

Main results of the Action Plan implementation

Action plan implementation

The AURI Action Plan has made decisive steps towards its full implementation. In early 2023 the agreement for the realisation of the online platform and management software for the current and future public reuse centres was concluded. The company in charge of its realisation has completed a first version of the software that will be tested in the coming months in some pilot centres in order to be subsequently optimised. A campaign will then be launched to extend it to the whole region, training the centres' operators as to the different features of the tool that AURI will make available. This action is considered vital to coordinate and network the Umbrian reuse centres, which currently communicate very little with each other and lack synergies. The tool will also serve to significantly enhance the online activities of the centres themselves, with possible further developments in the future.

Another activity envisaged by the action plan is the collaboration with schools and social services to make the reuse centres also training- and workplaces. Some centres have started collaborations with educational institutions, for example the reuse centre in Corciano saw in October 2022 the beginning of the project RI-CICLONE. The centre collaborates with the local association 'C'è una casa sulla luna' (There is a house on the moon) to educate children from an early age onward to respect the environment.

A further action envisaged in the action plan was the provision of larger spaces, possibly separate from recycling centres, to better organise the centres' activities of collecting and displaying objects, bringing them closer in their appearance to first-hand shops. The indications were followed for setting up the latest reuse centres in Gubbio. In Marsciano the municipal administration agreed to acquire and make available an additional building located near the current reuse centre precisely to expand and enhance the centre's activities, following the indications and requests made by the centre manager.

Finally, the fourth action envisages a regulatory activity to support public re-use centres. A big step forward was the inclusion of re-use centres in the Integrated Waste Management Plan of the Region of Umbria. The Plan was presented last summer and explicitly states – and that's a first - to achieve: 'the incentivisation of the creation of centres for the reuse/recycling and repair of goods to be promoted through dedicated resources as well as an update of the guidelines on management methods'. The plan has seen a first approval in June 2022 and will complete its course for final approval shortly.





Policy change

On the basis of the Integrated Waste Management Plan of the Region of Umbria AURI will be called upon to issue the Territorial Plan for the Management of Waste (Piano d'Ambito), the policy instrument of the SUBTRACT project, to implement the objectives set by the regional plan. Precondition for rendering the Territorial Plan for the Management of Waste official is the deliberation of the Integrated Waste Management Plan by the Region of Umbria which is immanent. AURI, on the basis of its work as lead partner of SUBTRACT in its executive plan will render concrete the objective of the Regional Plan to encourage "the creation of centres for the re-use/re-use and repair of goods to be promoted through dedicated resources as well as an update of the guidelines on management methods". This will mean to design measures and actions and provide the necessary financial coverage to implement them.

What is more, in the calls for the use of the Next Generation EU funds several projects have been presented for realising re-use centres. Once financed they will have in AURI as the responsible authority for these funds an important partner for their realisation according to the principles of the SUBTRACT Guidelines for reuse centres. There is, for example, the intention to create a reuse centre dedicated to children within the framework of the renovation of the municipal nurseries in Perugia.

