

SOCIAL AND CIRCULAR: THRIVING IN 2050


International conference co-organised by RREUSE and BKN

15 & 16 October 2024, Den Haag

Conference Preliminary Agenda

DAY 1: SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AS CIRCULARITY LEADERS AND INCLUSIVE EMPLOYERS

General access. Dutch-English interpretation provided.

 Provinciehuis Zuid-Holland, Zuidhollandplein 1, Den Haag

09:00-09:30	Arrivals and registration for Day 1
09:30-11:00	<p>Session 1 - plenary: Vision and practice</p> <p>Following the conference opening, our diverse speakers will address the current state and the future of the circular economy and inclusive work opportunities, with a special focus on social enterprises' role in this picture.</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:45	<p>Session 2 - plenary: Policy and politics</p> <p>We will dive into the policy making and politics related to social and circular economy with EU and national-level policymakers, practitioners and other eminent speakers.</p>
12:45-13:45	Lunch (provided for all participants)
13:45-14:45	<p>Session 3: Parallel thematic sessions</p> <p>Side sessions on specific topics: cooperation between social enterprises and mainstream businesses and public authorities (NL-EN interpretation), Extended Producer Responsibility (EN), financial incentives (NL) and BKN Academy (NL).</p>
15:00-16:00	<p>Session 4: Parallel thematic sessions</p> <p>Side sessions on specific topics: circular craft centres (NL-EN interpretation), inspiring social and circular policy examples (EN), inclusive employment (NL) and Dutch circular textile strategy (NL).</p>
16:00-19:00	<p>Networking reception</p> <p>A festive reception to celebrate the 30th anniversary of RREUSE member network BKN.</p>



DAY 2: SECURING A PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN REUSE, REPAIR AND RECYCLING

Restricted to BKN and RREUSE members (and their members).

 **Grand Café Utopie, Waldeck Pyrmontkade 116, Den Haag**

08:30 - 09:00	<i>Welcome coffee/tea and registration for Day 2</i>
09:00-09:10	Conference, day 2 opening Welcome and a quick look at the day ahead.
09:10-09:20	Keynote speech Setting the scene for us to envision how we ensure that social enterprises in repair, reuse and recycling are thriving in 2050.
09:20-10:20	Session 1 - plenary: From a vision to reality: social and circular, thriving in 2050 Challenging ourselves as well as our speakers, to envision a thriving social and circular economy sector in 2050. The opening roundtable discussion will include the keynote speaker, RREUSE network members and allies.
10:20-10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50-11:50	Session 2 - plenary: Ensuring financial viability through Extended Producer Responsibility Examining the future of EPR, including the issues of governance, cost coverage and access to waste streams for social enterprises with an expert panel composed of RREUSE network members and other key actors.
12:00-13:00	Session 3 - breakout: ConverStations Deepening the conversation on EPR and other issues that matter the most to social enterprises in reuse, repair and recycling. These conversations will take place in two rounds and in smaller groups hosted by some speakers and conference participants.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch (provided for all participants)</i>
14:00-15:30	Session 4 - plenary: Garnering support by communicating impact Creating positive social and environmental impacts is at the heart of what social enterprises in reuse, repair and recycling do every day. How can we best define, measure, and communicate those impacts to ensure that local communities, policymakers, funders, and other relevant actors understand and appreciate them? To find the answer, we will hear from experts in this area and look at concrete examples from our network.



15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Session 5 - breakout: Staying ahead of the curve through social and circular innovation

RREUSE network is bursting with innovation that can help ensure a bright future for our sector. This dynamic session will spotlight a series of innovative practices in different product streams and social groups through short introductions and deeper peer-to-peer exchanges between the presenters and conference participants.

17:30-18:00

Session 6 - plenary: Key takeaways and way forward

Conference closing with RREUSE Board and other participants' contributions

