



La Recyclerie de Moulins: Metropole Nice – Cote d'Azur's reuse and repair centre *Erneszt Kovacs, ACR+* 













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### Background

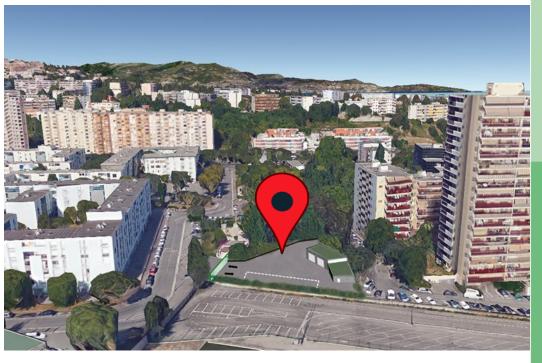
 As of June 2015, the French Energy Transition law forces all intercommunal authorities to reduce waste amounts

#### Location

 Les Moulins district, one of the biggest popular districts, allowing the locals to dicover new principles

#### Development

- 3 years from the first study to its realisation
  - Feasibility study of the project and the soil study
  - Building permit obtained in September 2015
  - Defining the budget
  - The works started in November 2016 (11 months)











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## **Objectives**

- Keep reusable or repairable items out of the waste streams
- Awareness raising on sorting, recycling and material recovery
- Promoting social and solidary economy
- Envi education through collective compost, botanical • and pedagogic garden, animation and mediation on waste management issues















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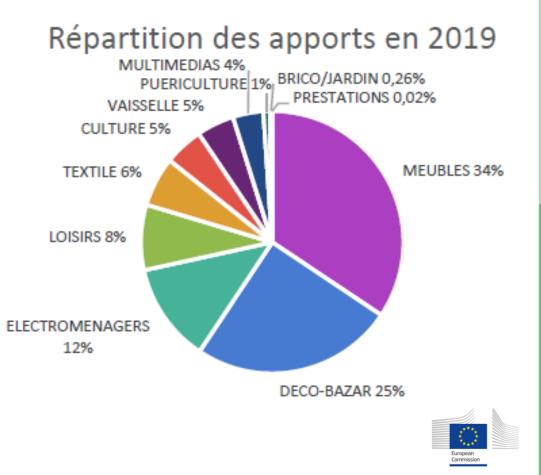


















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## Key figures (2019 vs 2018)

- Collection
  - **303 t of bulky waste collected** in the neighbourhood (+64%)
  - **1.950 visits** (x3 more) equalling **37,5 t of bulky waste deposed** (+286%)
  - **105 collections on demand** at home equalling **6 t of bulky waste** (+100%)
- Employment

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- 4 permanent employees
- 28 employees under various support schemes

- Valorisation/sales
  - **17 t of items valorised** (repaired/recovered) and resold (x3 more)
  - **190 objects upcycled** (+61%)
  - **6.811** sales
  - €24.547 of income on sold items (+187%)
- Education
  - 225 animations organised (+196%) with 2.833 participant
  - **408 participants** in **92 ateliers** in the garden









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#### **Financial background**

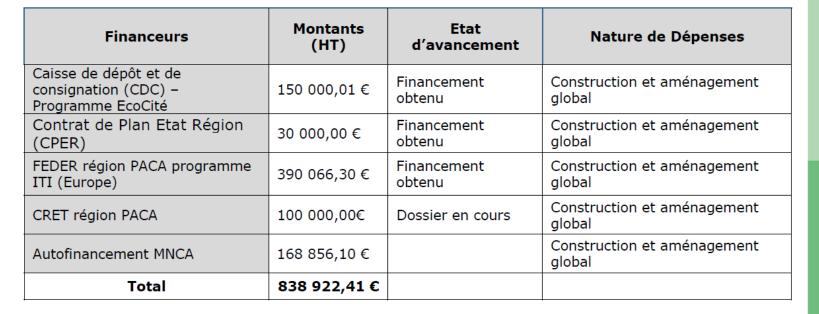
- €45.000 /year for operating cost such as waste treatment, water, electricity and various other costs
- €187.500 /year for operating costs for the site's management in a public tender framework reserved to social solidarity economy enterprises (the technical



management by Association

**European Committee** of the Regions













# **Replicability potential**





• Thanks to the INTHERWASTE project's activities, pilot cities motivation and study visits, such a repair and reuse centre will soon be open in:



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## **Advantages**

- In terms of Circular Economy, such a Centre can perfectly cover the bulky waste stream and make the best out of it
- Partnerships with ateliers and other craftsmen
- Immense social impact on the local population awareness raising, change of habits, meeting people
- Accessible and affordable items for those with less income
- Inclusive working opportunities for people with disadvantaged background

## Challenges

- Acquiring and dedicating an existing building/land in areas with already big population density
- Identifying competent stakeholders to cover the social and educational aspect of the Centre
- Securing a sustainable financial plan for running the Centre
- Increased communication activities













#### **Imminent plans**

- Continuing and increasing the number of workshops for different target groups in th neighbourhood
- Diversifying the recycling streams
- Establishing an internet page
- Developing partnerships with various enterprises which have large quantities of bulky waste to be disposed of
- Diversifying the fundraising streams for supporting more disadvantaged employees

Given the success of this project, the Metropole is opening a second Centre of this kind on the east side of the city.













# Thank you for your attention

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