

## How to set-up a re-use center: synergies between local government and social enterprises











Andromines is a social enterprise that is operating in Montcada i Reixac, a town in the metropolitan area of Barcelona, since 1993.

The <u>main objective</u> of our organization is to promote social inclusion of disadvantaged people, back into the labor market trough waste recycling and re-use.





Who we are: Background



At present Andromines is managing 1,500 tonnes of waste per year, including:

- textile
- white, grey and brown goods
- furniture
- paper
- plastics
- metal
- glass
- green waste
- special waste



We recycle about 80% of our waste income, and our waste re-use rate reaches 17% within the organization.



Who we are: People



The organization has 32 workers, 30 % of them are insertion workers.

Within our 20 years of operation:

- About 800 people has joined our job insertion programs
- More than 1500 people had developed technical skills within our training programs.



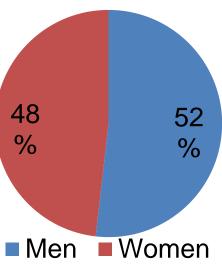


Who we are: People



We work with a variety of social groups of disadvantaged people:

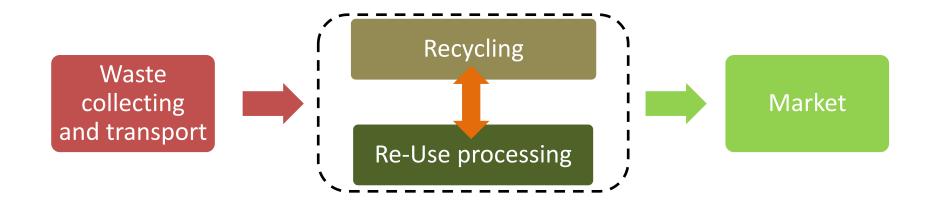
Long-term unemployed people	25%	
Convicts and ex-convicts	17%	
+45 people	17%	48
Migrants	13%	%
Disabled people	12%	
Youth	12%	
Other	4%	

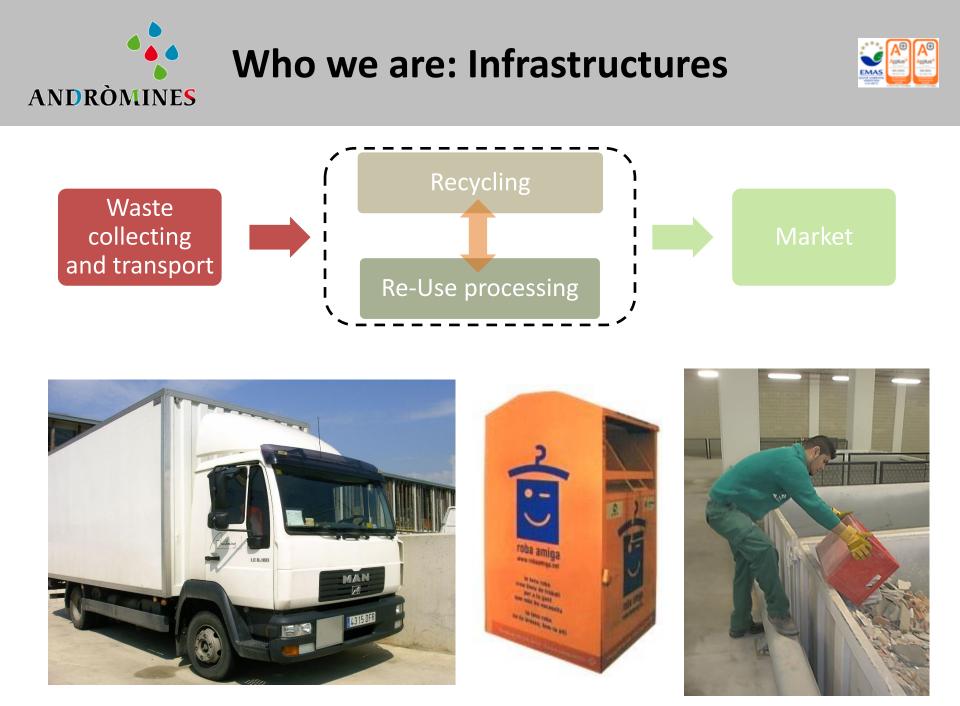


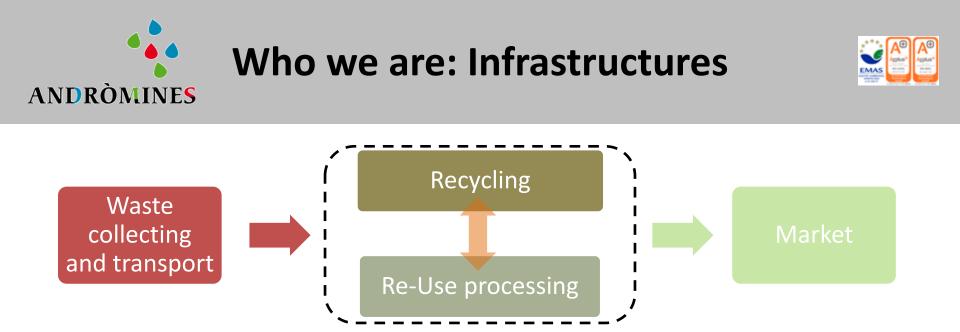




All our activities and social programmes are implemented in a series of interrelated infrastructures:





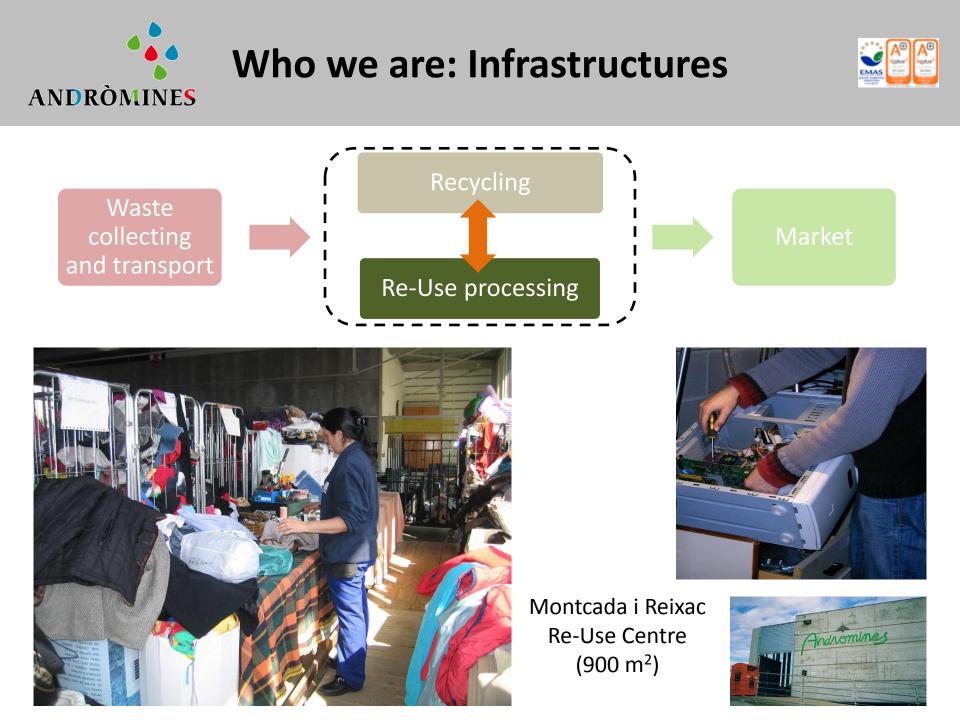


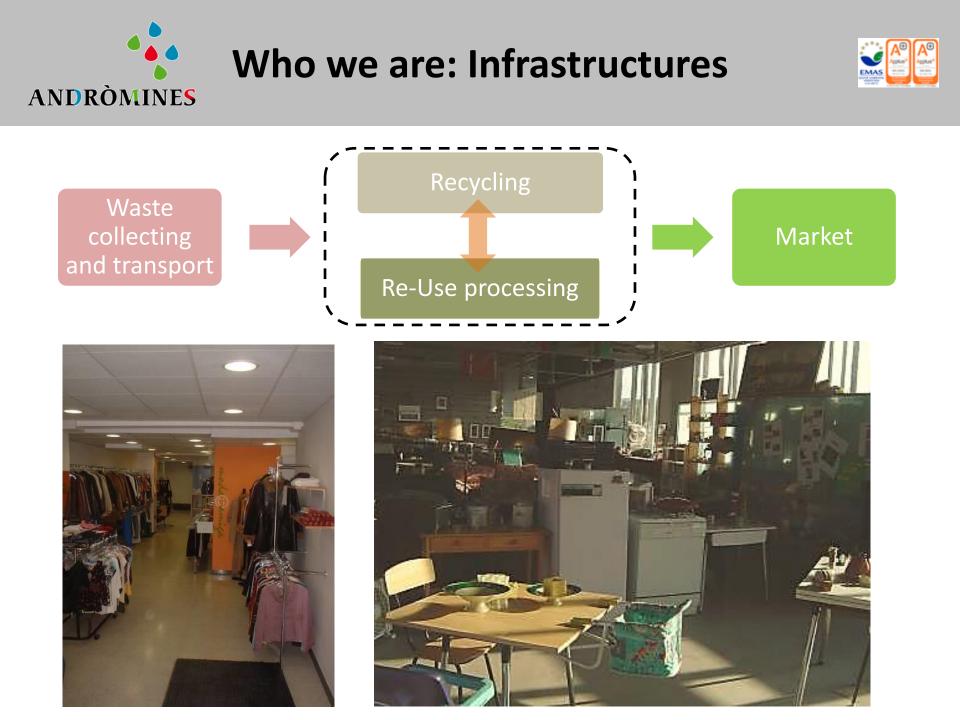


Montcada i Reixac Waste Recycling Centre



Barcelona Forum Waste Recycling Centre









Andromines activities build on a variety of interactions and synergies with the Public Administration, which contributed to **two important landmarks** in the evolution of our organization:

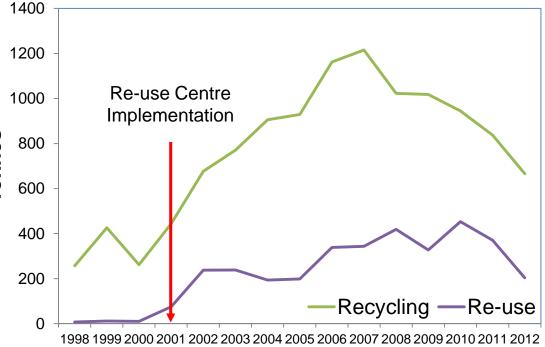
- In 1993, Andromines was established as a joint initiative by the Montcada i Reixac City Council and other citizen and social local organizations.
- 10 years later, between 2000 and 2002, the interactions with the Local Administration facilitated the implementation of our Montcada i Reixac Re-use Centre, with the economic support of the European Commission.





The implementation of the Montcada i Reixac Re-use Centre had a key importance for the expansion of our activities, increasing substantially our waste re-use and recycling rates after 2002









(1) Andromines, the set-up process (Video):

- 1993-2014 Andromines' Evolution
- Andromines' Core Programmes
- Public Support: interaction with the Public Administration

(2) The AERESS National network: State-level synergies with the Public Administration

## The National network: AERESS



- AERESS was founded in 1994 as a Waste National Recovery and Recycling platform with a social aim
- AERESS represents 58 social organizations around 14 regions in Spain. It has the expertise of its entities that have been working since the 70's.

1,650	people in employment
740	people in insertion employment (45%)
884	volunteers
12,475	beneficiaries of the social services
15,009	people involved in the network

waste collected

79,636 Tm.

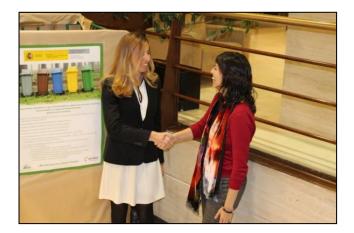
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Andromines, through the integration in the AERESS network, interacts with the Spanish national Government in different aspects:

- We participate in public consultation on waste legislation
- We have established collaboration agreements with the National Government to promote waste re-use, the introduction of re-used goods in economic activity, and the creation of social and supportive employment through such activities
- We also have the support of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment for executing awareness campaigns











## Thank you very much for your attention



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