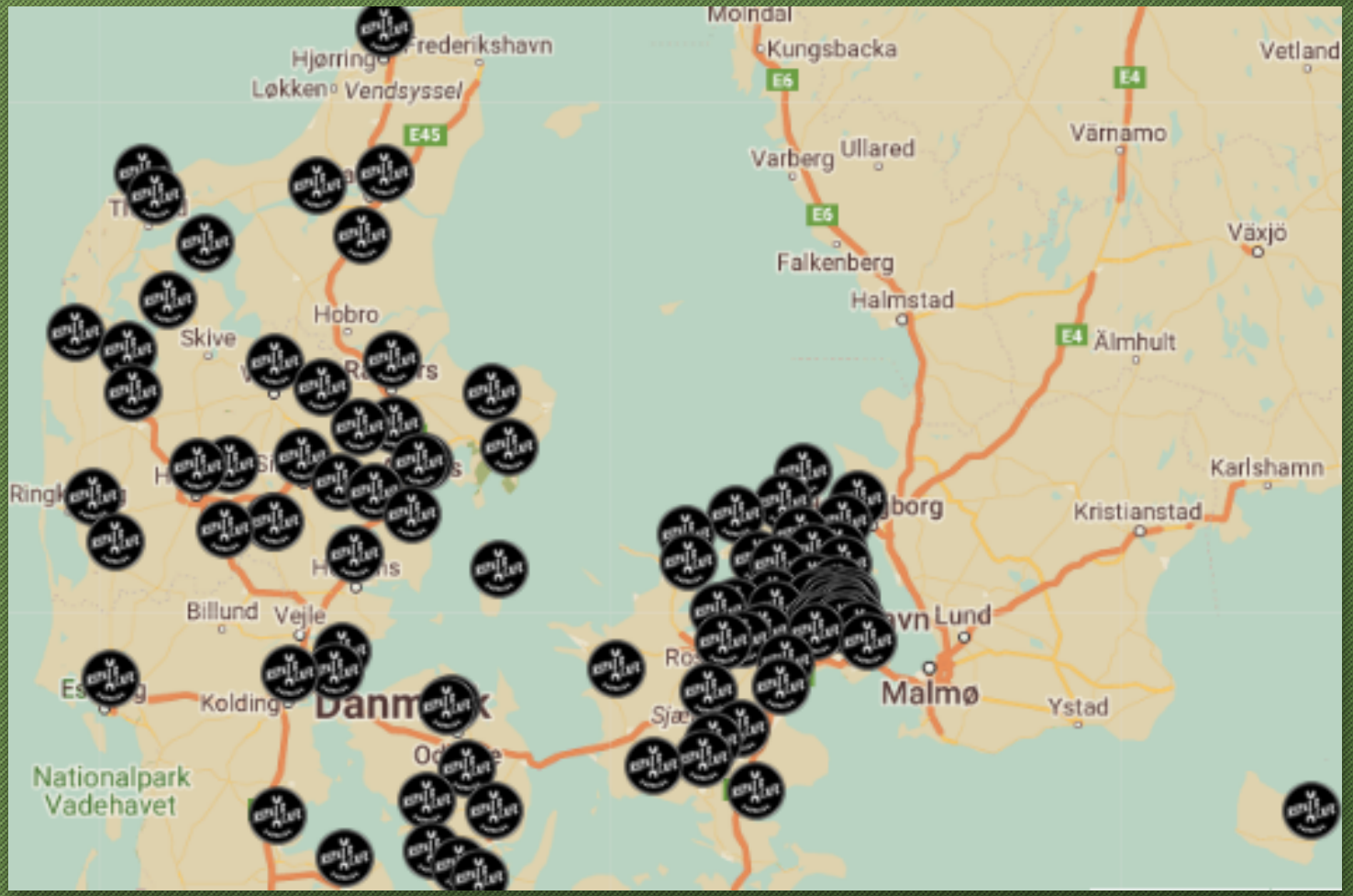
As of now: A total of more than 100 repair cafes in Denmark

Number of repairs



A huge succes –
But we are loosing big time:
We do repairs totaling 0.1 pct of the total amount of danish Electronic waste

Landsdækkende (næsten)



Waste reduction battle

- It doesn’t start with a screwdriver or a hammer – it starts in the mind of people.



Production without limitations

- Production requires profit and with no regulation the methods are endless:
  - Planned obsolesence
  - Repair obstacles

Planned obsolesence

- Productdeterioration (filament lamps, nylon)
- Built-in end of life (inkjet printers)
- Designpriorities (sloppy lifetime considerations)
- End of life from relations (MitID – new phone)
- The sawtooth curve of quality
- Fashion

- You own samples?

Repairability obstructions

- Glued joints
- Breaking Plastic plugs
- Special screws
- Parts pairing



Consumers unite

- Data, data, data, data
- Information to consumers
- Request to legislators

The tricky part

- Our energy comes from the social cooperation in community groups
- It works – for most members - on the general understanding that ” this is important”
- Generalized data collection and data science has less space when the sewing and soldering is the fun part.
- Reaching legislators is realy uphill
- Expansion ”bu popular request” is very difficult working with volunteers

Volunteer Motivational factors

- The good cause
- It makes a difference
- Using and maintaining your skillset
- Community / Teamwork
- Significance
- Fun/interest
- Conscience

Pitfalls

- DON'T:

  Enforce
  Require
  Expect
  Divide
  Reward (what?!?)

DO:

Listen
Be democratic
Be Patient
Communicate
Encourage

More



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Questions?

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March, 8th

International Womens Day was proposed by Clara Zetkin on the Socialistic Second International Conference in Copenhagen in 1910.

Consumer rights is close connected to female organisations – the danish Forbrugerrådet was founded in 1947 as Danske Husmødres Forbrugerråd

