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ACTION PLAN - CATALONIA

Waste Agency of Catalonia

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Policy Instrument

the action plan aims to impact

- Investment for Growth and Jobs programme
- European Territorial Cooperation programme
- Other regional development policy instrument

Please name the other policy instrument: **Law for Waste Prevention and Management and Efficient Use of Resources in Catalonia, 2023***

* Initial policy instrument (ERDF Operational Programme for Catalonia 2014-2020): non action can be reflected on improving a policy instrument already closed.

Action 1

Promotion of R and PfR in the new policy instrument

Description – Action 1

Through:

- the inclusion of objectives in the new policy instrument:

The definition of specific objectives will imply the application of improvement actions that allow them to be achieved, such as the implementation of R and PfR to the waste collection centres or the implementation of collection services that facilitate the PfR of the materials

- the provision of a Municipal or Supramunicipal Reuse centers:

The possibility of establishing the obligation to have this service will be studied, and if so, which municipalities will have to do so and on the basis of which parameters (e.g. population).

- the participation of the Catalan Stakeholder Group as an expert group in PfR:

The SH group will adopt as a specific objective to work to improve the situation of reuse centres and make them more competitive in the current market.

Implementation – Action 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Law is currently in the initial phase of the definition process, and is expected to be approved in the first half of 2023, so the actions included in this action plan and the results of its implementation will influence the final content of the text of the Law.

The Waste Agency of Catalonia has recently created a **second** draft of the new law. After this draft, the Waste Agency of Catalonia will open public consultation. This public consultation aims to go deeper into the most relevant issues and allows for an exchange of views between the different actors. Once the public consultation is closed, the Waste Agency of Catalonia will deliver the new draft of the Law to the Catalan Parliament, where it will be discussed, may or may not be modified and finally will be approved.

Implementation – Action 1

PROGRESS TO DATE AT THE DRAFT

Some articles included at the draft of the new Law:

- **the inclusion of objectives in the new policy instrument.**

1. To implement a new manufacturing system based on the circular economy that guarantees the rational use of resources and prioritizes products and systems for reuse, repair and recycling and reuse, in order to reduce the generation of waste within the framework of the zero waste strategy.

2. In a gradual manner during the following years and until 2035 the preparation for reuse and recycling of municipal waste has to be increased to a minimum of 65% in weight; at least 15% of the total must correspond to the preparation for reuse, mainly of toxic waste, waste electrical and electronic equipment, furniture and other waste that can be prepared for reuse.

3. The provision for the application of benefits in the case of good practice, in the field of waste prevention and preparation for the reuse of the waste generated.

4. To encourage the reuse of products and the implementation of systems that promote repair and reuse activities, particularly with regard to electrical and electronic appliances, textiles and furniture, as well as packaging and construction materials and products.

5. To establish plans to ensure the reuse of products, their repair or the separation of their components through social economy organizations.

6. To provide information to users and professionals on good practices to extend the useful life of products and enable self-repair, maintenance and reuse.
7. To inform about the systems of benefits aimed at users who return replaced products, which will be derived through reuse, repair or remanufacturing channels.
8. To promote the reuse of products through awareness-raising campaigns aimed at different sectors of the population, mainly shops, restaurants and educational centers.
9. Local authorities should encourage the use of the waste collection service to collect waste that is not collected at home and potentially reusable goods and products, all of which are aimed at the reuse of goods and products, preparation for reuse and the correct separation and packaging of waste prior to recovery or disposal operations, as appropriate.
10. To promote the use of financial tools such as grants in public procurement or other measures to encourage enthusiasm for reuse.
11. From 2025 onwards, to incorporate, in the facilities of the Waste Agency of Catalonia, a plan for the donation of potentially reusable goods or functional components , which includes quantitative objectives by product categories for the progressive introduction of recycled and reusable products in all public contracts.

- **the provision of a Municipal or Supramunicipal Reuse centers:**

1. Local authorities should promote the implementation of public Reuse Centers, especially in areas with a high population density or where they do not already exist, with special attention to the promotion of social economy entities for the management of these centers. Before 2035, these centers should preferably receive products delivered by the citizens and may offer selective packaging and other activities necessary for the management of used materials and waste destined for reuse or preparation for reuse and, also, they may offer complementary services such as libraries of things, reuse of components or reuse of construction materials, without prejudice to services related to repair. The schedule is as follows:

2025: Municipalities more than 20.000 inhabitants.

2030: Municipalities more than 5.000 inhabitants.

2035: Municipalities less than 5.000 inhabitants

In addition, public reuse centers in municipalities that are county capitals, as well as in municipalities with more than 20,000 inhabitants, will also offer support services for self-repair and specialized loan services.

2. Promote the collaboration agreements between the waste collection centers and centers dedicated to the preparation for reuse and repair.

- **the participation of the Catalan Stakeholder Group as an expert group in PFR:**

1. The SH group has continued its work and the ARC, to date, has organized the following meetings: **06th April, 19th September, 03rd October** in order to discuss the follow-up actions and developments in the sector. Further meetings are planned to be organized.

Action 2

Design of a common online sales platform for reuse goods in Catalonia

Description - Action 2

Objectives:

- To provide a new way out of the materials through a new consolidated distribution channel as a result of the lockdowns.
- To increase the economic viability and the competitiveness of the Reuse Centers.
- To support non-profit companies which provide jobs to socially excluded collectives or risk of social exclusion.

Beneficiaries:

- Entities and centres working on R and PfR in Catalonia.
- Local administrations with competences in R and PfR in Catalonia.
- People at risk of social exclusion with whom these entities and centres work.

Implementation – Action 2

This new tool is meant to be one of most important connections between reuse centres and the public. In order to reach its full potential, the platform requires as many reuse centres as possible distributed all over the Catalan territory.

After analysing the different options regarding the final ownership of the platform, it has emerged that ARC could support on the start up phase but not be the final owner. This responsibility would correspond to the reuse centres that have decided to create the future ***Association of reuse centres in Catalonia***, which would become the final owner.

The creation of the Association is in the initial phase, therefore, ARC is focusing on supporting the reuse centres in speeding in this process in order to be able to begin the development of the platform as soon as possible.

To date, meetings have been organized to design the objectives, activities and other relevant aspects for the elaboration of the statutes.

It is foreseen that before the end of 2022 the association will be constituted and the platform process can begin.

Possible collaborations – Action 2

Potential collaboration detected:

ACTION 2 of the Umbrian Action Plan: – DIGITAL SERVICES

The action consists in equipping the reuse centres operating in Umbria with a common digital platform with uniform procedures for all centres to register in- and outgoing goods

ACTION 1 of the Styrian Action Plan: - Styrian Re-Use Map & Re-Use Autumn 2022

The ultimate goal is to increase their sales and competitiveness. This action is performed with two subactions: a) Styrian online Re-Use Map and b) Re-Use Autumn Styria 2022

Experience Exchange:

Not a collaboration, but a source of knowledge and experience:

- The web platform initiative "Less is more!" (Regional Development Agency of Northern Primorska Ltd. Nova Gorica–Slovenia).
- The Online guide for repair stores (Styrian Provincial Government, – Water Management, Resources and Sustainability in Styria - Austria).
- The Purchase platform-online band (Metropolitan area Reuse Centre Ltd in Helsinki - Finland). An experienced 3-year-old webshop for reused items.



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