

At the top of the waste hierarchy but underfunded: Who should pay for re-use?

7 April 14:30 - 17:30

Event Agenda

Since 2008 and the publication of the Waste Framework Directive in the Official Journal of the EU, the Waste Hierarchy is the principle guiding waste management and treatment in the EU. However, the current absence of concrete policy measures to prioritise re-use (waste prevention) and preparing for re-use (waste treatment) over recycling and incineration makes the Waste Hierarchy appear like a mere paper tiger. Hopefully not anymore in the near future. The Commission is looking into revising the EU Waste Framework through a new initiative aiming at “reducing waste generation including through re-use of products or components”.

RREUSE, the European network of social enterprises active in re-use, repair, and recycling, is willing to help the Commission find the right instruments to improve the implementation of the waste hierarchy whilst at the same time opening the opportunity to create green, local and quality jobs in the EU, particularly for those who are distanced from the job market. During this webinar, we will try to identify which entities are the most relevant to finance the infrastructures, the training, the new technologies, the collection and treatment services that are needed to make re-use the norm at EU level. Members of the RREUSE network from Ireland (CRNI), Italy (Insieme) and France (Envie) will be invited to present and discuss best practices together with their financing partners at national level (Irish Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications), at regional level (AIM Vicenza) and within the framework of an Extended Producer Responsibility scheme (Ecosystem). This webinar will also contain an interactive session where participants will be invited to share their own best practices or brainstorm about how re-use policies should be financed.

Please register here and reach out to Mathieu Rama (mathieu.rama@rreuse.org) if you have any questions regarding this event. The event will be hosted on Zoom Meetings and attendees will receive an invitation with a link and login details.

14:30 - 14:40	Introduction by Michal Len (Director of RREUSE)	
14:40 - 15:55	Examples of best practices at the level of Local Authorities, Governments and Producer Responsibility Organisations	
	1. Local Authorities financing re-use: Marina Fornasier (Insieme) and Ruggero Casolin (AIM Vicenza)	Financing re-use through fixed fees based on quantities collected
	2. National Governments financing re-use: Mary Flemming (CRNI) and Bernie Kiely (Irish Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)	Financing re-use through waste prevention levies
	3. Producer Responsibility Organisations financing re-use: Bruno Fradet (Envie) and Astrid Lebrun-Frisdal (Ecosystem)	Financing re-use through Extended Producer Responsibility fees

15:55 - 16:10	Chiel Berends (DG Environment)	Commission's policy agenda on waste prevention including reuse'
16:10 - 16:20	Break	
16:20 - 17:25	Breakout sessions	Participants will be assigned in Working Groups dedicated the three different forms of funding (through Local Authorities, National Governments or Producer Responsibility Organisations) depending on the choice they expressed during registration
17:25 - 17:30	Conclusion by Giorgio Rosso (Treasurer of RREUSE)	