



1st International Conference on the Role of Social Enterprise in a Circular Economy: A story of Community, Resilience and Innovation

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Speaker Profiles

Facilitation



Peter Woodward

Peter is the perfect person to guide us through our public conference. Peter has a wealth of experience and interest in facilitating dialogues and conferences related to the sustainable development agenda. This includes responses to the challenge of climate change; moving to a circular economy, future cities, eco-innovation, quality of life, social inclusion and governance issues.

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DAY 1 (23 November) - Open to all

Venue: Cinema Quai10 - Salle 1, Quai Arthur Rimbaud 10, 6000 Charleroi, Belgium

Welcome and Introduction



Antigone Dalamaga
President, RREUSE

Antigone is the Director of Zero Waste Greece (formerly the Ecological Recycling Society) since 2003, where she focuses on developing and implementing waste prevention, reuse and recycling strategies and projects in Greece. Over the last decade, she has also worked extensively in supporting the development and growth of social economy activities in the field of sustainable waste management in Greece.



Cyprien Devillers
Environmental Councillor for the City of Charleroi

A member of the Walloon Parliament and alderman for the City of Charleroi, Cyprien's background is in business engineering. Committed to the future of Charleroi, Cyprien is working on the development and enhancement of the assets of the Walloon metropolis, which he sees as 'the land of potential and opportunities, proud of its past, aware of its strengths as well as its weaknesses and resolutely turned towards the future.'



Cillian Lohan
Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

Cillian is a member of the EESC since 2014. He has been rapporteur on several EESC opinions related to the circular economy. Cillian is CEO of an internationally active Irish NGO. This organisation was focused primarily on Forestry issues when Cillian was appointed as CEO in 2010 but is currently being rebranded to reflect the expansion of areas of work under his direction. It is now called Green Economy Foundation.



William Wauters
President, Group Terre and RESSOURCES, Belgium

William is in charge of Group Terre that brings together a group of social enterprises from the Belgian region of Wallonia representing around 320 workers. Terre's activities range from management of used textiles to refurbishment of printer cartridges. William is also President of the Brussels and Walloon social enterprise federation RESSOURCES. He has been involved in the Belgium social economy sector since the 1980s.

Session 1: The value of re-use and repair in a circular economy



Laura Rubio
Director, AERESS, Spain

Since 2007 Laura is the Director of AERESS, the Spanish association of social and solidarity economy enterprises active in re-use and recycling. Their activities aim at social transformation and work integration of people at risk of social exclusion. Laura is a member of the Board of Directors of RREUSE. Her background includes studies of Environmental Sciences and post-graduate courses on Leadership and Social Innovation and NGO management.



Matthias Neitsch
Managing Director, RepaNet, Austria

Matthias is the Managing director of RepaNet, the Austrian NGO for social economy re-use enterprises and re-use- and repair networks and of VABÖ, the Austrian Federation of Municipal Environment & Waste Advisors. His main activity is to promote the implementation of regional re-use & repair networks with focus on social and solidarity economy, networking and lobbying for re-use, repair and other aspects relating to a sustainable lifestyle.



Gabriela Martin
Coordinator of network development and advocacy, Emmaüs Europe

After her studies Gabriela worked at the Ministry of Social Development in Argentina and at the Embassy of Argentina in France. Since 2006 she's been involved in associations and networks working on social inclusion, work integration and migration. Since 2008 Gabriela is with Emmaüs Europe where she coordinates 300 member organizations in 17 countries, developing the network's strategy and advocacy towards the EU institutions & civil society.

Session 2: Social enterprise and industry working together in a circular economy



Guillaume Duparay
Operations Director, Ecosystemes, France

Since 2007 Guillaume is in charge of the collection development of WEEE at Eco-systèmes, a French producer responsibility organisation. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of Eco-systèmes. Eco-systèmes is strongly committed to developing re-use and preparing for reuse activities in France in partnership with social and solidarity economy networks, such as Emmaüs France or Envie.



Jeroen Brink
Director Business Transformation, AkzoNobel

Jeroen – a trained economist – has 20 years of experience as a marketing manager for consumer goods in France, Germany and his home country the Netherlands. In his current position he is influenced by the strong focus on Sustainability within AkzoNobel. AkzoNobel has championed an initiative to re-use consumer paint leftovers for social purposes for 25 years in the U.K. This scheme is now being rolled out as an industry-wide initiative in the Benelux.



Per Stoltz
Sustainability Developer, Project Leader Circular Economy, IKEA Group

Per started working for IKEA in 1992 in the local Italian purchasing organization. In 2000 he moved to Sweden to the product development and supply chain headquarters of IKEA. Since 2008 he has been working on sustainability issues, first with regards to product-related questions and communication and since 2014 he's involved in the Circular IKEA initiative and Resource and Waste management at the IKEA Group.



Peggy Liekens
Director Employment, WEB Turnhout, De Kringwinkel, Belgium

Peggy has been working at Work Experience Companies (WEB) since 1999 where she is currently responsible for social economy initiatives. WEB is an NGO active in the Flemish region of Kempen that provides support and training to job-seekers and workers who need intensive guidance in finding employment. The support programmes include coaching and training along with work experience.

Session 3: Public policy support for a circular economy and social inclusion



Olga Martinez de Briones

Policy officer, DG Employment - 'Job creation' Unit , European Commission

Olga is a member of the European Commission's unit that facilitates job creation in EU Member States by promoting entrepreneurship, access to microfinance and support for social enterprises, as well as improving framework conditions for companies to create jobs. The unit supports the development of policy in the field of green jobs and contributes to the work in promoting the development of a Circular Economy in the EU.



Samantha Moir

Revolve Manager, Zero Waste Scotland

Samantha has worked for the Revolve programme since its inception in 2011 and has developed it to an established standard with more than 100 certified stores across Scotland. Prior to Revolve, she was a development officer for 6 years at the Community Resources Network Scotland. She set up a successful re-use social enterprise in Glasgow 5 years ago specialising in Children's goods.



Martine Gillet

Senior Policy Advisor, Public Services of Wallonia, Belgium

Martine has been working on waste prevention and management at the Public service of Wallonia since 1999. Her previous experiences include the Walloon Ministry of Environment and the European Commission's DG Environment. Martine has also been a member of the OECD Committee on Waste Management Policies or the EC Committee for the Adaptation to Scientific and Technical Progress and Implementation of the Directives on Waste.

DAY 2 (24 November) - Open to RREUSE members and wider membership only

Venue: ICDI, Rue du Déversoir 1, 6010 Charleroi, Belgium

Development of future social enterprise partnerships



Bruno Vermoesen

Senior Expert EU Technical Governmental Affairs and Associations, BSH Belgium

Bruno graduated as an industrial engineer in electro mechanics. He has been active in BSH Home Appliances Group since 1995. From 2003 at his latest position he is involved as an expert with a focus on product and component specific legislation, waste of electrical and electronic equipment and circular economy. He is a Board member of Recupel, the Belgian take-back system for waste electricals.



Jan-Willem Hoornstra

Head of Operations, IDEA-X, Netherlands

IDEA-X has been working closely with the Dutch network of re-use social enterprise bKN on developing a traceability and reporting software KPRS. KPRS has been evolving for 12 years and is now used by more than 70 re-use centres of bKN. Jan-Willem is an expert with a profound understanding of the software's capabilities and development.

Innovation, partnerships and developments among social enterprises



Antoine Drouet
Director, Les Ateliers du Bocage, France

Antoine - an engineer specialized in environment - worked for several years in Africa for the telecommunication industry. In 2012 after having returned to France started to work for ADB, a social enterprise which is a part of the French Emmaus network, as a Production manager and from 2016 as Director.



Daniel Grancho
Director, TESS GEIE

Daniel Grancho is currently the Director of the TESS GEIE, a recently established European Grouping of Economic Interest focussed on the ethical management of used clothes. Daniel has a wealth of experience in the textile sector having worked in the field of marketing and collection of second-hand textiles for a social enterprise in France.



Maureen O'Donnell
Re-Mark Project Manager, Community Re-use Network Ireland

Maureen O'Donnell is an entrepreneur and environmental professional with 20 years experience in project management and quality systems. Her background in ICT reuse and passion for sustainability made her an ideal candidate to lead the Quality Mark (Re-Mark) project for Ireland. The project to establish a quality standard and accreditation process for re-used goods in Ireland began in April 2017 and will continue through June 2018.

Notes on legal developments



Stéphanie Mabileau
Environmental Operations Manager, Emmaüs France

Stéphanie has been in charge of the environment department of the Emmaüs France federation since 2006. She participates in the development of the federation's strategy on re-use, the circular economy and the single waste streams (waste electricals, textile or furniture). With her team she coordinates the partnerships between Emmaus France and EPR schemes in order to promote the re-use together with the 180 local Emmaüs structures.



Renaud Heymans
Project manager, RESSOURCES, Belgium

At RESSOURCES, Renaud is in charge of the Interreg ReC² project which aims to valorise waste materials and develop local circuits. A graduate in Industrial Design, Renaud worked in several manufacturing companies where he was responsible for product development and production management. He developed a wooden construction game made from industrial scraps that was awarded Toy of the year in 2013.

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