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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Maik Thiel from Kelheim Fibres

Maik Thiel currently works as R&D Project Leader at **Kelheim Fibres** where he develops projects from customer inquiry to series production in the field of viscose fibres. He especially focuses on hygiene textile, wipes, special fibres and functionalisation.

Want to meet people like Maik? Join Textile ETP! With our strong community of professionals, you will have access to a vast network of textile experts, opportunities to participate in collaborative research projects, and stay updated on the latest textile trends and developments.

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Textile ETP News and Events



Discover ECOSYSTEM, the European Community of Practice for a Sustainable Textile Ecosystem

With 17 R&I EU-funded member projects focusing on textile sustainability, we are launching **ECOSYSTEM** with a mission to **accelerate collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field**.

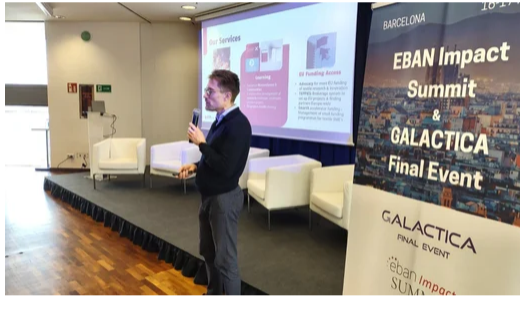
The community will focus its work on:

- interproject collaboration to exchange knowledge
- engagement with policymakers to support policy design and implementation
- dissemination to inform about the latest developments

Facilitated by the Textile ETP, ECOSYSTEM is a joint initiative of the European Commission's European Research Executive Agency, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, and the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking.

Membership of ECOSYSTEM is open to running European-funded projects focusing on textile sustainability and circularity, or concluded projects meeting the same criteria.

[More information on ECOSYSTEM](#)



Don't forget to register for the Textile ETP Annual Conference 2023 and TechStyle Summit!

The 17th ETP's Annual European Textile Conference and General Assembly and CITEVE's TechStyle Summit will take place on **10-12 May, in Porto, Portugal**.

Featuring leading voices from the textile industry and academy who will give their expert insights on the latest trends, strategies, opportunities and challenges, the event will focus on 3 big themes: **Green and Digital Transition, Smart Local Production and High-performance Materials**.

[More information and registrations](#)

Textile ETP at the GALACTICA Project Final Event

On 16 February, our Secretary General Lutz Walter spoke at the GALACTICA Project Final Event, discussing the major innovation trends in the European textile sector and how they tie in with the legislative initiatives targeting sustainability and circularity. The GALACTICA project funded small-scale innovation projects in technical textiles for a broad range of applications including the space sector.

[More information](#)

Textile ETP welcomes 3 new Associate members!



TESTEX
TESTEX, an official representative of OEKO-TEX®, is a globally operating and independent Swiss testing and certification institute. Founded in 1846, its expertise lies in testing, analysing and certifying textiles and leather. In addition to the headquarters in Switzerland, the TESTEX Group, including its subsidiary OETL, now operates with 30 branches across North America, Europe and Asia and over 300 employees worldwide. More information [here](#).



TexCycle
TexCycle is the brand that unites the recovery solutions provided by Eurotex Ltd., an established, sustainability-proven used textile processing company with 23 years of experience. It covers a wide range of the circular textile activities: collection, sorting, pre-processing and is now developing a full-scale recycling facility. More information [here](#).



CANOE
CANOE is a French R&D centre specialised in formulation and manufacturing of polymeric and carbon materials, wet-spun fibres, wet-laid process for non-woven carbon fibres manufacturing from alternative precursors, in composite, additive manufacturing and recycling. CANOE ensures the development of materials and processes from lab scale up to prototypes thanks to innovative tools, and assists companies in the development of new products and processes for their industrial needs. More information [here](#).

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Mapping, gap analysis, and SME workshop to identify post-COVID situation and opportunities to build resilience

COVID has had a big effect on many industries. The Euroclusters project xBUILD-EU, coordinated by Textile ETP Members AEI TÊXTILS, ATEVAL, and CITEVE, has released a report outlining opportunities post-COVID to build resilience in the textile sector, but also in the construction, and manufacturing industries.

[Read the report](#)



European Research Area industrial technology roadmap for low-carbon technologies in energy-intensive industries

The Commission published a new industrial technology roadmap for circular technologies and business models. It identifies key circular technologies and innovation needs in the textile sector. The Roadmap also calls for a comprehensive approach to develop and adopt those technologies at all stages of the materials and products life cycle.

[Read the full Roadmap](#)

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The Calendar of Events



Sustainable digital textile printing

7-9 March, Online

A course curriculum including researchers and industry interventions on energy and water consumption, selection of inks, recycling, circular economy examples, material flow cost accounting models, multicriteria analysis and an overview of newest life cycle assessment tools.

[More info](#)



Cellulose Fibres Conference

8-9 March, Germany and online

International experts will discuss hot topics along the entire cellulose fibre value chain, and provide deep insights into the latest developments of the cellulose fibre sector and introduce innovative start-ups, technologies as well as novel fibre applications.

[More info](#)



Clothing-Body Interaction Conference

27-28 March, Germany

Organised by ITM TU Dresden, Technical University Liberec, and Universitat Politècnica de València, the conference will focus on how engineering development of textile products requires application of interdisciplinary approaches in order to satisfy high requirements.

[More info](#)

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



From the printing press to AI-generated virtual worlds: Media vs. Fashion industry

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"Today's most valuable companies are all tightly linked to the digital world. Microsoft, Google and Meta (Facebook) sell almost no physical products and the few they sell exist essentially to strengthen the ecosystem of their digital services. So is there a future for the fashion industry in which most of its value creation is linked to digital goods and services?"

In his new blog, our Secretary General Lutz Walter digs into the ways technology may shape the textile industry, and revolutionise the way we consume and create fashion design.

If you want to get a first overview on where digital disruption is already successful in the textile and fashion industry today and what are the next digital opportunities, [join our new pilot Masterclass on Textile Digitalisation](#).

[Read "From the printing press to AI-generated virtual worlds: Media vs. Fashion industry"](#)

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