11th Annual Public Conference of the European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing

Boosting Regional Textile Innovation in Europe

13-14 APRIL 2016
Committee of the Region, Brussels

- Launching a Collaboration Initiative between Europe’s Textile Regions
- Making better use of the EU’s Smart Specialisation Policies
- Enabling faster Technology Transfer and Competence Development for Europe’s Textile and Clothing SMEs
- Ensuring Sustainable, High-Quality Jobs in Traditional Manufacturing Regions across Europe

The event supports dissemination of the following EU-funded projects
DAY 1

Setting the Scene – Regional Innovation Policies and Industrial Strategies

9.30 – 10.00 Registration & welcome coffee

10.00 – 11.50 Opening Session – the Importance of the Regional Dimension for Innovation and Competitiveness of the European Textile and Clothing Industry (session chair: Michiel Scheffer)
- Opening words by hosting Committee of the Regions member Michiel Scheffer, Gelderland, NL
- Opening words by Textile ETP President Paolo Canonico
- The situation and future potential of the Textile and Clothing sector in Europe, Francesco Marchi, Euratex
- The role of the Smart Specialisation stimulating innovation-driven economic transformation in Europe, Katja Reppel, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
- Textile Innovation as driver of regional economic transformation in:
  - The Valencian Community, Spain, Julia Company, Valencian Innovation Agency - IVACE
  - The Norte Region, Portugal, Carlos Neves, CCDR Norte Regional Authority
  - The Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region, France, Jean-Marie Pruvot, Regional Innovation Agency - NFID

11.50 – 12.15 coffee break

12.15 – 13.00 High-performance textile materials and advanced textile manufacturing for innovation in high-tech end markets (session chair: Vicente Blanes)
- Overview on textile innovation potential in high-tech applications, Braz Costa, Textranet – European Network of Textile Research Organisations
- Company testimony: Frans Van Giel, Beaulieu International Group, Flanders, Belgium

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 14.45 Creativity & design-driven innovation potential for textile and clothing businesses
- Textile innovation through partnerships of designers and manufacturers, Daniele Clutier, IFM - French Fashion Institute/Institut Français de la Mode, Paris, France
- Company testimony: Joan Pera, ARPE: A success story based on creativity, MANUFACTURAS ARPE SL, Catalonia, Spain

14.45 – 15.30 Smart, modern manufacturing and service concepts for competitive textile and clothing production jobs in Europe (session chair Lutz Walter)
- The potential of application of digital technology and new business models in the fashion and knitting industries, Meike Tilebein, DITF-MR Denkendorf (German Institutes of Textile and Fiber Research Denkendorf, Center of Management Research)
- Company testimony: Caterina Ailiesei, Katty Fashion, North-East Romania

15.30 – 16.00 coffee break

16.00 – 16.45 Sustainable, circular and local resource-based industry concepts revolutionizing regional textile and clothing production chains (session chair: Jan Laperre)
- Textile innovation potential based on circular economy and sustainable material concepts, Anton Luiken, Texperium – Open Innovation Centre for Textile Recycling, The Netherlands
- Company testimony: León Grau, HILATURAS MIEL S.L., Valencia, Spain

16.45 – 17.30 Closing session
- Panel discussion of stakeholders on key success factors for translation of RIS3 policies into effective regional textile innovation support, session moderator Michiel Scheffer, Gelderland Province, Netherlands
- Panellists: Tom van Welden, West-Flanders, Belgium, Vincenzo Zezza, Piedmont, Italy, Stéphan Verin, UP-Tex, Nord Pas-de-Calais, France
- Closing message by session chair and hosting CoR member Michiel Scheffer

17.30 – 19.00 Networking Cocktail
(in parallel 17.30-18.00 Textile ETP GA session – for ETP members only)
Interactive Workshop Sessions Dedicated to Transversal Innovation Themes

9.30 – 10.45 Strengthening regional innovation capacities and cross-regional collaboration
- Introduction by session moderator, Jan Laperre, Centexbel
- Panel discussion with 3 textile cluster managers: Pasquale Campanile, Po.In.Tex, Piedmont, Italy; Nils-Krister Persson, Smart Textiles, Västra Götaland, Sweden; David Garcia, FITEX, Catalonia, Spain
- Open discussion with the audience
- Wrap-up by the session moderator

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 Development of the regional skill base, education and training infrastructure
- Introduction by session moderator, Dominique Adolphe, AUTEX
- Interactive panel discussion 3 textile education & training experts: Bill Macbeth, Textile Centre of Excellence, Yorkshire, United Kingdom, Ger Brinks, Saxion HS, Oost-Nederland, The Netherlands, Antonela Curteza, The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi, North-East Romania
- Open discussion with the audience
- Wrap-up by the session moderator
- Summarising the work of the day and planning of next steps and upcoming activities for the initiative, Lutz Walter, Textile ETP

12.45 Buffet Lunch / end of conference
EU projects supporting the conference

SAVE ENERGY IN TEXTILE SMEs
SET - the Save Energy in Textile SMEs project is launched to enable European textile SMEs to improve their energy efficiency, hence to achieve measurable economic and resource-efficiency results.
Contact: EURATEX, Mauro Scalia: mauro.scalia@euratex.eu
Website: www.euratex.eu/set
Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Union

RESYNTEX
RESYNTEX project aims to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of textile recycling processes.
Contact: SOEX, Pailak Mzikian: pmzikian@soexgroup.com
Website: www.resynutex.eu
Project is funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

ECWRTI
New concept for wastewater reuse in the textile industry
Contact: ISPT, Andreas ten Cate: Andreas.tenCate@ispt.eu
Website: www.ecwrti.eu
Project is funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

PBS Tex
Evaluation of potential of polybutylene succinate in textile applications
Contact: CENTEXBEL, Raf Van Olmen: raf.vanolmen@centexbel.be
Website: www.centexbel.be/projects

LIFE ADNATUR
Contact: AITEX, María Blanes: mblanes@aitex.es
Website: www.adnatur.com
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Seacolors
Website: www.seacolors.eu
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Photocitytex
Website: http://www.ceam.es/PHOTOCITYTEX/home.htm
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Wool4build
Website: www.wool4build.eu
Project co-funded by CIP ECO-INNOVATION programme

Alfred
Website: www.alfred.eu
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