

PLASTICS RECYCLERS EUROPE

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE 2024



THE VOICE OF PLASTIC RECYCLERS IN EUROPE



+ 200 MEMBERS



+ 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



**7 PLASTIC WASTE STREAMS
FOCUSED WORKING GROUPS**



6 TASKFORCES

WHO WE ARE?

ABOUT PRE

Plastics Recyclers Europe (PRE) represents the voice of the European plastics recyclers who reprocess plastic waste into high-quality material destined to produce new articles.

Recyclers are an essential part of the solution for the plastic waste crisis. They drive the circularity of plastics and the transition towards a circular economy.



850 RECYCLING FACILITIES



12.5 MILLION TONNES INSTALLED CAPACITY

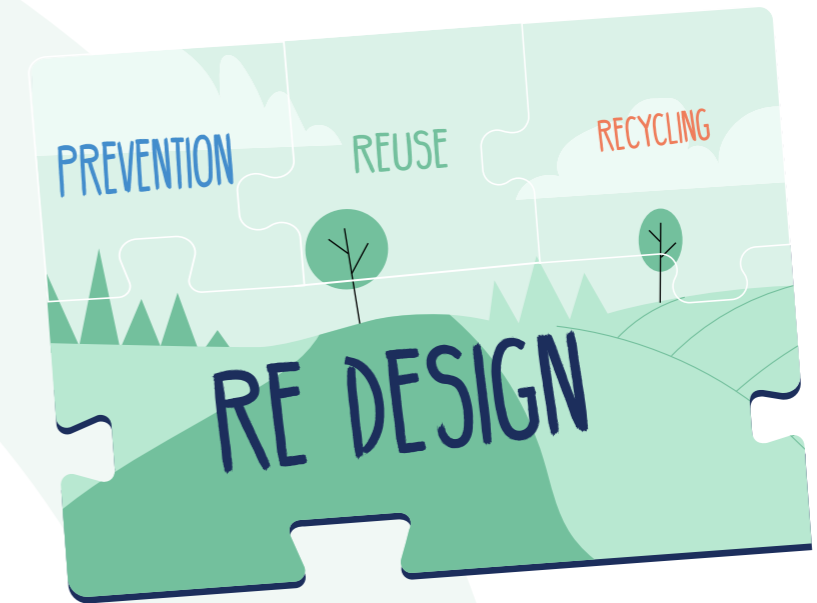


€10.4 BILLION TURNOVER



30,000 EMPLOYEES

WHAT DRIVES US?



OUR MISSION & VISION

Making plastics fully circular by advancing highly efficient plastics recycling & producing high-quality recycled plastics in Europe

- ✓ Advancing circularity of plastics through increased quality plastics recycling & use of recycled materials in high-end products
- ✓ Improving recyclability of plastic products
- ✓ Harmonising of the recycling standards & practices across Europe
- ✓ Genuine transition towards circular economy

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

STAY AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE CIRCULAR PLASTICS ECONOMY TRANSITION

EU REPRESENTATION

With over 25 years of experience, PRE is a well-established body within the EU politics arena and has put plastics recycling at the centre of the public debate, while contributing to the strengthening of the plastics recycling market.

WIDE NETWORK

Gathering companies from across the entire plastic value chain, PRE offers access to valuable expertise and knowledge.



BEING PART OF THE FUTURE

Through participation in various projects, initiatives and activities PRE Members are in the centre of shaping the plastic recycling industry – making their voices heard.



SOLUTIONS FOR THE INDUSTRY

Seven waste stream-specific Working Groups guide the activities of PRE, working on tailored improvements across the different recycling markets. In addition, six Taskforces oversee activities impacting the plastics recycling industry including, among others, Chemical Recycling, Regulatory Compliance and Collection & Sorting.



TIMELY INSIGHTS INTO THE EU LEGISLATION

PRE provides comprehensive information on the developments within EU policies. The monitoring of the legislation is done by PRE which saves time for your employees. Our team works on more than 40 dossiers per year.



MARKET INSIGHTS

PRE produces market studies and papers on a regular basis. These include series of reports with an overview of production, trade, collection, reprocessing and recycling of the main plastic waste streams in Europe and many others.



COMPANY EXPOSURE

PRE Members enjoy increased brand exposure via various communication channels, including our website and social media.



MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES

Membership benefits include also various discounts and exclusive access to the PRE Member Zone – extranet site with an extensive database of documents, legislative and waste export tools, and more.



WHAT DO WE DO?

ADVOCACY

PRE is among the key stakeholders in the process of formulating, monitoring and evaluating EU policies that impact plastics recyclers. With the expertise of its Members, PRE participates in public consultations, drafts position papers, and collaborates with relevant institutions.

FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE

RECYCLASS - *Plastic future is circular*

A comprehensive cross-industry initiative that works to advance plastic packaging recyclability and to establish a **harmonized approach towards recycled content calculation and traceability** in Europe. Activities within RecyClass include the development of Recyclability Evaluation Protocols and scientific testing of innovative materials which serve as the base for the Design for Recycling guidelines and the free Online Tool. RecyClass offers Recyclability Certifications for plastic packaging, Recycling Process Certification for post-consumer and pre-consumer waste, and Recycled Content Traceability Certification for plastic products. The Scheme is based on the chain of custody model ISO 22095, EN 15343:2007.

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FACT-BASED APPROACH

TRANSPARENT METHODOLOGY

RECYCLABILITY, RECYCLING
PROCESS & RECYCLED
PLASTIC TRACEABILITY
CERTIFICATIONS

STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIONS

To accelerate the circular economy transition for plastics, PRE takes part in various EU and industry initiatives:

CIRCULAR PLASTICS ALLIANCE	
EU ECOLABEL	
EUROPEAN PLASTIC PACT	
NGO OBSERVER STATUS AT BASEL & STOCKHOLM CONVENTION	
EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S WASTE CORRESPONDENTS MEETING OBSERVER	
EU PLATFORM ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE	
OFFICIAL ACCREDITED ECHA STAKEHOLDER OBSERVER	
UN TREATY ON PLASTIC POLLUTION	
UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY OBSERVER	UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME
POLISH PLASTIC PACT	

The involvement of the entire value chain is key in advancing plastics circularity and establishing a well-functioning plastics recycling market in Europe & beyond. With that in mind, PRE collaborates with important value-chain players.

POLYREC

Recording Europe's Circular Polymers

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This system fulfils the Circular Plastics Alliance (CPA) monitoring objectives, legislative traceability demands, and industry wide plastic recycling pledges.

EUROPEAN PET BOTTLE PLATFORM (EPBP)

EPBP EPBP is a voluntary initiative responsible for developing testing procedures and design for recycling guidelines for PET bottle packaging in Europe.

PETCORE EUROPE

PETCORE EUROPE Petcore Europe is an association representing the interests of the entire PET value chain, with the mission to enhance its value and sustainable growth.

Among its different activities, Petcore Europe developed the testing protocols for PET trays.

COSPATOX

CosPaTox CosPaTox stands for Cosmetics, Packaging and Toxicology. The aim is to accomplish the so far missing specific safety standards for high-quality Post-Consumer Plastic Recyclates (PCRs) for cosmetics and other household packaging as well as the implementation of on-site measurement methods for recyclers.

THE ASSOCIATION OF PLASTICS RECYCLERS (APR)



Collaboration with APR is aimed at harmonising testing protocols and design for recycling guidelines at a global level, aiming to accelerate the transition towards a circular plastics economy.

DIGITAL WATERMARKS INITIATIVE HOLYGRAIL 2.0



This initiative aims to assess and prove the viability of the digital watermarking technologies, with the objective of improving the sorting and recycling rates for packaging across Europe.

STYRENICS CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS



Styrenics Circular Solutions This collaboration furthers the objective to fulfil the unique circularity capacity of polystyrene.

It aims to accelerate the momentum & to create a strong market pull towards significantly increased plastic-to-plastic recycling of polystyrene. We want to drive high-quality recycling for styrenics to be used back in high-end applications, including food contact.

SPICE



The Sustainable Packaging Initiative for Cosmetics (SPICE) is an initiative that brings together organizations in the cosmetics industry to work towards a common goal: to collectively shape the future of sustainable packaging.



FLAGSHIP EVENTS

PLASTICS RECYCLING SHOW EUROPE



Plastics Recycling Show Europe features a pan-European exhibition and conference dedicated to the plastics recycling industry. PRSE is one of the key events in plastics recycling, bringing together the biggest players from the plastics and recycling sectors to showcase innovative technology, share best practices, network and do business.

+ 300 EXHIBITORS
+ 8000 VISITORS

PLASTICS RECYCLING AWARDS EUROPE



The Plastics Recycling Awards Europe recognise and celebrate achievement from the European plastics recycling industry. They offer an insight into current developments in recycled material usage, product design and innovative manufacturing.

+ 100 FINALISTS
7 AWARDS CATEGORIES

PLASTICS RECYCLING SHOW MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA



Plastics Recycling Show Middle East & Africa aims to connect stakeholders to the latest information and technology developments in the plastics recycling industry. It will bring together thought leaders, innovators and technology providers. The event will comprise an exhibition with a high-level conference.

1ST EVENT IN THE REGION
DEDICATED TO PLASTICS
RECYCLING

MEMBER-EXCLUSIVE EVENTS & MEETINGS

Dedicated Working Group meetings and thematic webinars are organised on regular basis throughout the year. These are reserved for PRE Members only and cover different market, legislative or regulatory topics of importance for the industry. More than 40 internal meetings were organised throughout 2021.

+ 40 INTERNAL EVENTS
& MEETINGS



PRE PUBLICATIONS



HOW ARE WE ORGANIZED?

PRE Management Committee oversees and governs the functioning of the association. Its representatives are selected by the PRE General Assembly.

7 Working Groups and 6 Taskforces represent the interests of different industry segments, while coordinating activities and general objectives of PRE.

Working Groups look for solutions which can help advance the recycling and promote the best practices while ultimately seeking to increase quality collection, sorting, recycling and recyclates uptake in Europe.



MEMBERSHIP TYPES



COMPANIES & ASSOCIATIONS

- With the main decision centre, the mother company, the main shareholder, a holding company or any other, in one of the European Union Member States or UK, Switzerland, Norway, and the European Union Candidate Countries
- For companies to be active in the plastics recycling sector and producing recycled plastics in a form which complies with the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1004.
- For associations to be active in the plastics recycling sector.

	ACTIVE	ADHERENT*	ASSOCIATIONS
TASKFORCE GROUPS PARTICIPATION	✓	✓	✓
UPDATES ON EU LEGISLATION	✓	✓	✓
GENERAL PRE INFORMATION AND MAILINGS	✓	✓	✓
ACCESS TO PRE MEMBER ZONE	✓	✓	✓
MEMBER'S DISCOUNTS	✓	✓	✓
VOTING RIGHTS (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)	✓	X	✓
WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATION	✓	✓	X

*Companies without national installed capacity certificates

FRIENDS

- Silver & Gold Friend: Machine producers or brands interested in the plastics recycling field.
- Platinum Friend: Raw material producers or plastic value chain players supporting plastics recycling

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GENERAL PRE INFORMATION AND MAILINGS	✓	✓	✓
ACCESS TO PRE MEMBER ZONE	✓	✓	✓
MEMBER'S DISCOUNTS	✓	✓	✓
WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATION	Upon approval of the Chair	Upon approval of the Chair. Possibility to make a presentation in a Working Group meeting.	Upon approval of the Chair. Possibility to make a presentation in a Working Group meeting.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

HOW TO APPLY?

1.  FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORM



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

2.  VERIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION

The PRE Secretariat will verify whether the candidate fulfills the required conditions, and then the PRE Management Committee will validate the membership.

Active Membership applications will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval and accepted by an affirmative vote.

3.  APPROVAL

The applicant will be informed about the outcome of the verification process and, in case of approval, be granted subsequent access.



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