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## EREK Newsletter, issue #01

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### Welcome

Dear EREK community,

This is the first issue of **EREK's monthly newsletters**, informing you of the latest developments in best resource efficient and circular practices. Two months ago, we introduced EREK to the European circular economy community, and made the Centre public to experts and newcomers to resource efficiency.

Only last month, we held in Cardiff, UK, the second of a series of more than **ten workshops to be held over the next year!** It presented a tailored programme for transforming the public sector into a local driver of resource efficiency. **Our next workshop in Prague** will provide you with what you need to know on [Technical assistance tools and public support schemes to exploit resource efficiency potential in SMEs](#). **Join us**, Enviro and the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade on the **22nd of May!**

Don't forget to check out our best resource efficient measures, good practices and technologies in [our database](#), and to consult the [listing of support programmes](#) that will get you there!

Sincerely yours,  
The EREK team

\*\*\* Important announcement on Personal Data \*\*\*

## THIS MONTH'S DATABASE FEATURE

### TECNICHAPA

What did they achieve?

- Metal specialist based in Spain rethinks its whole paint pre-treatment line.
- Massive time and cost savings, cleaner processes and a more streamlined process are the results.

**Payback time of 3 years,  
with annual savings of  
32.500€**

[Read more ...](#)



[389 more in our database](#)

## EVENTS

Within the framework of the entry into force of the European regulation on the protection of private data (GDPR) next May, we want to confirm with you whether you wish to receive information related to EREK in the future (i.e. our monthly newsletter and workshop invitation). If you wish to remain on this contact list, we need your explicit consent to be included. We invite you in this case to [complete the short form attached](#) to resubscribe to this newsletter.

[Technical assistance tools and public support schemes to exploit resource efficiency potential in SMEs](#)

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## NEWS

### EREK

European  
Resource Efficiency  
Knowledge Centre

Who, or rather, what is EREK? It is the European Commission's brand new European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre. What is EREK's purpose, then?

Through the EREK network, organisations can not only deepen their capacity to help SMEs, but also exchange good practices and share ideas with the European Commission, leading to better European policies. [Read more ...](#)



**Lessons from our latest workshop!** - A second successful workshop has taken place in the UK, in Wales' capital city, Cardiff, on the 20th of March 2018.

Hosted by WRAP, the event - 'Resource Efficiency and Circularity: Benefits for the Public Sector' - was attended by over 50 individuals, including decision-makers, intermediaries, buyers and procurement professionals. [Read more ...](#)



**Interview - VDI ZRE on resource efficiency and cutting costs in the metal and plastic processing sectors**

The centre has extensive experience in the sectors of metal and plastic processing. The EREK editorial team asked them how SMEs can become more resource efficient and what they should keep in mind when reviewing their production processes. [Read more ...](#)



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