

Repair fair/café/workshop



Dematerialisation stands for using less or no material to **deliver the same level of functionality to the user**. It includes improving the use of materials, for example by repairing your products instead of replacing or throwing them away.

Principle: a reused/repaired object = prevented waste!

Repair and “do it yourself” (DIY) can be put in the spotlight at a fair, during a workshop, or in a place where people can bring products to be repaired while having a drink or a chat. With the help of professionals or other people with some repair knowledge, anyone can learn how to repair their products with the use of the appropriate tools. Repair fairs, cafés, and workshops are furthermore a great way to show that the same function of a product can be achieved by using a repaired second-hand product instead of buying a new one.

This activity can be organised by anyone (local authority, business, school, etc.): the principle remains the same.

Objectives

- ▶ Make European citizens aware that action can be taken at their level and on a daily basis to reduce waste by repairing damaged products themselves.
- ▶ Show that consumers’ needs can be met at the same level when using repaired products compared to new ones.
- ▶ Raise awareness among European citizens about reuse and repair actors in their neighbourhood.
- ▶ Reinforce social bounds.
- ▶ Quantify the amount of products prevented from ending up as waste.

What you need

- ▶ A **location** to hold the activity: a park, community hall, school, etc.
- ▶ At least one **expert** (preferably a professional, like a craftsman for instance) to provide advice and help repairing broken products. Types of products likely to be brought for repair: bikes, electrical/electronic equipment, clothes.
- ▶ **Tables and tools** to enable people to repair the products they bring (by themselves or with some help).
- ▶ A few **items to be repaired** (to be used for a demonstration).
- ▶ **Refreshments** are always welcome and can help to create a friendly atmosphere.
- ▶ **Measuring equipment**: weighing scales to weigh the repaired products, etc.

Preparing the action

Before the EWWR (one month beforehand)

- ▶ **Set-up the operation with a partner**: seek out and meet the expert(s), write to them, visit them in person if they do not reply to letters, organise a preparatory meeting and define a date during the EWWR for the action



- ▶ **Set-up logistics:** location, transport of material, etc.
- ▶ **Register your action** with your official EWWR Coordinator

Pre-EWWR (one or two weeks beforehand)

- ▶ **Prepare the material needed** for the operation: repair tools, tables/stands, drinks, camera/video recorder, etc.
- ▶ **Prepare the equipment** needed for the evaluation: scales, weighing table, etc.
- ▶ **Communicate:** invite journalists to an opening or closing ceremony and/or send out a press release to print and broadcast [posters to inform the public](#) and advertise via social networks and partners' channels (city hall, school hall, etc.)

Implementing the action = day of the action!

- ▶ **Welcome the participants** with a registration table so you can know the amount of participants and ask them to give their e-mail addresses for further communication after the workshop
- ▶ **Manage the activity** and go to meet participants to explain the purpose of the EWWR and of waste prevention
- ▶ **Talk about reuse and waste prevention** in general (more information on www.ewwr.eu)
- ▶ **Remember to take photos/videos**
- ▶ **Monitor the quantity of products repaired** by weighting them, or by using [this pdf](#)
- ▶ **Measure participation.**

Evaluation and feedback

- ▶ **Insert the final number of products repaired** in worksheet 1 of this [excel](#) (this will give you a comprehensive overview of how much waste you avoided by implementing this EWWR action)
- ▶ **Send the results,** pictures, videos and other relevant feedback to your EWWR Coordinator

More information

- ▶ Find the electronic version of this factsheet here: www.ewwr.eu/en/support/prevention-thematic-days-2015
- ▶ Information material
 - Dispose of the throwaway society! (available soon)
 - Dare to be aware (available soon)
- ▶ Examples of actions
 - [Better than new: 100% old campaign](#) (ES)
 - [Epicentre Give Or Take event](#) (UK)
 - [RecupDay](#) (BE)
 - [Repair Café](#) (NL)
 - [Repair Morning](#) (FR)
- ▶ EWWR Coordinator's website/contact: www.ewwr.eu/list-organisers
- ▶ European Week for Waste Reduction: www.ewwr.eu contact@ewwr.eu
[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)





► Relevant stakeholders

- [Repair café](#)
- [IFixit](#)
- [Restart project](#)
- [RREUSE](#)
- [Ecos](#)
- [WRAP \(UK\)](#)

► Interesting links

- [Reuse and Repair category](#) (Zero Waste Europe)
- [The business case for repair models](#) (Wrap)
- [Easy product repair](#) (Reuse)

► Publications

- [Desktop computer repair: a business opportunity for re-use organisations](#) - WRAP
- [Exchange as a closed loop alternative to 'traditional' repair of tablet computers](#) - WRAP
- [Exchange repair – a closed loop model for repair of MP3 players](#) - WRAP
- [Fixed price repair of power tools: a business opportunity](#) - WRAP
- [Fixed price repair of televisions: a business opportunity](#) - WRAP
- [Re-use of WEEE from Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) - Zero Waste Scotland
- [Scoping study to identify potential circular economy actions, priority sectors, material flows and value chains](#) - European Commission
- [Sustainable consumption and production: improving product durability and reparability](#) - joint statement by FOEE, EEB, ZWE, Ecos, IFixIt, Reuse and Repair Café

