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## Follow the Thread

Meet the Textile ETP Members



### Meet Dirk Vantghem from EURATEX

Dirk Vantghem is the Director General of EURATEX, the European Apparel and Textile Confederation, since September 2019. His mandate is to move the organisation forward and to promote a competitive, sustainable and innovative European Textiles and Clothing industry. Dirk has an economics background and holds a Master's degree from the College of Europe, Bruges.

**Want to meet people like Dirk? 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.

Join the Textile ETP

## Textile ETP News and Events



### The Future of Textiles: Highlights from the 17th ETP Annual European Textile Conference & CITEVE's iTechStyle Summit

Discover the insights of the 17th ETP's Annual European Textile Conference and CITEVE's iTechStyle Summit that took place on 10-12 May, in Porto, Portugal!

From sustainable fashion to smart manufacturing, the conference covered a wide range of topics. On the first day, we discussed the major challenges faced by the industry, such as transitioning to biobased materials, adopting renewable energy, and digitalising processes. We also heard about the sector's megatrends, both from the industry and customer point of views. Day two featured sessions on ecodesign, digital product passports, and the advancements in biobased materials and processes. Participants explored the potential of revalorizing textile by-products and integrating digital technology for traceability and circular development. The final day showcased the role of artificial intelligence and smart manufacturing in revolutionising the industry. Advancements in high-performance materials and smart wearables were discussed, highlighting their potential impact in diverse applications.

Read the summary



### Marina Crnoja-Cosic elected President of Textile ETP

Marina brings a wealth of experience and expertise, having dedicated over two decades to fibre and application development, as well as business growth. She has held positions at renowned institutions and organizations, including Kelheim Fibres GmbH. She has been an active board member at Textile ETP since 2019, representing EURATEX, on behalf of CIRFS, and has contributed significantly to shaping the platform's strategic direction.

**Marina Crnoja-Cosic will assume her presidency on 1 July 2023.**

**In her role, she will be supported by Vice-President Braz Costa, representing TEXTRANET, and Vice-President-Treasurer Michael Kamm, representing Euratex.**

The vote took place at the General Assembly held on 10 May 2023 in Porto, Portugal.

Meet our new President



### Participate in Textile ETP's activities at ITMA 2023 and explore innovation and sustainability in the textile industry

At Textile ETP, we are committed to driving innovation and sustainability in the textile industry. Our presence at ITMA 2023 provides an excellent opportunity for textile professionals, researchers, and enthusiasts to explore the latest advancements in the field. During the exhibition, we have a **range of activities planned at our stand H3-A205** in the 'Research, Innovation and Start-Up Valley'!

**Members of Textile ETP and SmartX Community will also take advantage of exclusive tours**, including Smart Textiles, Recycling Technologies, Respinning Technologies, and Textile Digitalisation, to stay ahead of the curve!

Learn more about our ITMA activities

### Textile ETP welcomes 2 new Associate members!



#### Ave Valley

Ave Valley smart local hubs' platform provides an intelligent sustainable solution for the industry by integrating cutting-edge technology and transparent supply chain management. They enable brands to reduce their environmental impact and streamline textile processes with digital tools, eco-design, waste reduction, CO2 emissions reduction and traceability, hub by hub.



#### TITV Greiz

TITV Greiz is a think tank for high-tech textiles. They are a sought-after development partner in funded research projects and contract research and offer comprehensive services in the development of flexible materials to integrated systems. They research and develop, advise, produce prototypes, test textiles and smart textiles and impart cutting edge knowledge

More information [here](#).

## Knowledge Centre

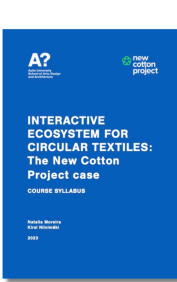


### EURATEX 2023 Spring Report

EURATEX released its 2023 Spring Report, which offers a detailed insight in the performance of the European Textile & Clothing industry on global markets. It highlights the diversity of products within the sector, trends in foreign trade with focus on EURATEX's main trading partners.

A free summary is available in the link below. To access the full version, please fill this [visit this webpage](#) to purchase it (400€), including the 2022 Autumn Report).

Read the report summary



### Interactive Ecosystem For Circular Textiles: New Cotton Project's fourth white paper

Explore the fourth white paper from the New Cotton Project knowledge exchange series by Aalto University. This white paper presents the results and insights of the first 24 months of the project, using the examples as platforms for transforming the industry and enabling an easier transition towards circularity.

Read the white paper

## Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



### Stitching together a Social and Circular future for Textiles

**22-23 June, Germany**

This event will bring together leading experts, social entrepreneurs, policymakers, and social enterprise leaders to discuss the current state of the textiles market and explore innovative ways to increase re-use and reduce textile waste.

More info



### Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress

**13-15 Sept, Austria**

Dornbirn-GFC is the lead event and communication platform for fiber innovations and its downstream manufacturing stages to enable the networking between the industry, universities, technical colleges and trade associations. With expert lectures, participants will be informed about the latest trends, developments and innovations.

More info



### 6th International Digital Textile Congress

**28-29 Sept, Belgium**

This international conference intends to bring forward the best research, latest developments on digital technologies, including hardware, software, digital inks, printed materials and their related applications.

More info

## Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



### The mysteries of textile waste in Europe

*"If you want to find a solution to a problem, it is indispensable that you define it in the first place. This means you have describe it clearly in its scope, and you quantify it correctly in its scale. For textile waste, we have somewhat of a problem with the former and certainly a big problem with the latter. The simple, honest but somewhat sobering answer to the question 'how much textile waste is generated in Europe' is: NOBODY KNOWS".*

In his new blogpost, our Secretary General Lutz Walter dives in the mysteries of textile waste in Europe. From the different types of waste generated by various industries and consumers to the challenges of collection, sorting, and recycling, this blog offers a comprehensive overview of the issues behind the lack of textile waste data.

Don't miss the opportunity to join the conversation on one of the central problems of textile sustainability.

Read "The mysteries of textile waste in Europe"

## Social Post of the month

