

EuRIC in a nutshell

The European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) is an umbrella organisation for the recycling industries in Europe.

ORIGINS:

EuRIC was founded, in autumn 2014, by three long-standing European Federations:

- The **European Ferrous Recovery and Recycling Federation** (EFR);
- The **European Recovered Paper Association** (ERPA);
- The **European Metal Trade and Recycling Federation** (EUROMETREC).

OFFICES:

In Brussels, Belgium, at the heart of the European Union;

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

Promote and represent, in Brussels, the interests of the European recycling industries;

MEMBERSHIP:

National Recycling Federations, Companies in lieu and Sponsors.

Why join EuRIC?

By joining EuRIC, you become part of an EU-wide network and benefit from a variety of services:

- **Monitoring and assessing** the impact of EU policies on the sector to keep you informed;
- **Providing legal and technical advice** on EU regulatory matters to offer comprehensive information;
- Agreeing on and advocating **joint industry positions** to EU institutions;
- **Organising events** to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling in Europe and of a strong European recycling industry;
- Offering an **EU-wide network** that fosters contacts within the European recycling community and with other industry associations in Europe and beyond.

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EuRIC in numbers

An EU-wide organisation bringing together national associations from

20 EU & EFTA countries

involved in recycling for many decades:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom;

Representing **5,500+ companies**, including large companies and a vast number of SMEs, that are involved in the recycling and trade of various material streams and are key players in a circular economy;

With an aggregated annual turnover of about **95 billion Euros**;

Providing **300,000 local jobs** which cannot be outsourced outside Europe;

An average of 150 million tons

of a variety of recyclables collected, transported, sorted, processed, recycled and traded every year (paper, metals, glass, plastics, ELVs, WEEE and beyond).

Our objective: advocate recycling in Europe

The role of recycling is of paramount importance for the European economy and society. Recycling activities are the key enabler of the circular economy. They provide much needed jobs and investment while minimising environmental impacts. EuRIC advocates a smart regulatory framework fostering recycling across Europe and the competitiveness of the recycling industries.

By turning waste into resources, recyclers provide:

- **Massive environmental benefits:** recycling saves natural resources and drastically reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions thanks to constant innovation;
- **Local job opportunities:** recycling usually takes place locally, close to the source of collection of recyclables. Recycling companies act local by implementing solutions tailored to their environment but think global. Recycling is job intensive throughout the different steps needed to turn waste into new raw materials.
- **A secure and sustainable source of domestic raw materials for Europe's downstream industries:** recycling has a key role to play in achieving a genuine EU industrial renaissance;
- **A positive trade balance:** while the EU is structurally a net importer of primary raw materials, net exports of recycled materials contribute to balance this trend.

Over the last decades, the European recycling industries have drastically evolved by modernising and constantly innovating to turn more waste streams into new resources. By doing so, the sector has contributed to the development of new technologies and automated equipment made in Europe and exported around the globe. The European regulatory framework has accompanied these changes

thanks to ambitious targets and a meaningful waste hierarchy. However, the recycling sector continues to be subject to a complex and ever-growing EU regulatory framework, which impacts its activities.

To ensure a competitive European recycling sector, which is part of a global industry, EuRIC advocates clear, effective and smart European policies which:

- **Incentivise recycling** across the value chains;
- **Minimise regulatory burdens** on recyclers, in particular on SMEs;
- **Guarantee open and fair competition** within Europe and free trade worldwide to foster well-functioning recycling markets in Europe and beyond.

EuRIC also advocates positive measures to ensure a consistent implementation of existing legislation across Europe.

Your representation, our mission

EuRIC's commitment is to represent the interests of the European recycling industries. EuRIC's primary mission:

- Act as the **trusted interface** between the industry and the European Union;
- **Bridge local industry needs** with the EU decision-makers;
- Serve as a **platform for information**, cooperation and exchange of best practices on all European recycling matters;
- Provide the **needed expertise** underpinning the right policy-making, by taking advantage of the long-term experience of its members in recycling activities;
- Foster an **open, constructive, fact-based dialogue** with all stakeholders across the value chain.