

## Main results of the Action Plan implementation

### Action plan implementation

#### **ACTION 1 – Promotion of reuse (R) and preparation for reuse (PfR) in the policy instrument, through three main objectives:**

1. The inclusion of some key articles, among others
  - The provision for the application of benefits in the case of good practice, in the field of waste prevention and PfR of the waste generated.
  - To establish plans to ensure the R of products, their repair, or the separation of their components through social economy organizations.
  - To promote the R of products through awareness-raising campaigns aimed at different sectors of the population, mainly shops, restaurants, and educational centres.
  - From 2025 onwards, to incorporate, in the facilities of the ARC, a plan for the donation of potentially reusable goods or functional components.
2. The provision of Municipal or Supramunicipal Reuse Centres

The ARC has contributed to establishing the obligation to have this service and Catalan municipalities will have to do so on the basis of specific parameters:

A reuse centre has to be created by

2025: Municipalities with more than 20.000 inhabitants.

2030: Municipalities with more than 5.000 inhabitants.

2035: Municipalities with less than 5.000 inhabitants.

Furthermore, before 2035, these centres may offer complementary services such as libraries of things, reuse of components, or reuse of construction materials, without prejudice to services related to repair.

3. The consolidation of the Catalan Stakeholder Group (SH) as an expert group on R and PfR

The SH group created has been consolidated and will continue working to improve the situation of reuse centres and make them more competitive in the current market. The following meetings have been organized so far: 6th April, 19th September, 3rd October, 24th October, 10th November, 28th November, and 20th December.





## **ACTION 2 – Design of a common online sales platform for reuse goods in Catalonia**

The development of the platform was identified as a possible improvement allowing reuse centres a new source of income, and as one of the most important connections between reuse centres and citizenship. The new Municipal or Supramunicipal reuse centres (see action 1) that will come about in the next years will benefit from the platform and contribute to creating an awareness of the reuse sector throughout Catalonia.

However, analysing the different options regarding the final ownership of the platform, it emerged that the ARC could support the start-up phase but not become the final owner. This responsibility will be handed over to the reuse centres that have decided to create the Association of Reuse Centres in Catalonia. The constitution of the Association is foreseen for the first quarter of 2023.

The ARC has been supporting the reuse centres and facilitated the process of this constitution in order to be able to begin the development of the platform as soon as possible.

## **Policy change**

The initial Policy instrument validated at the start of the project, ERDF Operational Programme for Catalonia 2014-2020, was closed, so a new policy instrument was approved: The Law for Waste Prevention and Management and Efficient Use of Resources in Catalonia. One of the objectives of this Law is to move Catalonia towards a circular economy, and to change the concept from waste to resource, increasing the volume of materials that return to the production process instead of being managed as waste.

The reason why the new policy instrument has not yet been influenced is because the Waste Agency of Catalonia (ARC) has integrated ambitious proposals to improve the reuse sector (the points listed in Action 1) in the draft of the new law, but it has not yet been approved by the Catalan Parliament.

At this time ARC has already created a second draft of the new law which will be open for public consultation to then deliver a final proposal of the Law to the Catalan Parliament. It is expected to be approved in the first half of 2023.

