

## BUILDING A CLEANER WORLD



In 2004 [Reciclados San Juan](#) started a pilot experience on recycling of expanded polystyrene (EPS), a totally innovative and unprecedented action in Galicia region (Spain).

Once the authorization as non-hazardous waste manager was granted, recycling activity started formally, being part of EcoEPS Center Anape program.

They currently recycle around 100 tons per year of EPS waste from the construction, household, and distribution sectors.

One of the most recycled products are EPS fish boxes, around 538,000 boxes per year, which represents a total weight of 70 tons, being its main action area the region of Galicia.

Most of this waste comes from the reverse logistics carried out to their own clients, but they also provide the collection service to companies whose waste comes from imported fish, not being manufactured in national territory. Another source of the waste from fish boxes is municipal collection points, supermarkets, shopping centers, etc.

Once the EPS has been received at your facilities, it is selected, depending on its quality and condition. The highest quality and cleanliness (90%) is crushed to incorporate it into a new product, an EPS block for construction or civil engineering. The rest, 10%, is compacted for later recycling in other PS products.

