

Repair market



Principle: promoting repair activities

This action promotes repair activities and waste prevention. With the repair market the production of great amount of waste from goods that could be repaired -or simply updated by experts- could be avoided.

Many items became waste only because they are old or broken: with some suggestions from repair expert you can be able to reuse them and avoid waste from still-functioning goods. The repair activity has a large environmental impact because many things could works for a lot of time, but some parts may need to be fixed or update: mainly, for technological equipment, a software update can solve many problem of compatibility with new program, new technological item, avoiding waste from functioning good.

Simple activities to teach people on how fix and repair items, or updating software, may give a big opportunity for reduce and prevent waste!

General information



reduce



difficulty

Waste stream



reuse



environmental impact



paper



packaging



recycle



cost



WEEE



organic

Objectives

- ▶ Reduce waste and promote repair
- ▶ Encourage people to consider repairing activities
- ▶ Show people to repair items
- ▶ Encourage people to consider repair instead of buying new items
- ▶ Promote software upgrade for common technological equipment

Your tools to make this action

Information materials

- ▶ What is it? Leaflets, panels to inform people about repair activities and to involve people in the market. These materials should be distributed before the event and to all the people who join the initiative. Should contain simple information about repair activities and suggestion for fixing common item. Moreover, they should contain information about workshop and the event.
- ▶ How to use it?
 - These materials will contain all the information about repair activities and encourage people to repair and reduce waste stream. The organization of the event should distribute leaflet before and during the event, and place the panel in the area to involve people to participate.
- ▶ How to evaluate? Number of materials, number of people involved



Repair workshops

- ▶ What is it? Workshop for training people on how to repair and prevent waste. The workshops should be very informal and very practical, to teach people that many items can be used for a long time, if we fix them!
- ▶ How to make/use it?
 - Half day workshop to train people on how to repair. The workshop will be held by experts who will teach to use simple tools to repair common goods (furniture, toys, etc.) that could be still reused for a long period. The courses will last half day and will be mainly demonstrative.
- ▶ How to evaluate? Number of workshops, number of persons involved, number of items repaired



Workshop about software upgrade

- ▶ What is it? Workshops to train people on the importance of upgrade software to reuse technological equipment. Often printers, computers smartphones and other technologic goods become waste only because they are not able to deal with other software: thanks to software updating you can keep the hardware structure and allow items to be used.
- ▶ How to make/use it?
 - Half day workshop with theoretical and practical information on how to update the software of various everyday objects. These workshop can be more specific but they should demonstrate, by practice, that most of printers, smartphones and computer can be updating to use new programs and new functions.
- ▶ How to evaluate? Number of workshops, number of persons involved



Common information material

Leaflets, panels

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Workshop's information materials

The workshop's information material should contain simple information and suggestions to repair common items. The information materials will be distributed during the workshops at all the people involved.



Preparing the action: Initial assessment of the situation

1 month before EWWR

An audit will be realized to have an overview about the existing situation. The audit is a technical document that allows you to consider the existing situation about waste stream, with waste production data, and territorial analysis with similar existing event or initiatives. The audit allows to "take a photo" of the existing situation considering the quantity and quality of waste stream, the existence of similar initiatives and organizations / private companies in the area that deal with recycling and recovery. The audit also provides cues to the actors on the territory involved in the event.

Preparing the action: development and production

3 weeks before the EWWR

Communication materials will be printed and developed to inform people about the market and invite citizens to participate: the market will be organized in an accessible venue and advertised through the local media more followed. You can ask for permissions to public authorities for conducting the event and prepare logistic stuffs: you need also to promote the event with leaflet, e-mail, web site etc.

After the audit, you can ask to organization /private companies that – in the area – works in repair activities, to join the initiatives, helping you to organize the workshops, with the collaboration of the "repair experts".

Implementing the action

During the EWWR

The event will be held on 1 day during the EWWR. You have to register all the items repaired to have an overview of the waste avoided (by weight) and the raw materials saved: moreover, you need to register all the participant to have the right number of the persons involved.

Evaluation methodology

For a first evaluation of the event environmental impact, you can consider all the item fixed you had registered. So you can evaluate the weight and quantity of waste avoided

- ▶ Number of items repaired

This event should be evaluated also on a participation basis, so you can consider several number such as:

- ▶ Number of materials
- ▶ Number of workshops
- ▶ Number of persons involved on training

More information

▶ Examples of actions

- Glasgow Bike Station, Bike Amnesty, 2013
www.ewwr.eu/docs/case_studies/UK_Scotland_Nominee_2013_CSF.pdf
- Hamilton Furniture Initiative, with South Lanarkshire Council, Zero Waste Scotland, Scotland, 2010
www.ewwr.eu/docs/case_studies/EWWR%202010_Case%20Study_NGO_Scotland.pdf
- RecupDay - Ixelles Municipality – winning actions of the category administration EWWR 2013 edition:
www.ewwr.eu/docs/case_studies/BE_Bxl_Awards_admin_CSF.pdf

▶ Interesting links

- Triciclo e i Laboratori del riuso: www.triciclo.com/italiano.htm
- Occhio del Riciclone: www.occhiodelriciclone.com.
- Binario Etico: www.binarioetico.org

- ▶ European Week for Waste Reduction: www.ewwr.eu contact@ewwr.eu