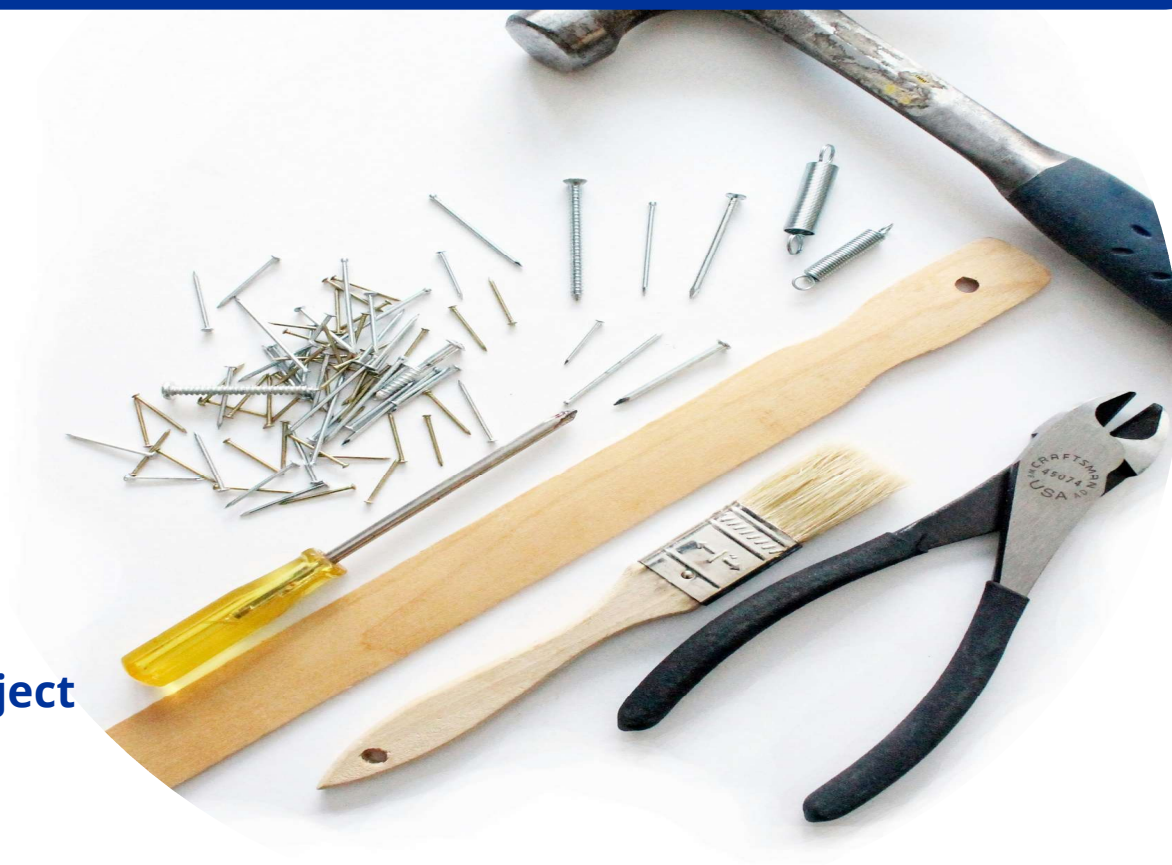


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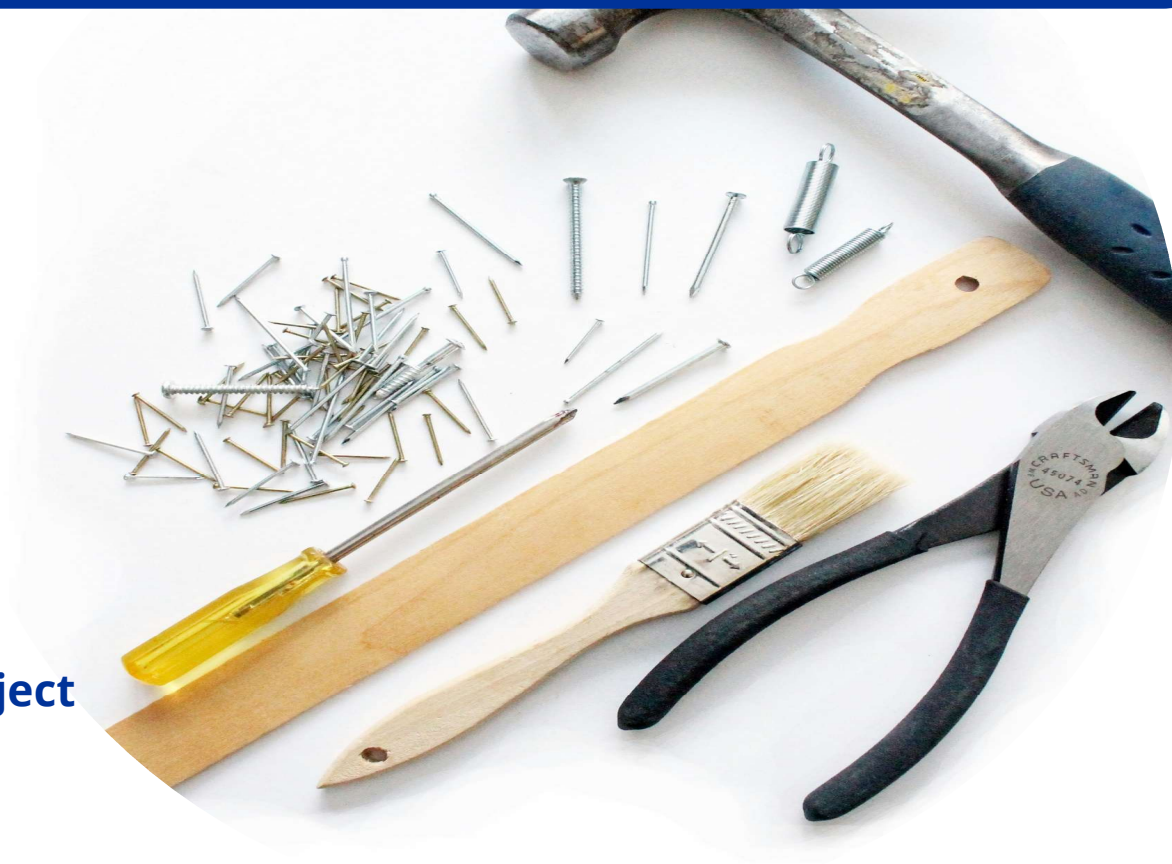
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5. Right to repair and green jobs

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Right to repair and green jobs

The right to repair will bring significant **economic and environmental benefits**. But that's not all: it will also boost **employment**, fostering **job creation** across multiple sectors.

As companies become obligated to ensure product repairability, **demand for skilled technicians will rise**, ranging from appliance and electronics repair specialists, to professionals in component remanufacturing.

The **logistics** and **distribution** sector will also experience growth, particularly in services related to the handling and transport of spare parts.

Furthermore, **new businesses specialising** in maintenance and the circular economy will emerge, fostering innovation among start-ups and independent craftsmen.



Finally, companies will need to invest in **training and professional development**, creating new opportunities for engineers, designers, and environmental consultants tasked with developing more durable and sustainable products. WHEN THE RIGHT TO REPAIR TAKES EFFECT, THE MOST IN-DEMAND PROFESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:



THE ECODESIGN PROJECT MANAGER

Plays a crucial role in helping companies develop products that minimise environmental impact while maintaining functionality, affordability, and quality. This figure also ensures compliance with environmental and social standards, and oversees the entire process of designing, manufacturing, and marketing sustainable products.



THE SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION MANAGER

Responsible for planning and implementing strategies that integrate sustainable practices within an organisation. Assesses the environmental and social impact of business operations, developing action plans to enhance sustainability, reduce waste, and optimise resource use.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Bridging scientific research, business strategy, and technological innovation, this figure focuses on improving production processes, materials, and overall sustainability, developing eco-friendly technologies and materials, and testing solutions to minimise the environmental impact of products and manufacturing processes.



One of the side effects of the right to repair is to create **new economic and professional opportunities**.

With the introduction of these new rules, companies will increasingly be required to guarantee the repairability of products. And this is already changing the labour market in a significant way.

When products are designed to be repairable, the **demand for specialised professionals increases**. For example:

- household appliance repair technicians
- electronics specialists
- experts in component refurbishment

These are professionals who make it possible for objects to have a second life instead of becoming waste.

Moreover, the entire economic system connected to repair is expected to grow: **new businesses specialized in maintenance and circular economy** services will emerge.

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These are often **local realities** — small companies, artisans and neighborhood workshops — that can strengthen **local economies and communities**.

There is also another fundamental aspect: **training**. To make this transition possible, companies will need to invest more and more in professional education and skills development.

And this means new opportunities also for:

- engineers
- designers
- environmental consultants

professionals who are increasingly asked to design products that are more durable, repairable and environmentally sustainable.

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Among the emerging professions, there are several roles that are becoming more and more important.

For example, the **Ecodesign Project Manager**, who helps companies design products while reducing environmental impact and maintaining quality and functionality.

Or the **Sustainable Innovation Manager**, who integrates sustainability into business strategies, improving resource efficiency and reducing waste.

And also the **Environmental Research and Development Manager**, who works on new materials and technologies to make products and production processes more sustainable.

The future will not be made only of new products.

It will be made of products that last, that can be repaired, that can evolve over time.

And of people capable of designing, maintaining and giving new life to objects.

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