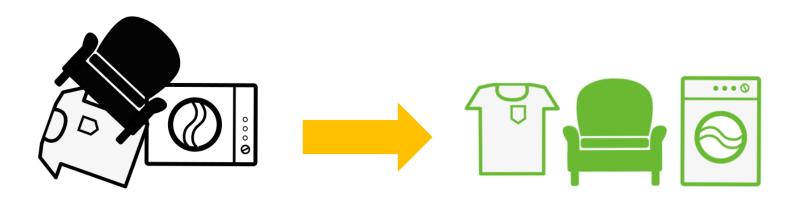
# Making the EU circular economy social & inclusive



RREUSE

Re-use and Recycling EU Social Enterprises

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



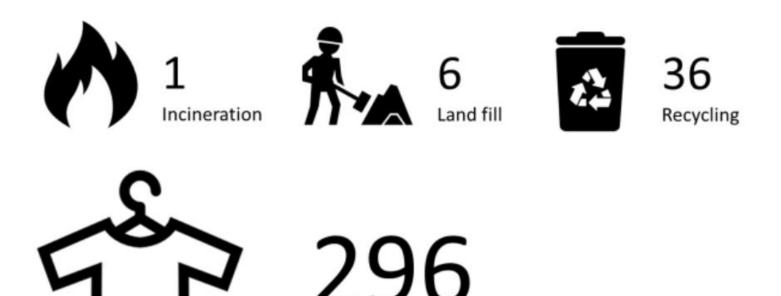
## **About RREUSE**





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## JOB CREATION POTENTIAL 10,000 TONNES OF USED GOODS



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

Re-use

**G** Read more: RREUSE briefing on job creation potential in the re-use sector

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## In 2015 RREUSE members diverted **1000000 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 1700 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
- Re-use indicators
- Scope: which re-use operators will be required to collect data
- Mechanisms for financing the cost of monitoring re-use



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#### **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

**<u>G</u>** Read our position

## **Policy in the Member States**

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



## Graz: The EU capital of repair



#### 100 EUR / household / year <a>[]</a> <a>Read more</a>



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#### **Only a step away: removing administrative obstacles**

**Envie France: Pre-owned medical equipment** 



#### Only a step away: removing administrative obstacles

#### **RECOSI Slovenia: Refurbished computers in schools**





#### **SURFACE project**

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



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