

RECP Best Practices Catalogue

Recovery of inactive leathers

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SECTOR:	Leather
Branch:	Manufacture of footwear
CATEGORY	Technology upgrade/Eco-innovation
APPLICABILITY	Process

COMPANY SIZE 509 Full-time Employees



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Description of the Problem (Base Scenario):

At the company, inactive leathers are present in vast amounts and in many different colours (approximately 50,000 m²), and those residues of the production of previous years can no longer be used, as colours and items are no longer fashionable.

Description of the Solution

The operation consists of gluing a new finishing film (transfer paper) onto the leather to give the leather another colour. Experience has shown that applying this colour change option will enable to recover this inactive leather. And make new collections consistent with fashion trends.



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Economic Gains

The predicted savings from this action could reach € 900,000, which amounts to 75% of gains following the recovery of inactive leathers.

Environmental Gains

The company will save 55 tons of inactive leather

Health and Safety Impact



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Capital Investments
& Financial Indicators

€ 30,000

Time for Return on Investment: 3 months

Supplier Information	Local
Other Aspects	none
Implementation	The company has bought a grinder and is doing production tests for the plates.



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