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Associated Partners















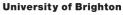


































Behind the logos















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FCRBE, what does that evoke for you?

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'RBE' for reclaimed building elements





etc.

Reusing ≠ **recycling**







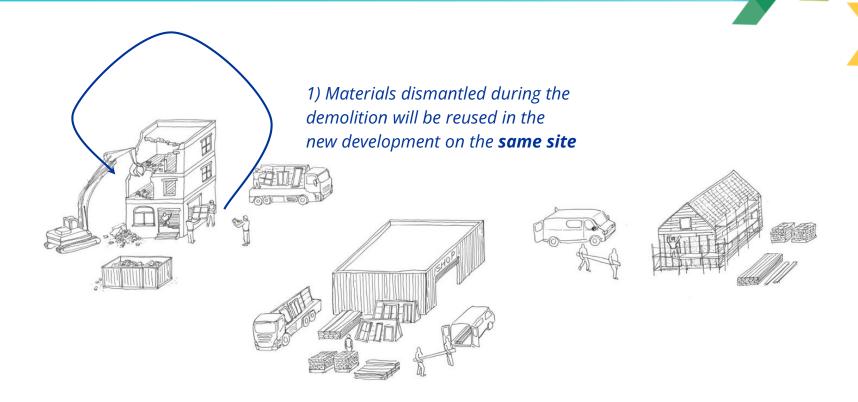
Should it stay or should it go?





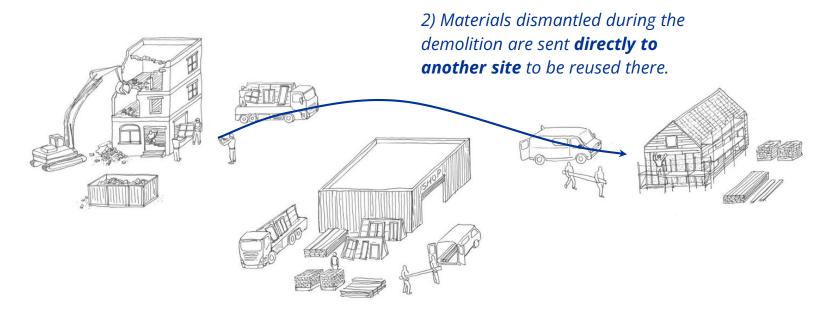


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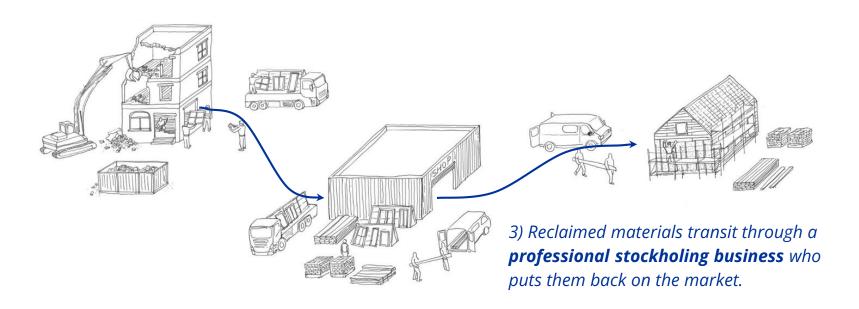
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Reclaimed materials may undergo light operations



Perfect illustrations of a circular economy







"A circular economy is about managing stocks: assets of cultural, natural and human nature, and manufactured objects. We have to learn how to maintain these stocks, because in industrialised countries we have a society of abundance. We have everything we need, but we have to learn how to look after it, and to care for it."

Walter Stahel in conversation with Ellen MacArthur, 26 June 2019. Via Medium.com





'F' for Facilitating

"After decades of steady decline, today less than 1% of building materials in NWE are repurposed after their first use. Without coordinated action this percentage is likely to drop even more. [...] The goal is nothing less than to reverse the trend, and to grow the salvage industry in Belgium, France and the UK"

Mechanisation of the works





Need for speed, cost of labour

Materials for Salvage.

The high cost of labor made it unprofitable long ago to clean off the old bricks for second use. But the plate glass can frequently be sold and therefore care is taken to keep it unbroken: it is removed from the building almost immediately after the wrecker takes over the structure. Plumbing fixtures and pipes also are valuable salvage. The girders may be melted down again or used as temporary supports in structural work, such as subway building; heavy beams may also serve this purpose. The wrecker himself frequently finds use for some of the timber, chiefly in erecting the "bridge"--the structure built around all wrecking jobs to protect passersby from falling objects. If the building is decorated with marble, as are many of the older buildings particularly, the wrecker finds a market for it. Granite, too, can be used again-for tombstones or mausoleums, or, possibly, in other buildings. Thus the wrecker saves what he can, but only so long as salvaging does not slow him up unduly.

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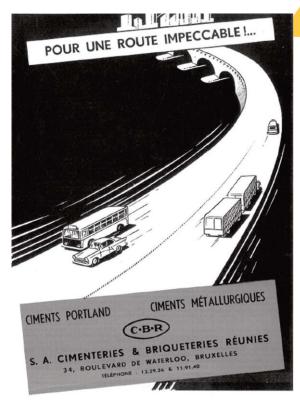
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Daniel Schwarz, "New wrecking techniques speeds up building of skyscrapers. Structures are now razed from bottom to top to hasten the clearing of sites", *The New York Times*, 5 July 1931.

Appetite for new, pristine goods







Diversification of construction products





Globalisation

3 Sandstone setts



New, produced in Belgium 90 €/m²



Reclaimed in Belgium 35 €/m²



New, imported from Kandla, India 15 €/m²

How to reverse the trend?

• WP T1: Shedding light on the reclamation trade

WP T2: Fostering the reclamation of reusable building materials

WP T3: Facilitate the integration of reuse in procurements and specifications

Directories of reclamation dealers

Truly reclaimed label

Statistical survey

Reclamation audit method

Digital tools for reclamation audits

Pilot operations

Specification strategies

Catalogue of material sheets

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