



The EU wants to pass a new law which will make the charging port the same for smartphones, tablets, cameras, headphones, and other **devices**. It means that there should be only one type of charger for all these devices.

Different devices use different **connectors**, and they do not always come with the device. Just in the EU, people spend more than 2.4 billion euros on chargers every year. If more devices used the same connectors, it would save money and lower **waste**.

The new law would cause problems for companies like Apple, who uses its own special charger. An Apple spokesperson said that such a law will be bad for creating new products.

Difficult words: **device** (an electrical equipment or machine), **connector** (a thing which joins two or more things together), **waste** (a material or thing which people no longer need, and they throw it away).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *device*, *connector* and *waste*
2. What is the new law the EU wants to pass about?
3. How will this law help people and the environment?
4. What problems would this new law pose and who will be most affected?

Express Your Thoughts

1. On average, how much do you spend on chargers (for smartphones, tablets, camera, etc..) each year?
2. What is your opinion about this new law?
3. Do you think it's better to just use one type of charger for all devices?
4. Would it be a good idea for your government to adopt this law?