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Berriozar (Pamplona), Spain

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Traperos de Emaús Navarra

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Welcome words



Raúl Maiza - Mayor of Berriozar

Since 2006 Raúl has worked in the Municipal cleaning service of the City of Berriozar for which he is currently responsible. In the period 2011-2015 he was the First Deputy Mayor in the City of Berriozar and Councillor of Urbanism and Environment. Since 2015 he is Mayor of Berriozar.

7 November 2019 – Public conference

Venue: Traperos de Emaus Navarra -Avenida de Guipúzcoa, 11, 31013 Berriozar, Navarra, Spain

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.

Solidarity with people and environment: Welcoming words



Antigone Dalamagas – President RREUSE & Director Ecocec, Greece

Antigone has over 20 years of experience in the field of sustainable waste management at the local, national and international levels, and how this links to job creation. She is the director of the Ecological Recycling Society, a national NGO in Greece, promoting waste prevention, re-use and recycling. She has been a board member of RREUSE since 2004 and President since 2013. She is also a member of the Board of Zero Waste Europe.



Itziar Gómez López – Minister for Rural Development and Environment of the Government of Navarra

In August 2019, Itziar was appointed the Navarra Minister of Rural Development and Environment and is councilor of the City Council of Pamplona since 2007. From 2015 to 2019, she was the spokesperson for the political coalition Geroa Bai, and councilor delegate of the area of Citizen Security and Coexistence. Itziar has a degree in Psychology, Childhood Education and Equality of Women and Men. Previous to her political career, she was a teacher at the children's school of Ultzama and co-founded of the communication company Ttanta Komunikazioa.



Patrick Atohoun – President – Emmaus International

Since 1992, Patrick is the Head of the Emmaus Pahou group in Benin, West Africa and since 2016, he is President of Emmaus International. After graduating from Economics he was a horticulture entrepreneur and worked with young people released from prison or with drug addictions. In 1992, he worked toward the creation the Emmaus community which welcomes young people between 15 and 25 years old in difficult situations with a view to socially and professionally reintegrate them through gardening and fish farming. In the Emmaus Pahou community, Patrick coordinates the activities with bric à brac, microcredits for more than six hundred women and several other income-generating activities.

**Trending themes for an inclusive and circular transition:
Examples of local and international practices**



David Campión Ventura – President of the Commonwealth of the Pamplona Region

Graduated biologist and doctor in Ecology, David has worked for twenty years as a technician in the public company Gestión Ambiental of Navarra, among others on wildlife conservation and European projects. He has been the President of the local Beasoain-Egillor Council for eight years and Mayor of the Ollo Valley since 2016. In September 2019 he was elected president of the Commonwealth of the Pamplona Region.



Eszter Csicsai – Senior Manager, Reuse and Donations, Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability, New York City Department of Sanitation

Eszter Csicsai is Senior Manager of Reuse and Donations at the New York City Department of Sanitation. She oversees programs aimed at enabling New Yorkers to donate and reuse goods instead of sending them to landfill. Most recently, her donateNYC program organized the inaugural ReFashion Week NYC, a series of events aimed at bringing together residents, businesses, and nonprofits to reduce textile waste through reusing and rethinking clothing. donateNYC also recently launched the first municipally developed and administered food donation portal.

Deep-dive workshop A: Addressing challenges in the separate collection, re-use and recycling of textiles



Alfred Vernis Domenech – Sustainability Academic Director, Inditex

Alfred Vernis brings over 25 years of social and sustainability innovation in teaching, research and consulting. He is currently the Sustainability Academic Director for Inditex Group (ZARA). The sustainability team leads the Inditex agenda to close the loop. He graduated from New York University and pursued several postgraduate courses from Cambridge University and Harvard Kennedy School. He is now an associate professor at ESADE Business School (Spain). In addition, he has served in several boards in different Spanish nonprofits, and has published several books about public-private partnerships and social entrepreneurship.



Martin Bösch – President, Textile Division – Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) & CEO – Texaid AG

Martin is the CEO of TEXAID AG, a charity-private partnership based in Switzerland focussed on the collection, sorting and recycling of used textiles with activities in several European countries. He has been working in this position since 2004 and has contributed to the development of TEXAID from being a local Swiss company to becoming one of the leading organisations in its industry. Before joining TEXAID, Martin worked as a strategy consultant in telecommunication and utilities. He holds an MBA from the European Business School and a Bachelor of Science from James Madison University.



Amaya Apesteguia – Ethical Consumption Expert – La Organización de Consumidores y Usuarios (OCU)

Amaya has been working at OCU for 20 years, in the fields of ethical consumption, corporate social responsibility, new sustainable economies and consumer behavior. She has coordinated a research project on sustainable and collaborative consumption. On the topic of sustainable and ethical fashion, she conducted research on clothing donation, consumer perception about used clothes' management and responsibility in the production of major fashion chains. She collaborated with the United Nations in the advisory committee of the Consumer information program on SDG 12 "Sustainable Consumption and Production". She also worked with ANEC to represent consumers on ISO standardization committees.



Matthias Neitsch – Managing Director, Repanet

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. Engaged in the ecological activist movement of the 80s, later in the 1990s he worked as municipal waste advisor focusing on waste prevention and separation for a regional association of municipalities, as a sales manager for waste collection technology and as a project manager for two environmental NGOs and two social enterprises. Since 2004 his main activity has been 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.

Deep-dive workshop B: Implementation of EU policy supporting re-use and preparation for re-use



Margarita Ruiz – Senior Policy Expert – Spanish Ministry of Environment

Since 2018, Margarita is the Deputy Director on Waste in General Directorate on Biodiversity and Environmental Quality in the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and since 2005, has also been working in the Waste department. She has been engaged on reviewing EU legislation on waste and coordinating the policy of municipal waste and national shipment of waste. She is also responsible for national legislation on packaging and packaging waste, energy from waste, implementation of byproduct and end of waste criteria, among others. Her background is in chemical engineering.



Raúl Salanueva – Waste Management Department – Government of Navarra

Since 2010 Raúl is the Head of unit of waste management and contaminated soils in the Department of Rural Development and Environment of the Government of Navarra and has been working in this area since 2003. He has been engaged on developing regional policies about waste and circular economy and is working on several European projects about circular economy such as Screen (H2020), LCA4Regions (Interreg Europe) project and RCDiGreen (Interreg Poctefa). He is a Doctor in analytical Chemistry.



Alejandro Villanueva – Scientific Officer –DG JRC, European Commission

Alejandro has worked at the European Commission for 12 years, in the DG Joint Research Centre, and in DG Growth. He deals with a wide span of environmental topics including waste management, life cycle assessments, environmental management systems, environmental economics, and environmental product policy. He leads the JRC team dealing with energy labelling and eco-design located in Sevilla. Before joining the European Commission, Alejandro worked for four years in Copenhagen at the European Topic Centre on Resources and Waste, attached to the European Environment Agency.



Claire Downey –Director – Community Re-use Network Ireland

Claire Downey is National Executive with Community Reuse Network Ireland, an all-Ireland umbrella body funded by the EPA that represents community based organisations involved in reuse and recycling. In this role, she is responsible for supporting CRNI members and working toward mainstreaming community reuse and recycling through policy and research. Claire holds a Bachelor of Engineering (first class honours) degree and has over 14 years of experience in the waste and resources sector. She sits on the Centre Council for the Republic of Ireland Centre with the Chartered Institute of Waste Management, and is a board member with the Green Foundation Ireland.

Deep-dive workshop C: The Importance of Measuring Social Impact -Innovation and Developments



Laura Rubio – Director, AERESS

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 also 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.



Carmen Comos – Director – CEPES

Carmen has been the Director of CEPES, the Spanish Business Confederation of the Social Economy for 17 years. On behalf of CEPES, she is a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Program for Youth Employment and of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Program of Social Inclusion and Social Economy of the ESF 2014-2020. She is part of the Council for the Promotion of Social Economy and the State Council for Corporate Social Responsibility, both attached to the Ministry of Employment and Social Security. Carmen graduated in Law, Business Administration and Strategic and Social Leadership.



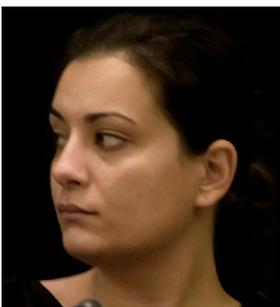
Seigo Robinson – Director –Social Circular Economy

Seigo Robinson is the Director at Social Circular Economy, helping organisations scale social impact using circular economy approaches. A strategy consultant by background, he is On Purpose Fellow in social enterprise and a Churchill Fellow. He was Head of the Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse and sat on the boards of Open Source Circular Economy Days and BS8001, the first circular economy standard.



Carlos Rey –REAS Red de Redes

In 1995 Carlos participated in the creation of REAS, the Network of Alternative and Solidarity economy networks consisting of over five hundred entities grouped into territorial and sectoral networks. Since 2005, he has been the technical secretary of REAS combining the position in REAS Navarra and GELTOKI, the new space for the promotion of the solidarity economy in Pamplona. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Emmaus Traperos de Navarra Foundation, of IDES Foundation and the Gaztelan Foundation.



Olga Theodorikakou – Secretary General – Klimax Plus

Olga is the Head of Projects and Strategy Units of Klimaka NGO where she supervises the 22 Mental Health Units including residential houses, community based care centers, mobile mental health care unit and protected apartments. She is the scientific coordinator of the Greek Suicide Prevention Center and the National Hotline run by Klimaka. Olga is the Secretary General of “Klimax Plus”, the social cooperative engaging socially excluded people and people with mental disorders, a reference model for work integration in Greece. She published and contributed to numerous studies and articles on social issues such as homelessness and social economy. Olga studied International and European Studies and previously worked for the Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights.

Deep-dive workshop D: Addressing challenges in the collection and preparation for re-use of Waste Electronics



Lucía Herreras Martínez – Technical manager, WEEE-forum

Lucía works for the WEEE Forum since 2013 and she manages the WEEE Forum technical team. The WEEE Forum is the world's largest multi-national centre of competence with regards to operational know-how concerning the management of waste electrical and electronic equipment (or 'WEEE', for short). Founded in April 2002, it is a not-for-profit association of 36 WEEE producer responsibility organisations in Europe and globally.



Ramon Villacampa – Environment / Health & Safety / Standardization & Associations – BSH Spain

Ramon has started his professional career in BSH Appliances Spain with positions in the field of quality and product development of the BSH washing machines in the factory in Zaragoza. Since 2011, he is responsible for corporate environment, occupational health and safety, standardization and associations. He coordinates the management of corporate social responsibility. He manages the activities of the waste electricals technical area and is a member of AENOR and CENELEC Standardization Committees. He holds a degree in Mathematical Sciences and Occupational Risk Prevention.



Gorka Mediavilla – Coordinator, Traperos de Emaús Navarra

Gorka joined Traperos de Emmaus in 1993 performing various functions and since 2005 he has been the Coordinator of Waste Electricals (WEEE) being responsible for management of GIS, management of the temporary storage plant, equipment programming, planning etc. Gorka graduated as Agricultural Technical Engineer from the Public University of Navarra and a Social Integration Technician. During his academic training he carried out internships at the Soil Institute as well as in TRACASA performing Soil Cadasters.



José Manuel Portas – Project Technician, AERESS

José Manuel holds a bachelor's in environmental sciences and has worked as a technical in environmental consulting company and also at university field, especially in waste management and environmental communication. He has experience in project management, data analysis, reporting, coordination of technical committees, European legislation, writing grants and training activities. Currently at AERESS his goal is improving the employability of people at risk of social exclusion through waste management.

Scaling and accelerating an inclusive circular transition



Heli Immonen – Policy Officer – European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Heli is a Policy officer in the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, where she deals with Social Entrepreneurship. She previously worked with social partners in sectoral social dialogue in the same Directorate General. Heli has also worked in the private sector, in banking and in the steel industry. She has a Master's degree in law from the University of Turku and an MBA from the Helsinki School of Business.



Roberto Di Meglio – Senior Specialist Local Development and Social and Solidarity Economy – ILO

Roberto is a Senior Specialist at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva. He began his career with the ILO in 1989 working on cooperatives and local development in South and Central America. From 1999 to 2003 he was assigned to the ILO in Geneva where he coordinated the Local Economic Development (LED) Programme for Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. He published several articles on local economic development, supervised technical cooperation programmes and projects. He led a project on Promotion of Decent Work and social cohesion within the ILO International Training Center in Turin. He is co-editor of a web site, the 'Collective Brain'.



Michal Len - Director, RREUSE

Michal is Director of RREUSE, the representative body for social enterprises active in the field of re-use, repair and recycling. He has been with the organisation since 2011 and specialises in EU waste and product policies as well as policy mechanisms supporting social enterprise.



Luis González Reyes – Social Cooperative Garúa Madrid

Luis is a partner in the social cooperative Garúa Madrid, which facilitates eco-social transitions through training and research on environment and pedagogy. He is engaged in the FUEHEM foundation that promotes social justice and sustainability through education where he develops a curriculum with an eco-social approach. He is the author or co-author of about twenty books that cover different facets of the social ecology field. He is also a regular contributor at several universities. Ever since its foundation in 1998, Luis has been a member of Ecologists in Action, a Spanish grassroots confederation comprising 300 ecological.

Conclusions and key messages for action!



María Antonia Pérez León – General Director of Autonomous Work, Social Economy and Social Enterprise – Spanish Ministry of Employment

María Antonia was appointed Director General of Autonomous Work, Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility at the Spanish Ministry of Employment in 2018. Her responsibilities include design and promotion of public policies in the field of autonomous work, self-employment, social economy and social responsibility of companies. Since 1999, she held various positions in the local, provincial and national administration such as Delegate of Health and President of the Biodiversity Foundation. She has a degree in Medicine and Surgery, and since 1986, has worked as a family doctor in different Health Centers.



Martín Barreiro –TVE Meteorologist

Martín is a meteorologist and physicist specializing in Oceanography. Currently he prepares the forecast and is the weatherman for the Spanish channel TVE1 during weekends. For the past 10 years, Martín has taken part in conferences and round tables as a specialist in meteorology, oceanography and climatology. He is particularly passionate about communication about climate change. He received a couple of TV awards and recognitions of his engagement in the environment.

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Objetivo Temático 9: Promover la igualdad, la salud, y la inclusión social



About RREUSE

RREUSE is an independent non-profit organisation representing social enterprises active in the field of re-use, repair and recycling, with 27 members across 25 countries in Europe and the USA. Our main vision is for Europe to support the role of social enterprise in a circular economy, providing meaningful work opportunities to thousands of vulnerable members of our community through innovative economic, social and environmentally beneficial activities. RREUSE's primary mission is to help tackle poverty, social exclusion and a throwaway culture by promoting policies, best practices and partnerships that support the professionalism and development of social enterprises working in environmental services with high potential for local and inclusive job creation, notably re-use and repair.

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