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#ResourceEfficiency

# EFFICIENCY IS AN OPEN **RE**SOURCE

*Be part of the European Resource  
Efficiency Knowledge Centre*

**EREK** European  
Resource Efficiency  
Knowledge Centre



## WHAT IS EREK?

EREK stands for the **European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre**: a new European initiative that enables small and medium sized companies (SMEs) to make better use of their resources, produce less waste and increase their overall productivity and competitiveness.

Via its online platform, EREK is bringing together a **network of business support organisations** from different regions and sectors across the continent. The platform is an open, collaborative space

for the sharing of knowledge and expertise on resource efficiency. EREK is looking forward to welcoming new members to take part and stimulate **resource efficiency** initiatives in SMEs.

With EREK, European SMEs can take their first step towards combining competitiveness with resource efficiency in their business operations. The expertise and tools offered help businesses save resources and cut costs.

**Are you an organisation supporting business in Europe?**  
**GET INVOLVED** and make EREK your reference point on **resource efficiency**.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

### ■ EREK ADDRESSES

- > **Business-intermediary organisations** that provide information and support for resource efficiency, ranging from assistance and advice on technical issues, to funding for **SMEs** in Europe.
- > **SMEs** that are interested in learning how to become more resource efficient. Even SMEs taking actions on resource efficiency can also find inspiration, valuable information and guidance on EREK's website.

### ■ PRIORITY AREAS

- > **Offices**
- > **Chemical and process engineering**
- > **Construction**
- > **Food processing**
- > **Hotel and restaurant**
- > **Manufacturing of machinery and equipment**
- > **Metal and plastic processing**
- > **Textile and clothing**
- > **Timber and woodworking**
- > **Waste management and recycling**
- > **Wholesale and retail**

# WHAT DOES EREK OFFER?

## ■ BUSINESS INTERMEDIARIES

EREK provides specific activities for **Business Intermediaries**, such as:

- › **Workshops and webinars** on resource efficiency trends and developments.
- › **Updates on professional events** from within the European resource efficiency community.
- › Regular updates on EREK-related developments and news from the EREK community.
- › **Extended learning and training materials.**

## ■ SMEs

EREK provides practical information, advice and support to improve resource efficiency in a cost-effective manner. With EREK, SMEs have access to:

- › **The latest information** on resource efficiency, good-practices of European businesses and a selection of best available technologies.
- › **Self-assessment tools** that estimate resource savings and provide tailored recommendations. These tools enable SMEs to compare their resource efficiency performance to their sector's benchmark.
- › **Access to knowledge**, technical expertise and best practices through our expanding international network of members.
- › An overview of **support programmes** and resources, available at the European, national and regional level, that provide the infrastructure, tools and funding for resource efficiency initiatives.



## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

- › Encourage clients and members of your organisation to utilise the **Self-Assessment Tools**.
- › **Contribute to EREK publications** both online and offline by exchanging news and information from your organisation, sector and region.
- › By providing descriptions of innovative resource efficiency measures and technologies as well as best-practice examples, you can contribute towards **developing the EREK Self-Assessment Tool for SMEs and the database**.

**Check the EREK Charter and **BECOME A MEMBER!****



Not yet a member of the EREK Network?

**JOIN EREK NOW** and become a member of the European Resource Efficiency community!

Kick-start your resource efficiency journey with EREK!

[www.ResourceEfficient.eu](http://www.ResourceEfficient.eu)



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