

Recupel & Reuse

September 2025





Recupel is the Belgian not-for-profit that collects used electr(on)ical appliances and lamps to give them a new life.

We stimulate repair and reuse and organise high-quality recycling.



Legal framework



European target for **collection**: 65%



Environment competence of each BE region



New **Reuse** Targets in 2 regions:

Flanders: + 50% average volume 2017-2019 (only with social economy actors)

Brussels: + 50% volume 2017 by 2025 (with regular and social economy actors)

Our collection results

11,4 kg
per inhabitant



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134.446 t



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More than
85%

Of materials in an
appliance are
given a second life

Electr(on)ical appliances collected by Recupel in 2024

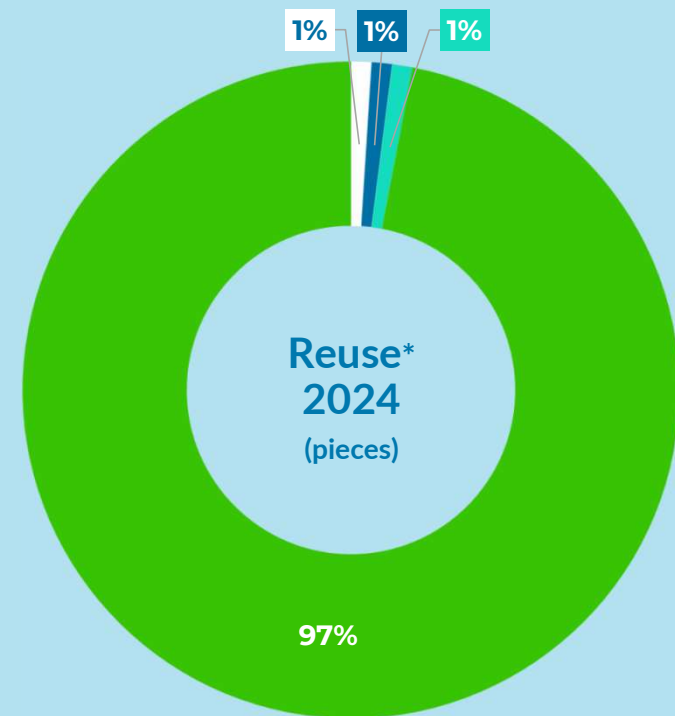
Reuse (domestic appliances)



4.242 t



Volume (ton)



*Domestic appliances

Reuse results in 2024

Domestic appliances only

4.242 tons +8,9%

2.545 tons
*In secondhand shops
from the social economy*

+3,5%

540 tons
Members of Recupel

+ 26,6%

1.157 tons
Private actors with own collection

+ 1%



Our partners: the social economy



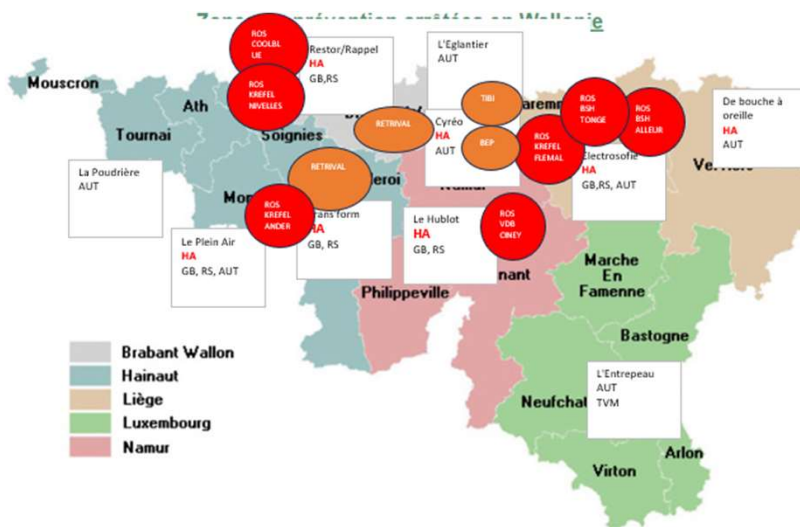
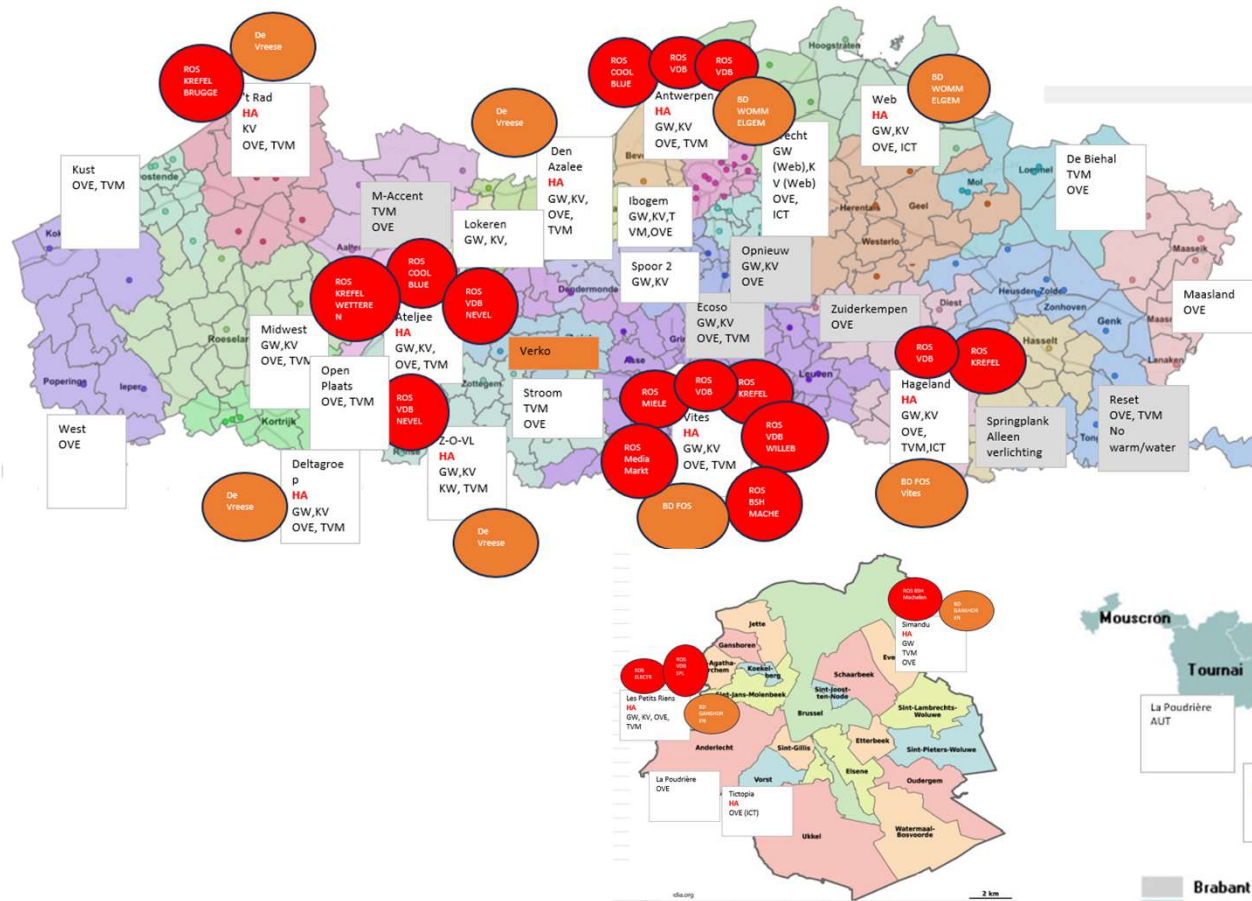
RESSOURCES
Entreprises sociales & circulaires

HERWIN
sociale
circulaire
ondernemers

41 reuse centers from the social economy have exclusive access to our flow of appliances



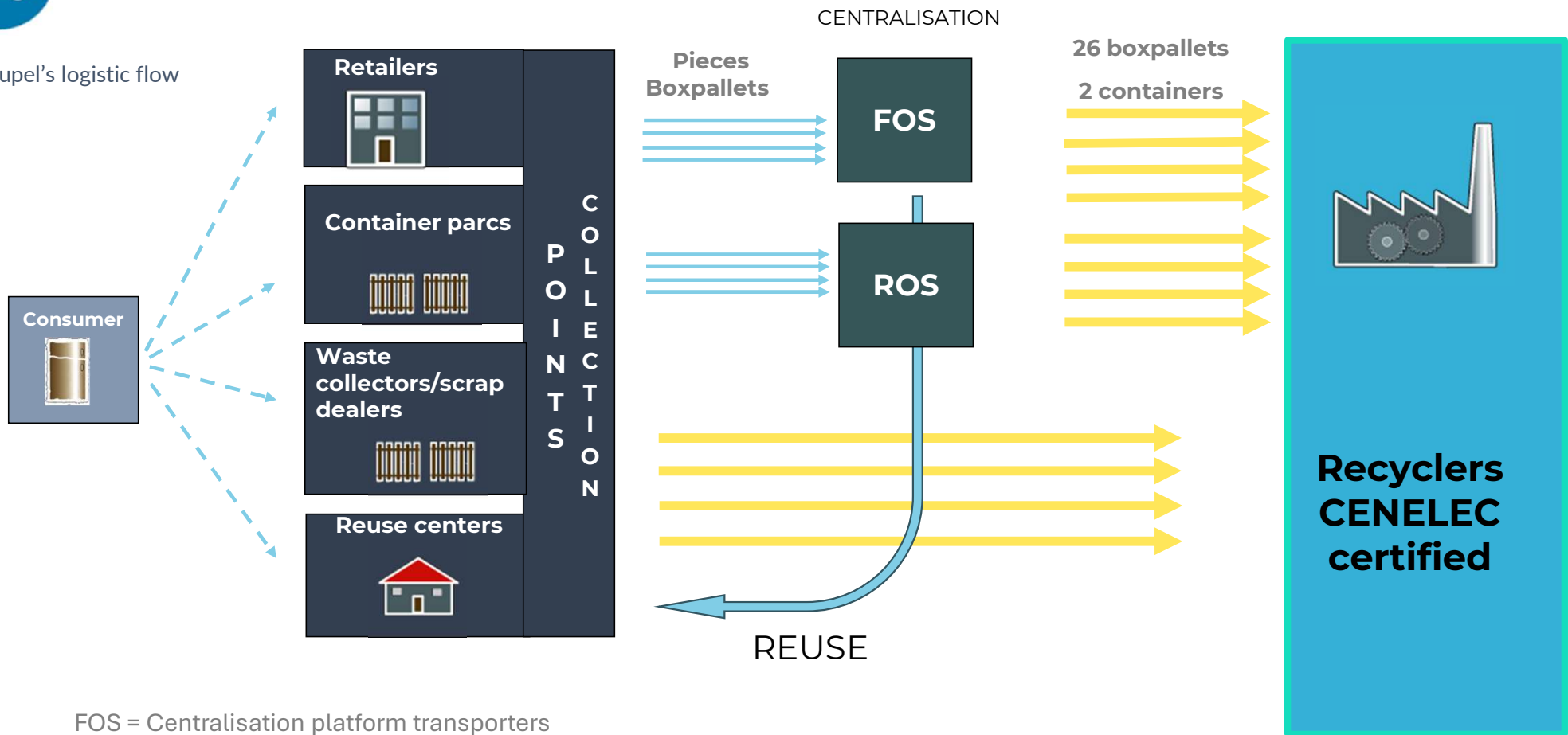
Cartography reuse centers Belgium





Reuse selection

Recupel's logistic flow



FOS = Centralisation platform transporters

ROS = Centralisation platform retailers and producers



Bulk transports



Transport by pieces/units/boxpallets

Producers and retailers working with reuse centers

B/S/H/
BOSCH SIEMENS

 **Vanden Borre**



KRÉFEL

 **Electrolux**

MediaMarkt


Carrefour

Miele

DeLonghi

Partnerships set up by Recupel

Recupel 

Challenges

QUALITY & QUANTITY

The flow of appliances going to the social economy needs to increase and to be of higher quality to ensure repair is easier and costs of the activity are lowered. Collecting in a careful way also helps avoiding further damage.

LACK OF REPAIRERS

Many social economy actors employ people with weak profiles and a distance to the employment market. Sometimes the profiles are too weak to be taught repair skills. Actors in the regular economy also experience a lack of repairers.

DIGITALISATION

Many reuse centers have low digitalisation levels making it hard to report repair activities and sales correctly. Digitalisation and use of AI could help them both in the follow up process and in their repair activities (for ex. through instructions).

PROJECTS ON THE FIELD: LIVING LAB REPAIR FIRST

LIVING LAB
**HERSTEL
EERST**

How to extend the life of small appliance through offering repair as a first option

VLAIO  Vlaanderen
is ondernemen

Prioriteer het
hergebruik van goede
producten en
grondstoffen

Maak repareren
rendabel voor
herstellers

Stimuleer de
tewerkstelling van
herstellers in de
reguliere economie

Los het tekort aan
arbeidsplaatsen bij
maatwerkbedrijven op

Stimuleer de
herstel-reflex
bij burgers

**REPAIR
& SHARE**

HERWIN

**MAAK
B R**

LEUVEN

 **VLAIO**

Recupel 

RAISING AWARENESS: communication

Ensemble circulaires



In 2022 kregen ruim 400.000 elektrotoestellen een tweede leven in



RAISING AWARENESS: EVENTS



Circulaire economie 17 dec 2024

Electro Reuse Forum

Het doel van het forum is om de best practices en de synergieën tussen de traditionele en de sociale economie op het gebied van hergebruik van huishoudelijke apparaten onder de aandacht te brengen.



Actualiteit en evenementen 22 apr 2025

Pommeliën Thijs, Recupel en AB slaan de handen in elkaar voor een exclusief concert op 28.09!

Recupel en AB presenteren een exclusieve show van Pommeliën Thijs in ruil voor jouw oude gsm's/smartphones. Ons doel? Zoveel mogelijk toestellen inzamelen en samen een verschil maken voor het milieu.

Raising awareness: website

Help reduce waste volume: repair, re-use and recycle

Repair electrical appliances

Every year, 160 million kilograms of e-waste ends up at recycling centres. It's easier than you think to get electrical and electronic appliances repaired.

Find out more about repairs >



Recycle your electrical appliances

Got some appliances that are beyond repair? Take them to a recycling centre or Recupel collection point. Recycling prevents harmful substances from entering the environment.

How we recycle >





Re-use your e-waste

Bought a new appliance or device, but the old one still works? We've all been there. Why not do someone a favour and give your appliance a second life?

How to encourage re-use >

Do you have a commercial guarantee? > What can you do?

What can you do?

You can choose from several options to repair your appliance. An overview of the various main options available on the market can be found below.

Recupel does not accept responsibility for the services provided by any of the options.

Contact the brand's official service partner

Select >

Return your appliance to the shop

Select >

Find a re-use centre offering repair services

Select >

Find a repairer in your area

Select >



Tips for tip-top appliances: care for them well

Circular economy >



New purpose for discarded electrical and electronic equipment

Circular economy >

Locat

Itatle

Genius Jette >

sionele hersteller

nes, tablets en computers

I, vrijetijds- en sportuitrusting

