

Benefits of RREUSE Membership and Eligibility



What RREUSE offers:

- Access to a wide range of social economy actors and stakeholders involved in best practices of reuse, repair and recycling within our network
- Direct contribution to lobbying campaigns to help promote reuse and recycling activities as well as the social economy in EU legislation. RREUSE has a number of policy working groups bringing together experts from the network on topics such as reuse centre accreditation, standardisation, WEEE, textiles and social policy.
- Help and advice with transposition/implementation of relevant EU legislation into national law
- Advice and expertise on how to set up, manage and improve reuse and recycling activities based on a social economy model. For example cooperation among members in Scotland and Flanders, Belgium has allowed the transfer of the Flemish reuse model into Scotland
- Attend tri-annual meetings, hosted by a different RREUSE member every time in order to meet and discuss new experiences, understand better the development of the social economy in different member states as well as discover new reuse/recycling initiatives across Europe. Here possible business opportunities can take place as well as exchanges of know-how.

- Information about potential funding and project opportunities with possibilities of direct partnership

In order to be eligible to become a RREUSE member, the following types of organisations can apply to be RREUSE members:

1. Effective Members:

- Regional, national or international networks of social enterprises active in the field of reuse and/or recycling with their legal seat in the EU.
- An individual organisation can become an effective member of RREUSE in the case where no network of social enterprises active in the field of reuse and/or recycling exists in that country or in the case where an individual organisation desires to become a completely separate member from one of the existing network organisations which already have a status of effective member of RREUSE.
- Effective members have the right to vote in the General Assembly

2. Associate Members:

There exist three types of associated members

- a) Individual social economy organisations having their legal seat in the territory of the EU and active in the field of reuse and/or recycling
- b) Individual networks and/or national, regional or international social economy networks having their legal seat outside of Europe and having activities in the field of reuse and/or recycling
- c) Social economy networks (or with a prevalence of members coming from the social economy) who already have the characteristics to become effective members, which prefer to choose to stay as associate member. In this case, the status of associate member can only remain that way for a maximum of two years after which the organisation must become an effective member, unless there is an objection from the general assembly. In this case the organisation will stay an associate member

3. Supporting Members

Municipalities, local authorities, collectives, research and development institutes which share the vision and interests of RREUSE

Associate Members and Supporting Members do not have the right to vote in the General Assembly

Should you feel that you are eligible please fill in our initial application form which you can find [here](#) and send it to info@rreuse.org

It would be great to have you on board!