



European Partners for the Environment

European Partners for the Environment, established in 1993 and officially registered according to the Belgian law by 2004, is celebrating its tenth anniversary and its forward looking agenda, often “10 years ahead”. Working with leading business, trade unions and ngo’s, EPE helps them to develop new approaches to generate social, environmental and economic value. EPE practices the art of bringing values and resources together, and shouldering responsibilities in a world of multiple-interdependent players.

Change Agent

*Change your « mental
map » to
unlock the potential of
sustainability*

EPE is now a European Multi-Stakeholder Network to accelerate the transition towards sustainability. To « accelerate » we need to change our « mental map » and innovate. Change the way we think the world, we address security, we design governance, we invest, we trade, we purchase, produce and consume. Sustainability is reinventing the Government, the Company, the Citizen’s role and making market « intelligent ». Intelligent Markets will emerge from the “convergence” of a series of initiatives. Individuals active in EPE are often « change agents », catalysts of change. They shape trends or trace them. EPE is the place where this “convergence” is debated. It offers to its members a new market intelligence and an international support network.

Trust Builder

*A second generation of
multi-stakeholder
partnership*

EPE single leverage is a second generation of multi-stakeholder partnership. It is a new generation as it is moving from dialogue to action, involving public authorities, the private sector, trade unions and ngo’s. EPE is a “honest broker” between partners coming from different horizons of European society. Our initiatives in fields as textile, eco-efficiency, electronics, water, purchasing, trade and finance are demonstrating this. Secondly, *EPE is as well recognised as a « trust builder » between Europeans and partners in Third Countries. A new generation of Partnership initiatives as the Sustainable Trade and Innovation Centre, the European Micro-credit Guarantee Fund and the European Micro-credit Facility, the Sustainable Investment-Global Network for Asia, and the efforts towards a Transatlantic Partnership for Sustainability, are all initiatives in which EPE has invested much time and money*

Engineer

*« Sustainable Production,
Consumption and
Investment »*

EPE has one single focus: sustainable production and consumption and investments patterns.. In an era of approaching environmental limits, the world is on the verge of a new industrial revolution, offering new business opportunities. The lessons learned from the European Eco-Efficiency initiative (EEEI) process, initiated by EPE and the WBCSD, confirm that if a dematerialised, service-oriented, knowledge-base economy is our goal for Europe, we need a new “mix” of instruments, new forms of “synergies” between partners . EPE acts as a think-tank and engineers such new “mix” and “synergies” as the “Sustainability Fast Track” a “Macro-Micro” initiative linking the EU sustainable development goals and Institutional Buyers Purchasing decisions.

Sherpa In Brussels

*A new economic model is
emerging in Europe*

EPE's theme, a « Global Well-being Society », addressing the dreams of all inside and outside the enlarged EU is a powerful driver and a fascinating objective. It contributes to reinvent the economy as well as companies. It shapes a new governance model. After the Rhenan economic model and the Anglo-Saxon model, a new one is emerging in Europe, based on the sustainability agenda. In Brussels, EPE is not a lobby focused on the Commission or the Parliament. It acts as a “sherpa for partnership” between interested parties, including the EU Institutions. It offers a new “vision”, proposes new “mechanisms”, “build new bridges”.

Members do value this “process” helping them to develop their skills, partly shape and also negotiate the new landscape

A Second Renaissance for Europe

*The “convergence” of a range
of initiatives in different
domains”*

This development model recognises as well the importance of social entrepreneurs and the need to re-enchant the world, by linking with other values that market values. To partner with the « cultural creatives », the « change agents » of Europe, as the programme Renaissance Europe 2005-2010 does, is another initiative developed by EPE in partnership with its Members, to accelerate the transition towards a second Renaissance of Europe through the “convergence” of a range of initiatives in different domains. Catalysts of change who are operating at the frontier in their respective area, have an established record of driving change and demonstrate achievement and integrity, are joining Renaissance Europe