

EU Seminar Agenda

Reuse targets: why they matter and how to make them work

Date: 20th April 2015

Location: 74 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels - EESC Trèves Building, 7th floor, room TRE 7701

Current EU waste policy fails to adequately promote waste prevention and preparation for re-use activities. Consequently the vast majority of reusable electrical appliances, furniture and textiles discarded by EU citizens are prematurely recycled, landfilled or incinerated. The result is a huge waste of energy and resources and a missed opportunity for boosting employment in the re-use sector.

With the European Commission currently investigating the feasibility of introducing separate EU targets for the re-use of electrical goods, as well as policies that could better support a circular economy, this seminar will demonstrate how some EU member states are showing that re-use can be promoted through target setting with some impressive results. It will also look at the role of how economic instruments, such as Extended Producer Responsibility, can better support reuse.

Speakers will include representatives of EU institutions, national authorities, social enterprises and Producer Responsibility Organisations

Session 1: Re-use targets – why they matter

13:15 – 14:00 **Registration and Welcome coffee (ground floor)**

14:00 – 14:15 **Welcome:** Andreas Versmann (EESC) and Bas Eickhout MEP

14:15 – 14:20 **Introductory comments:** Antigone Dalamagas, President, RREUSE

Moderator: Bas Eickhout MEP

14:20– 14:35 **EU feasibility study on WEEE preparation for re-use targets and relation to a revised Circular Economy Package:** Maria Banti, DG Environment, European Commission

14:35 – 14:50 **First national target for WEEE preparation for re-use in Europe:** Begoña Fabrellas, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

14:50 – 15:05 **Re-use targets in Flanders - A decade of experience:** Tim Wagendorp, Komosie, Belgium

15:05 – 15:20	A situation without preparation for re-use targets - An Italian perspective: Giorgio Rosso, Associazione Orius, Italy
15:20 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	Break

Session 2: The role of Extended Producer Responsibility in supporting re-use

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Hannequart, ACR+

16:00 – 16:15	Promoting social value through reuse - how to make it happen: Anémone Berès, President, Envie Federation, France
16:15 – 16:30	EPR supporting preparation for re-use - The example of Valdelia, France: Arnaud Humbert-Droz, Valdelia, France
16:30 – 16:45	EPR supporting preparation for re-use - The example of Eco-systèmes, France: Christian Brabant, Eco-systèmes, France
16:45 – 17:00	What aspects of preparation for re-use should be financed by EPR? An Austrian perspective: Matthias Neitsch, Repanet, Austria
17:00 – 17:20	Discussion
17:05 – 17:25	Comments: Karl-Heinz Florenz MEP tbc
17:25 – 17:30	Concluding remarks
17:30 – 19:00	Light refreshments and networking (ground floor)