

A new eco-tax to recycle used furniture

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Part of the furniture in good condition also return to Emmaus for reuse. | AFP / FRANCOIS GUILLOT

Starting on Wednesday 1st May, a new label will accompany the furniture store: the contribution of an ecological introduction to finance the recent chain of collection and recycling of waste furniture elements (DEA).

The amount? About 20 cents for a chair, a table for 1.50, 4 euros for a mattress or 18 euros for a large cabinet.

2 MILLION TONNES OF WASTE

Today, nearly 2 million tons of furniture waste are produced each year in France, which usually end up in a landfill or incinerator, [according to the Agency for the Environment and Energy Management \(PDF\)](#) ([http://www.google.fr/url?](http://www.google.fr/url?sa=t&rc=1&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CDAQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww2.ademe.fr%2Fservelet%2FgetBin%3Fname%3DF7622B28A56787E022C354F0B3DBD069_tomcatlocal1355136183500.pdf&e)

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... it 80% are from households (1.7 million tonnes, mainly wood), the rest from
... ss (600 000 tonnes, consisting of many metals). With 26 kg per capita per
... s the third largest deposit at the national level, after packaging and papers.

For them to give a second life, a die, unique Europe, [was set up last year](#)

[http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORTEXTO00025114585&dateTexte=&categorieLien=id)

[cidTexte=JORTEXTO00025114585&dateTexte=&categorieLien=id](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORTEXTO00025114585&dateTexte=&categorieLien=id)), and has just come into

operation. His goal together and recycle [all waste furniture \(PDF\)](#) ([http://www.eco-](http://www.eco-mobilier.fr/sites/default/files/13_04_29_exemples_de_produits_inclus.pdf)

[mobilier.fr/sites/default/files/13_04_29_exemples_de_produits_inclus.pdf](http://www.eco-mobilier.fr/sites/default/files/13_04_29_exemples_de_produits_inclus.pdf)), designed to s' sit, work,

eat, to sleep, indoors or outdoors. Are excluded from the street furniture and decorative items (carpets, textiles, accessories).

Read (subscriber edition): "The French industry recycling waste furnishings operational soon" ([http://planete/article/2012/11/02/la-filiere-francaise-de-recyclage-des-dechets-d-ameublement-bientot-operationnelle-1784817_3244.html](#))

ECO-TWO BODIES

As in other sectors of sorting, collection and processing of used furniture have been entrusted to two eco-organizations, created by industrial sector - in which the law requires to manage their waste - and certified the end of 2012: [Eco furniture](#) (<http://www.eco-mobilier.fr/>) for individuals and [Valdelia](#) (<http://valdelia.org/>) for professionals (companies, communities, shops and cafes, hotels and restaurants).

Their goal: to achieve 45% recycling and recovery of waste household furniture and 75% of professional waste by the end of 2017. For this, they receive a budget of 400 million euros, financed by [eco-participation \(http://www.eco-mobilier.fr/#nav=/nos-solutions/nos-solutions-meubles-neufs/eco-participation\)](http://www.eco-mobilier.fr/#nav=/nos-solutions/nos-solutions-meubles-neufs/eco-participation).

FURNITURE OR TEXTILE RECYCLING



Furniture, chairs and sofas, available in an Ikea store in Montpellier. | AFP / DOMINIQUE FAGET

'60% of the market for professional furniture are in the loop today, we aim almost 80% at the end of the year', told AFP Arnaud Humbert-Droz, CEO Valdelia. Collection, which is made directly to the holder or points voluntary contribution we put in place, began in March. "

To date, 22 sorting centers were selected. This is the case of site Vert-le-Grand (Essonne), which collects 70,000 tons of waste businesses and communities in Ile-de-France and reaches in value 40%. Plastics and are used to make textiles or automotive equipment while wood panels and steel can be recycled into chairs, according to a report by [France Info \(http://www.franceinfo.fr/environnement/des-meubles-plus-chers-mais-mieux-recycles-971639-2013-04-30\)](http://www.franceinfo.fr/environnement/des-meubles-plus-chers-mais-mieux-recycles-971639-2013-04-30). Part of the furniture in good condition also return to Emmaus for reuse.

DUMP "FURNITURE" in waste

As for individuals, the sector is not yet operational, but the thousands of furniture sellers - large retailers or independent - adhere gradually Eco-furniture. The organization must install to from May bins "furniture" in 4500 public waste disposal planning. *'The goal is to provide consumers with solutions collections nearby, easy, convenient'*, book Dominique Cute, CEO Eco-furniture, interviewed by [France Info \(http://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/les-choix-de-france-info/une-ecotaxe-sur-les-meubles-pour-mieux-recycler-972099-2013-05-01\)](http://www.franceinfo.fr/societe/les-choix-de-france-info/une-ecotaxe-sur-les-meubles-pour-mieux-recycler-972099-2013-05-01). And add: *."For sorting, the choice of service providers will be held in July and really start operating in September"*

In parallel furniture, France is launching courses on hazardous household waste, medical waste and potentially infectious gas cylinders. In total, it has nineteen sectors that organize the collection and treatment of waste at the expense of companies that have manufactured, distributed or imported - what courses to extended producer responsibility (EPR) is called. Record in Europe.

Read: "[France is celebrating twenty years of recycling all directions"](http://planete/article/2012/12/05/la-france-celebre-vingt-ans-de-recyclage-tous-azimuts_1799861_3244.html)

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