

19,2% = What could be re-used directly because as good as new or simply requiring a little cleaning

0,5% = What is actually prepared for re-use

39% = What could be prepared for re-use if going through repair operations

90,3% = Processed with recycling being the most prevalent form of treatment (78,8%)

42% = What cannot be prepared for re-use because too damaged

11% = Burnt in waste-to-energy centres

Implementing the waste hierarchy thanks to the re-use of e-waste by social enterprises

Mathieu Rama | Senior Policy Officer
Webinar | E-Waste World Virtual Summit 2020



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• Envie



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• Ecological
Recycling
Society
• Klimax Plus



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Szövetség



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• RECOSI
• Rehab Recycle



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• Associazione
Orius
• Cooperativa
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RREUSE NETWORK IMPACT 2018

RREUSE IS AN INDEPENDENT NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION REPRESENTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF RE-USE, REPAIR AND RECYCLING

1 000 000 TONNES

[THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO THE WEIGHT OF 137 EIFFEL TOWERS]

OF MATERIAL DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL THROUGH RE-USE, REPAIR AND RECYCLING, WHICH INCLUDED:

FURNITURE
200 000 TONNES
collected

OUT OF WHICH ↓



80 000 TONNES
re-used

TEXTILES
260 000 TONNES
collected

OUT OF WHICH ↓



95 000 TONNES
re-used

ELECTRICALS
290 000 TONNES
collected

OUT OF WHICH ↓



20 000 TONNES
re-used



BOOKS & RECORDS
16 000 TONNES
collected

OUT OF WHICH ↓



5 500 TONNES
re-used

BRIC-A-BRAC
30 000 TONNES
collected

OUT OF WHICH ↓



14 000 TONNES
re-used



27 MEMBERS ACROSS
25 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
AND THE USA

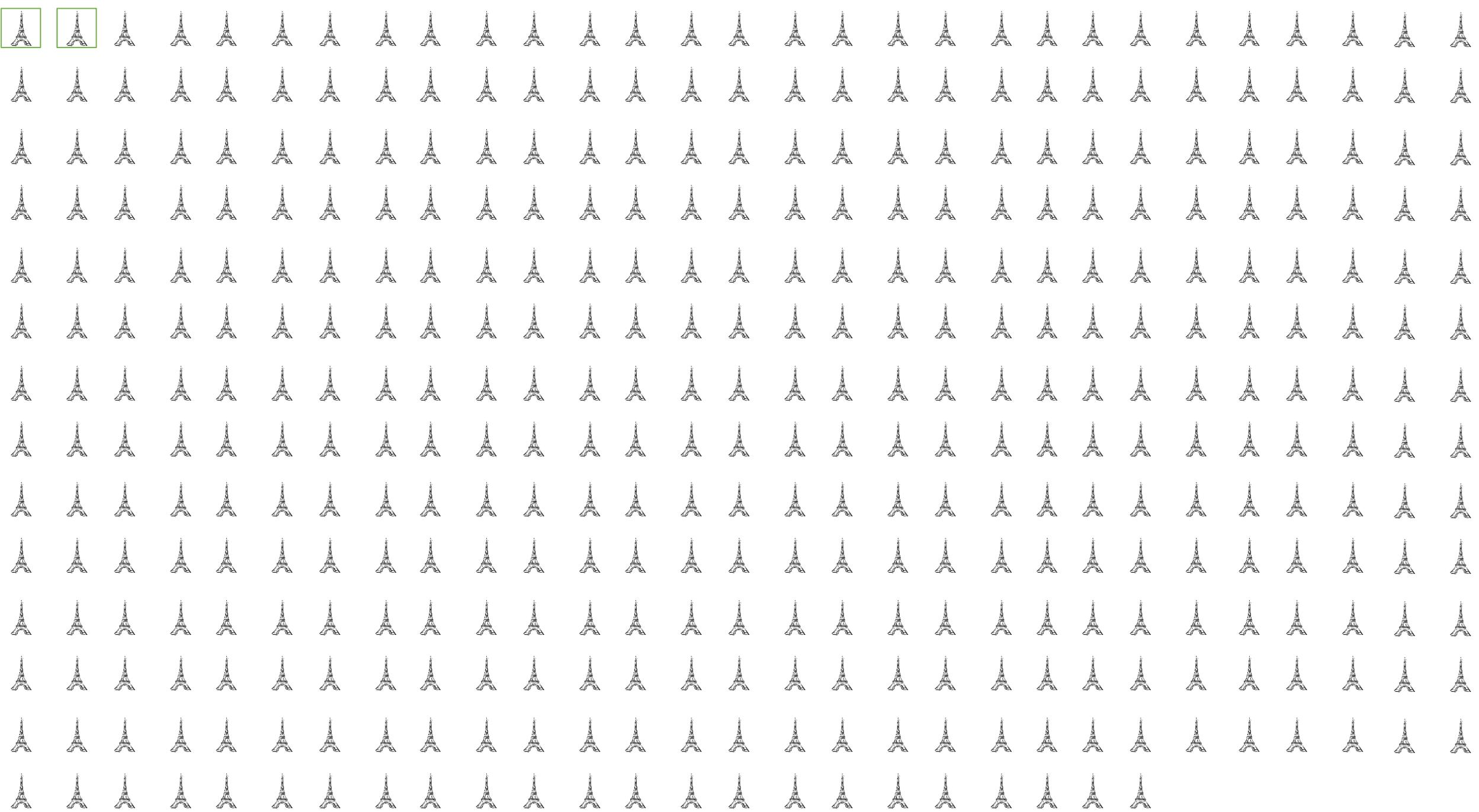
850 SOCIAL ENTERPRISES
ARE PART OF RREUSE'S WIDER NETWORK

95 000 EMPLOYEES,
VOLUNTEERS AND TRAINEES
ENGAGED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF
RREUSE'S MEMBERS

2 000 SHOPS WELCOMED
39 000 000 CUSTOMERS
[THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO SERVING THE
WHOLE POPULATION OF POLAND]
CONTRIBUTING TO AN OVERALL
RREUSE MEMBER ACTIVITY
TURNOVER OF € 1 200 000 000

RREUSE MEMBERS COLLECTED AND HANDLED **22 DIFFERENT MATERIAL STREAMS:**

FURNITURE, ELECTRICALS, TEXTILES, BOOKS & RECORDS, BRIC-A-BRAC, TOYS, DIY, BICYCLES, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BIOWASTE, VEGETABLE OIL, FOOD DONATIONS, GLASS, PAPER, WOOD, PACKAGING & PLASTICS, METAL SCRAP, USED CARTRIDGES, BATTERIES, MATTRESSES, PAINT, OTHER MATERIALS



awareness raising campaigns, international projects, exchange of best practice and business support



Integration of disadvantaged groups on the job market

**SANS ABRI
GERANT**

Suite à de gros soucis d'argent, j'ai perdu mon logement et mon travail. Les Petits Riens m'ont soutenu, et ils ont lancé un grand défi: m'aider à relever une épave sociale. Aujourd'hui, voilà 10 ans que je le gère de A à Z.
CLAUDE

LES PETITS RIENS SPULLEN HULP

700 PERSONNES APPRENNENT UN MÉTIER
CHAQUE ANNÉE CHEZ LES PETITS RIENS
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**INVALIDE
VERKOOPSTER**

Ik ben bij Spullenhulp terechtgekomen na een ongeluk. Ik had geen toekomstplannen meer. Ik ben dan begonnen als vrijwilliger in de herverkoop. Vandaag heeft mijn leven weer zin.
CHANTAL

LES PETITS RIENS SPULLEN HULP

700 MENSEN LEREN EEN VAK
ELK JAAR BIJ SPULLENHULP
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JOB CREATION POTENTIAL 10,000 TONNES OF USED GOODS



1

Incineration



6

Land fill



36

Recycling



296

Re-use

Social enterprise creating skills for the circular economy

Preparing for Re-use of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

AERESS
Spain



In Bavarian waste collection points, 86% of identifiable damage caused to WEEE is attributed to a lack of sufficient weatherproof roofing

Potentials of preparation for reuse: A case study at collection points in the German state of Bavaria – 11/07/2018

Lukas Messmann, Sandra Boldoczki, Andrea Thorenz, Axel Tuma - Resource Lab, University of Augsburg

**Article 11 of the Waste Framework
Directive provides that Member States
shall take measures to promote
preparing for re-use activities by
facilitating access to waste held by
collection schemes or facilities**

WEEELove campaign



Waste electrical goods need to be protected from rain or they can't be re-used

WEEELove campaign

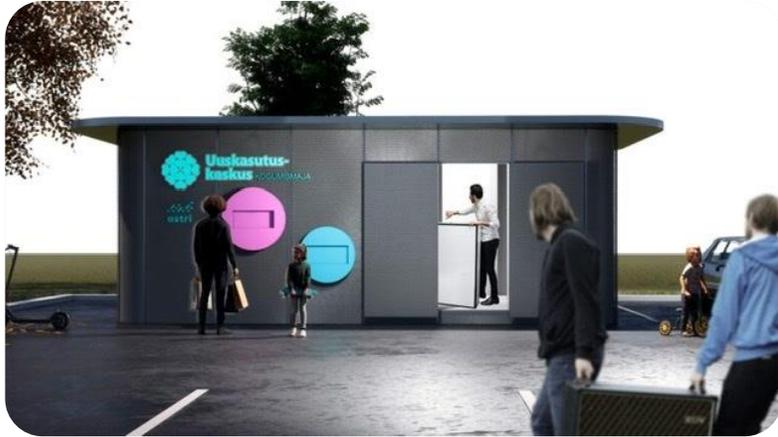


Waste electrical goods need to be handled with care, or they can't be re-used



#WEEELove





Astri Group and Uuskasutuskeskus (Estonia) developed a “collection house”



Tandler Box in Wien



Re-Use container Schwadorf



Laptop collectors Helsinki

Policy

Re-use targets at national level

- **Flanders, Belgium:** 7 kg re-used material per capita by 2022
- **Spain:**
 - 50 % preparing for re-use and recycling by 2020 of which 2% will be prepared for re-use
 - WEEE target: 3 % of large household appliances and 4 % of IT equipment to be prepared for re-use from 2018
- **France:** About to develop re-use and preparing for re-use targets, as well as a Solidarity Re-Use fund which will save 5% of the extended producer responsibility fee to operators from the social economy.

Benineko Bilketa eta Tratamendurako
TRATAMIENTO TEMPORAL Y TRATAMIENTO DE RA...

RECEPCIÓN Y CLASIFICACIÓN

RECEIVING GOODS AND SORTING

Making repair & re-use easier and cheaper

Consumer goods are now less durable and repairable than in the past. RREUSE has investigated the increasing difficulties associated with attempting to repair modern electronic equipment including:

- Lack of access to and high costs of spare parts: costs of repair are higher than purchasing a new appliance
- Lack of appropriate repair information: no free access to service manuals, software and hardware of product and components
- Product design and components without re-use potential: new designs make it increasingly difficult to repair a product or components without breaking it.

Not only is this a serious environment issue but not being able to repair an appliance also puts at risk the economic viability of re-use and repair organisations.

In Europe 77% of citizens would be willing to have their goods repaired but hardly ever do because it is too expensive for them to do so !

Making repair & re-use easier and cheaper

RREUSE is a member of the Right to Repair movement



We believe that products should be designed to last and to be repaired, and that as many people as possible should be involved: Repair activities should not only be conducted by repairers that are picked by manufacturers or retailers.

Making repair & re-use easier and cheaper

EU policy agenda

From March 2021 onwards, manufacturers of domestic washing machines and washerdryers, fridges, dishwashers and electronic displays will have to respect the following requirements:

- Designing their products so they can be **easily disassembled non-destructively**
- Ensuring that **key parts can be removed and replaced** without the need for proprietary tools
- Providing certain key spare parts to professional repairers under a **delivery period of 15 working days**
- Making repair manuals available to professional repairers, but in exchange for a 'reasonable fee'

The **Sustainable Product Policy Initiative** and the **Circular Electronics Initiative** announced in the new Circular Economy Action Plan should extend these requirements to other types of products.



they are sent to an authorised
treatment operator to be recycled.

Commercialisation

What is needed:

- **Labels and warranties** to ensure good quality to clients
- Availability of **repair and maintenance booklets** (provided by manufacturers or developed by the reuse centre)
- More **communication**



Commercialisation

What could boost the sale of second-hand electronics?

Public procurement:

- Public authorities in the EU are spending about 14 % of GDP on public purchases.
- 55 % of procurement procedures still use the lowest price as the only award criterion.
- Green Public Procurement should encourage the purchase of second-hand goods from social enterprises (computers in schools for example)

Preferential taxation for re-use and repair activities:

- Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Finland: Sweden VAT reduction on minor repair services (including mending and alteration) of: Bicycles; shoes and leather goods;
- France: the collection and sales of used goods carried out by social enterprises are exempt from VAT because their activities are linked to the employment of disadvantaged and disabled persons
- More examples here: https://www.rreuse.org/wp-content/uploads/RREUSE-position-on-VAT-2017-Final-website_1.pdf



Project Title

“Development and Demonstration of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Prevention and Reuse Paradigms”

Implementation Duration
January 2016 – June 2019
(3,5 years)

Project Objective

WEEE reduction and reuse strategy
implementation

Total Budget

2.161.405 €

EC contribution 60%

LIFE+ Environment

Action Areas

- Greece
- Belgium

<https://www.reweee.gr/en>

Coordinator Beneficiary



Co-Beneficiaries



Harokopio University of Athens



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...and we do have a newsletter!
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Interesting links

- [Preparing for Re-use of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment by Social Enterprise \(video\)](#)
- [Potentials of preparation for reuse: A case study at collection points in the German state of Bavaria](#)
- [RREUSE 2018 Impact & Activity Report](#)
- [Right to Repair campaign](#)
- [Position paper on Reduced taxation to support re-use and repair](#)
- [France to create a Solidarity Re-use Fund \(and other re-use friendly measures\)!](#)
- [WEEE preparation for re-use: Position on CENELEC standards for the sector](#)
- [Open letter: Google threatens existence of independent repair service providers](#)
- [Grab your tools! Today is Repair Day!](#)
- [EU leap toward the Right to Repair needs an extra push](#)
- [Opinion: Repairing electronics shouldn't be rocket science](#)
- [Poor handling of WEEE must be tackled](#)
- [Repair truck 'Tour de France'](#)
- [Longer-lasting white goods cut environmental impacts by 30% – study](#)
- [Spain first EU country to mandate re-use of electrical goods](#)
- [New French legislation pushes for longer-lasting products](#)

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