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## A great victory for consumers and the environment

### Common charger

Today, the European Parliament gave the final green light on the common charger. The common charger will introduce the USB-C as standard charging cable for everything from mobile phones to laptops and e-readers. This is a triumph for the environment, as it will reduce electronic waste, save resources, and limit extraction of raw materials. As well as a triumph for consumers, as it will simplify the use of technology across the EU.

**Anna Cavazzini**, Greens/EFA MEP and Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee and shadow rapporteur on the single charging cable, comments:

*“The common charger is a great success for the environment, as it will save up to 1000 tonnes of electronic waste every year across Europe, and a victory for consumers as it means an end to cable clutter. One cable will be all you need.*”

*“The European Parliament has pushed for this legislation to be as widely applicable as possible, so the standard USB-C cable will be able to fast charge any small-medium device from laptops to e-readers in the future as well.*”

*“The compromise found with the Council allows consumers to purchase devices and cables separately. This option is crucial as consumers now have the sustainable choice.”*

#### More:

The European Parliament has been pushing for common chargers for more than a decade, please find the latest resolution [here](#). The proposal was agreed by negotiators from the European Parliament, Commission and Council in June.

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