

Making the EU circular economy social & inclusive



RREUSE

Re-use and Recycling EU Social Enterprises

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About RREUSE



What is there for re-use
in EU Policy?



Putting policy in practice
in the Member States



**Transnational cooperation:
Smart Re-use Parks in Central Europe (SURFACE Interreg project)**

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JOB CREATION POTENTIAL 10,000 TONNES OF USED GOODS

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Incineration



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Land fill



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Recycling



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Re-use

Source: US EPA (2002) and the Institute for Local Self Reliance



[👉 Read more: RREUSE briefing on job creation potential in the re-use sector](#)

In 2015 RREUSE members diverted

1 000 000 TONNES

of material from landfill through re-use, repair and recycling, which included...



Furniture

230 000 tonnes collected

out of which
120 000 tonnes re-used

Textiles

240 000 tonnes collected

out of which
110 000 tonnes re-used

Electricals

260 000 tonnes collected

out of which
33 000 tonnes re-used

Books & Records

10 000 tonnes collected

out of which
4 000 tonnes re-used

Construction materials

15 000 tonnes collected

out of which
1 700 tonnes re-used

Bric-a-brac

19 000 tonnes collected

out of which
10 000 tonnes re-used

Around 7 000 shops welcomed 38 000 000 customers contributing to an overall RREUSE member activity turnover of € 1 500 000 000

EU Policy: What is there for re-use?

Waste Framework Directive: Monitoring and measuring waste prevention and re-use

- 2019: Methodology and indicators
 - 2020: Reporting
 - 2024: assess the feasibility of setting quantitative targets for re-use at EU level
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- **Re-use indicators**
 - **Scope: which re-use operators will be required to collect data**
 - **Mechanisms for financing the cost of monitoring re-use**



EU Policy: What is there for re-use?

Revision of the VAT Directive: RREUSE key points

- Allow for used furniture and electrical equipment to have reduced or 0% VAT
- Allow for the setting of 0% VAT rates for activities contributing to social welfare beyond VAT exemptions

 [Read our position](#)

Policy in the Member States

- **2016 / Spain: First country to set target to stop reusable goods ending up in landfill** 
- **2017 / Wallonia: Preparing for re-use target for WEEE** 
- **2018 / France: Circular Economy Roadmap**



Graz: The EU capital of repair



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100 EUR / household / year [👉 Read more](#)

Only a step away: removing administrative obstacles

Envie France: Pre-owned medical equipment



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Only a step away: removing administrative obstacles

RECOSI Slovenia: Refurbished computers in schools

The image shows the homepage of the RECOSITech website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Iskanje izdelkov ...". To the right of the search bar is the RECOSITech logo, which consists of a stylized blue and green starburst shape followed by the text "RECOSITech Leaders in Social Industry". Further right, there is a text box that reads "VRHUNSKA OBNOVLJENA RAČUNALNIŠKA OPREMA". In the top right corner, there is a shopping cart icon and the text "0 izdelek(ov) - 0.00€". Below the header is a green navigation bar with several menu items: "TRGOVINA", "POSEBNA PONUDBA", "NEPROFITNE ORGANIZACIJE IN ŠOLE", "NAŠI PARTNERJI", "KAJ JE OBNOVLJENA OPREMA", and "NOVICE". The main content area is divided into a grid of product categories, each with a representative image: "NAMIZNI RAČUNALNIKI" (Desktop computers), "DELOVNE POSTAJE" (Workstations), "GAMING RAČUNALNIKI" (Gaming computers), "TROJČEK" (All-in-one computers), "PRENOSNIKI" (Laptops), "KOMPLET" (Complete systems), "MONITORJI" (Monitors), "TABLICE" (Tablets), "PAMETNI TELEFONI" (Smartphones), "PRIKLOPNE POSTAJE" (Peripherals), and "DODATKI" (Accessories). Each category has a small image showing a typical product from that category.

Iskanje izdelkov ...

RECOSITech
Leaders in Social Industry

VRHUNSKA
OBNOVLJENA
RAČUNALNIŠKA
OPREMA

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TRGOVINA POSEBNA PONUDBA NEPROFITNE ORGANIZACIJE IN ŠOLE NAŠI PARTNERJI KAJ JE OBNOVLJENA OPREMA NOVICE

NAMIZNI RAČUNALNIKI DELOVNE POSTAJE GAMING RAČUNALNIKI TROJČEK PRENOSNIKI KOMPLET

MONITORJI TABLICE PAMETNI TELEFONI PRIKLOPNE POSTAJE DODATKI

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'SMART RE-USE PARKS' IN CENTRAL EUROPE

SURFACE project

- **Connect various local waste prevention activities (re-use centres, repair cafes, libraries of things...) and create synergies, new projects**



 <http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/SURFACE>



TAKING COOPERATION FORWARD



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