



**Why become a
member of
RREUSE?**



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About RREUSE

Established in 2001, RREUSE is a European network representing social enterprises active in the circular economy, notably in the fields of re-use, repair and recycling.

Our mission is to serve and represent the social and circular enterprise community, helping drive their development through positive change to European policy, best-practice sharing, partnerships and projects.

Our vision is an inclusive circular economy based on re-use and repair in solidarity with both people and environment.

Our members

The members of the RREUSE Network are social enterprises or their networks that specialise in the field of re-use, repair and recycling, and provide local and inclusive employment, as well as a strong sense of belonging for those most vulnerable in our societies.

[See our Members List!](#)



Our work

The RREUSE network is coordinated by the Brussels-based Secretariat which carries out the following actions in cooperation with the RREUSE Network members:



Representing, promoting and communicating about the sector of social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling, and its activities to relevant European and international stakeholders.



Advocating for a stronger policy framework at EU level to support social enterprise activities in environmental services including those linked to the EU Circular Economy Action Plan and the Social Economy Action Plan.



Forming alliances with other EU associations in order to mutualise lobbying efforts and share intelligence in the most effective way possible.



Facilitating exchange of contacts, best practice examples and local, national and legal developments among social enterprises working in the field of re-use, repair and recycling through dedicated member sessions and tailored communication channels.



Gathering unique data on the re-use and repair sector from its members and producing value-added analysis to showcase the impact of our sector.



Acting as partner in international projects aimed at further developing the reuse, repair, and recycling sector in cooperation with universities, local authorities and research centres on both environmental and social issues.

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Benefits of membership

Irrespective of your development, whether a fully-fledged network, or an organisation exploring the setting up of green and social activities, RREUSE has something to offer. What can you get out of being a RREUSE member?

◆ **Green & social objectives hand in hand:** RREUSE brings together organisations with both environmental and social goals and in its advocacy work to connect the circular and social agenda of the EU. Thanks to the long-term partnership with the European Commission's DG Employment RREUSE has deepened its social focus in recent years alongside significant expertise in environmental policy.

◆ **Confidence and recognition:** Being part of an international network and the knowledge they can access helps members to raise their profile at local, national and international level and gives them the assurance to become more active in advocacy and international projects, acting as experts in the circular economy.

◆ **Policy analysis directly from Brussels:** EU legislation is far-reaching and its impact extends towards each local re-use centre. Through RREUSE, members can stay informed about current policy developments in the EU and their local impact. This allows members to engage with their local and national governments more easily, advocate for themselves and co-create the policies which have direct influence on their work.

◆ **Tapping into collective knowledge:** Under the umbrella of RREUSE, members can learn from other social enterprises and their networks with direct experience in re-use activities. Be it technical competence to repair a washing machine or running a re-use centre, each member brings valuable unique experience to the table and an operating model of its own kind. Collectively, we bring the re-use know how together and make re-use happen across Europe.

◆ **Moving with the times and keeping on track:** Regular contact with re-use operators from across Europe gives our members a benchmark and a feeling for where our sector is heading. In the rapidly changing landscape of the circular economy in Europe, our network allows the social enterprises to keep in touch with the latest trends, innovations, threads and opportunities.

What our members say about us:



'Thanks to our membership in RREUSE, we have built a good reputation and professionalised in textile waste management. We also helped to develop this activity at national level. We feel confident to take part in international projects, events and networking which are additional great source of information and solutions.'

-Social cooperative Humana Nova, Croatia



'Being a RREUSE member over the years has given RepaNet first-hand insights into the development of European legislations as well as the opportunity to co-create relevant EU-policies. Since advocacy for re-use on national and local level in a small EU country such as Austria is dependent on the wider European perspective, working with RREUSE strengthens our engagement, impact and position at national level.'

-RepaNet, Austria



'RREUSE helped us to get in contact with numerous interesting contact of best practices in other countries. We even did site visits with our members to Paris and the Netherlands thanks to them! The network breaks down the walls between the different countries and helps us find the synergies we so much need to transition together towards a social circular economy.'

-HERWIN, Belgium



'Emmaüs Jura is a small organisation active in the circular economy located on the French-Swiss border. Thanks to the various online forums organised by RREUSE, we are increasing our knowledge and expanding our network in Europe with a minimum investment in time and travel costs. The shared experience allows us to develop new projects and to be recognised in our region for our inclusive and circular business model.'

-Emmaüs Jura, Switzerland

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