

## Recycling Europe unveils manifesto for paper circularity

Brussels, 10 November 2025 – Recycling Europe’s Paper branch (Recycling Europe Paper), representing Europe’s recovered paper collectors and recyclers, has [launched](#) its “EU Recyclers’ Manifesto: Removing barriers to paper circularity”, which sets out four key policy actions needed to secure one of Europe’s strongest circular economy value chains.

**Paper recycling is a longstanding European success story.** Every tonne of recovered paper saves resources, cuts CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and supports thousands of jobs. Yet this achievement is increasingly at risk due to regulatory fragmentation, market pressures, and the growing fire danger caused by mis-sorted lithium batteries. Without coherent EU action, Europe risks losing momentum on circularity and competitiveness.

The manifesto calls on EU policymakers to:

- **Recognise recovered paper as a resource** to provide legal certainty and support investment.
- **Reduce administrative burdens and strengthen the Single Market** for recycled materials.
- **Maintain access to global markets** to balance supply and demand.
- **Address lithium battery fire risks** through better design, disposal, and enforcement.

***“Paper recycling is a European success story, but one that cannot be taken for granted”,*** said **José Andrés Martín Cubero**, President of Recycling Europe Paper. He added ***“Europe can reinforce a circular value chain that already delivers climate benefits, industrial resilience, and economic opportunities. Our Paper Manifesto outlines the steps to secure this future.”***

Note to editor: Recycling Europe (formerly EuRIC) is the voice of Europe’s recycling industry, including 80 national federations and companies across 24 EU & EFTA countries. From metals and paper to plastics, textiles, tyres, ships, construction & demolition waste, ELVs and WEEE, our members transform waste into resources—powering Europe’s circular economy, ensuring resource autonomy, and boosting competitiveness and sustainable industrialisation across the continent. For press-related enquiries, please contact Zoi Didili, Recycling Europe’s Senior Communications Advisor, by email at [zdidili@recyclingeurope.org](mailto:zdidili@recyclingeurope.org) or by phone at +32 (0) 489 09 46 02.

