1st European Textile Start-up Summit
Annual Public Conference of the Textile ETP
17-18 April 2018, Brussels

Why:
If you believe that start-up and venture funding is the exclusive domain of the IT and biotech world, think twice. Over recent years a vibrant and growing start-up scene in the textile and fashion industry has sprung up all over Europe. This event will bring together this new breed of brave young textile innovators and start-up entrepreneurs which squarely challenge the incumbents in this long-established industry and opens entirely new markets for textile-based products and services.

What to expect:
- Testimonials and success stories of the best textile start-up’s from across Europe
- Lessons and advice from investors and start-up facilitators
- Information about EU start-up support policies and programmes
- Networking with textile innovators, technology developers, entrepreneurs, funders and multipliers from across Europe

Organiser: The European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing, with logistical support of EURATEX – the European Apparel and Textile Confederation.

Supporters: This event is supported by Gherzi Textile Organisation, BOMBYX Capital Partners and AITEX. It facilitates dissemination of EU projects TCBL, CreativeWear, TexApp and Skills4Smart TCLF-2030.
Programme day 1:

11.00 - 12.00 Textile ETP General Assembly (ETP full and associated members only)

12.00 - 13.00 Conference registrations and networking lunch

13.15 - 15.15 Opening session: The Brave New World of Textile Start-Ups

*Session chair Lutz Walter Textile ETP BE*

Paolo Canonico Textile ETP BE
Armando Melone European Commission EU
Marie Delbeke PMV BE
Pim Kneepens Fashion For Good NL
Q&A Session

15.15 - 15.45 Networking and matchmaking break

15.45 - 16.45 Start-Up Pitching Session FashionTech

*Session chair Katarzyna Grabowska AUTEX PL*

Caroline Van Renterghem WAIR FR
Renata Iwamizu Moovexx PT/BR
Audrey-Laure Bergenthal EUVEKA FR
Cédric Vanhoek Resortecs BE
Dale Floer Scalable Garments CA

16.45 - 17.45 Start-Up Pitching Session Sustainability

*Session chair Jan Laperre Centexbel BE*

Christine Arlt Manaomea DE
Mädlyn Fondén Something Borrowed SE
Petri Alava Infinited Fiber FI
Valentina Rovetta EGO IT
Sandra Capponi Goodonyou AU

18.00 - 20.00 Networking and Matchmaking cocktail & walking dinner
Programme day 2:

9.30 - 11.00  Start-Up Pitching Session Digitisation and Technical Textiles

Session chair Michael Kamm  Antevorte  DE
Michele Corna  Lanieri.com  IT
Alessandro Canepa  i-Deal  IT
Thomas Fröis  Texible  AT
Daniele Zanotti  Kephalios  FR
Cora François  Mitwill Textiles Europe  FR

11.00 - 11.30  Networking and matchmaking break

11.30 - 13.00  Closing session - Accelerating Textile Start-up Investments & Growth in Europe

Session chair Braz Costa  Textranet  PT
Marte Hentschel  SourceBook  DE
Ryan Clott  Fashioneers  ES/US
Stijn Delaere  Vrije Universiteit Brussel  BE
Korina Molla  Aitex- WORTH Partnerships  ES

13.00 - 14.00  Networking lunch and end of conference
Practical information:

Venue
Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Brussels – Rue du Fossé-aux-Loups 47 – 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Conference Documentation
Presentations and other conference materials will be made available, subject to speaker’s approval, in electronic format through a download link circulated to all conference participants approx. 10 days after the end of the conference.

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