

Draft Agenda

Stitching together a social and circular future for textiles

Berlin – 22-23 June 2023



About our event

Get ready to stitch together a Social and Circular future for textiles at our upcoming conference in the vibrant city of Berlin on the 22nd and 23rd of June 2023!

This highly anticipated event, organised with the valuable support of our member Fairwertung, will bring together leading experts, social entrepreneurs, policymakers, and social enterprise leaders to discuss the current state of the textiles market and explore innovative ways to increase re-use and reduce textile waste.

The conference will feature exciting sessions on the challenges and opportunities faced by social enterprises in the current market, and inspiring keynote speeches that will take the audience on a journey through the most relevant issues within the sector. Participants will also have the opportunity to join engaging discussions on integrating social enterprises in textile waste management policy and maximising local re-use of textiles.

And it doesn't stop there! The conference will also explore the topic of innovation in used-textiles management, where attendees will discover new ways to collect and sort textiles, explore new re-use practices, and learn about the digitalisation of the re-use sector. RREUSE conferences always love to end on a high note, with unique opportunities for in-person site visits that will allow attendees to gain a hands-on experience of the topic discussed throughout the sessions, panels, and discussions.

This event offers an exceptional opportunity for discussion, learning, finding inspiration and motivation, and developing a stronger network within the social enterprise community. Register now and be a part of the change!

| <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 22 June – State of the second-hand textiles market <u>RREUSE Effective and Associate members only</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: MindSpace Krausenstraße 9-10, 10117 Berlin</p> | |
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| <p>***RREUSE Effective & Associate members only***</p> <p>Sessions open exclusively to the Effective & Associate members of the wider social enterprise network of RREUSE to facilitate networking, collaboration and exchanges of best practices.</p> | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Registration |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | <p>Opening:</p> <p>Words of welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thomas Ahlmann – Managing director, FairWertung ● Neva Nahtigal – Director, RREUSE |
| 14:15 - 14:45 | <p>Session 1 – Panel Discussion: Current state of the textiles market: challenges and opportunities for the social enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Circular textiles from a social economy perspective: changing market, changing policies, collective action for a positive evolution of the sector – Alexandre Bohl, Senior Project Manager, TESS GEIE ● Social enterprises partnering with the private sector: from competition to cooperation – Juan Gayá Vilar, Waste intermediary technician, Fundació Deixalles ● Export of used textiles: current situation and impact of the new legislations – Thomas Ahlmann, Managing director, FairWertung |
| 14:45 - 15:45 | Discussion |
| 15:45-16:15 | Coffee Break |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | <p>Session 2: ConverStations</p> <p>Interactive social enterprise led table discussions across a wide variety of pertinent stories, value propositions and new ideas related to an the circular and social transition of the textiles sector</p> |
| 17:15 – 18:00 | Session 3: Plenary |
| | Cocktail Networking Session |

| Friday 23 June – Policy developments and innovations in the second-hand textiles sector <u>Open to all</u> Venue: MindSpace Krausenstraße 9-10, 10117 Berlin | |
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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration and welcome coffee |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | Opening Words: Neva Nahtigal – Director, RREUSE |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | Keynote speech - Update on the EU Waste Framework Directive revision – Malte Gallée, MEP Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Session 1 – Panel Discussion: Integrating social enterprises in the textile waste management policy. Inspiration from member states. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How to finance quality collection – Marina Fornasier, President, Insieme ● Public tender in textiles waste collection – Alberto Egido Viciano, Environment and Sustainability Lead, Moda re- ● A vision for Extended Producer Responsibility scheme for textiles – Matthias Neitsch, Managing director, Repanet |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Discussion |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:15 – 11:55 | Session 2: Innovations in used-textiles management Panel discussion: How to maximise local re-use? Practical examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Innovative collection methods – Frank Dingemans, Director of innovation, De Kringwinkel Antwerpen ● Intelligent sorting – Mario Malzacher, Co-Founder & Business Development, Circular Fashion ● Digitalisation of the re-use sector – Rónán Ó Dálaigh, Founder and CEO, Thriftify ● Introduction to the CISUTAC project's sorting pilot – Emma Ennebog, Researcher, RISE |
| 11:55 – 12:30 | Discussion |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Plenary Conclusion remarks by RREUSE's President – Matthias Neitsch, Managing director, Repanet |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |

| Site-visits (optional) <u>Open to all</u> | |
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| 14:30-17:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Textilhafen, Storkower Str. 139D, 10407 Berlin2. Rach 'n white, Brunnenstraße 12, 10119 Berlin |

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