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## Follow the Thread

Meet the Textile ETP Members



### Meet Stéphane Verin from EuraMaterials

Stéphane Verin is General Secretary of EuraMaterials. Stéphane works in the field of innovation and SME support for more than 15 years, and was involved in several European Projects as coordinator or WP leader. Stéphane is also deeply involved in Circular economy developments through its participation in projects but also as speaker in conferences on this subject.

**Want to meet people like Stéphane? 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



### ITMA 2023: A Celebration of Textile Innovation and Collaboration

**ITMA 2023 in Milan, Italy, was a week-long celebration of technological innovations and revolutionary breakthroughs in the textile industry!** As exhibitors at ITMA for the first time, the Textile ETP team embarked on fruitful days, engaging in meetings with all our members present at the fair, and many more!

**Presentations from EU projects TRICK and BIOCOMPOSITES** were also featured at the ETP stand, showcasing the latest developments in these exciting initiatives, and we were happy to also meet with representatives from the European Commission's DG GROW, highlighting the importance of collaboration between industry and policy-makers.

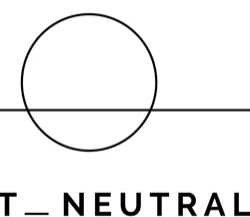
Our **Secretary General Lutz Walter delivered a speech at the Innovators Xchange**, where he shared his vision on long-term innovation trends and the vast opportunities in high-performance materials research and development.

**Textile ETP guided tours also allowed our members, SmartX Community, and masterclasses' participants to explore various aspects of the industry.** From smart textile and digital innovations to respinning technologies and recycling solutions, participants visited institutions and companies such as Empa, STOLL by KARL MAYER, Shima Seiki Europe, Lenzing Group, Infinited Fiber Company, Rieter, EREMA Group, ANDRITZ, Cormatex, Valvan, Kornit Digital, Twine Solutions, and Smartext.ai.

If you could not join us at ITMA, or if you want to live the event again, photos are available [here](#).

[Learn more about what happened at ITMA](#)

### Textile ETP welcomes a new Associate member!



**T \_ NEUTRAL**

#### T\_NEUTRAL

T\_NEUTRAL develops tech-based circular solutions to fight textile waste. They are the 1st platform for the textile industry to "Measure, Reduce and Contribute" their Textile Footprint (tonnes of textile outputted) as a pioneer model to achieve a horizon free of textile waste through actionable data and co-responsibility. More information [here](#).

## Knowledge Centre



### Transition pathway for the textiles ecosystem

Together with the [EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles](#), the European Commission invited stakeholders to join them in the co-creation of a transition pathway for the textiles ecosystem. Based on this co-creation process with stakeholders, the Textiles Ecosystem Transition Pathway was published on 6 June, including some 50 specific actions to support the twin transitions and the long-term resilience and competitiveness of the textiles ecosystem.

[Read the Transition Pathway](#)



### A State of the Art on Recognition and Textile Material Sorting Technologies

The study developed by ReFashion, with the support of the engineering consultancy Terra, covers all the characterisation stages for preparing materials for recycling processes. It also provides an overview of the stakeholders and projects working on this topic in Europe.

[Read the study](#)

## Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



#### TEXTGLOBAL Final Event

**12 July, Spain**  
Textglobal's anticipated Final Event is just around the corner, and we've an incredible program for you. Upcoming internationalization opportunities, further support for SMEs and networking in the Moritz Factory in Barcelona

[More info](#)



#### 10th International Textile Conference & 4th International Conference on Engineering and Entrepreneurship 2023

**19-20 Oct, Albania**  
This joint event will focus on important topics and issues of European and global science in the field of Textile Materials, Technologies, Engineering, Management & Production, Entrepreneurship, Fashion, etc.

[More info](#)



#### Textile & Fashion Forum Helsinki 2023

**26-27 Oct, Finland**  
Textile & Fashion Forum Helsinki provides industry insights, interesting discussions, inspiring speakers and business cases from across Europe. This event will showcase industry's innovative companies and their efforts to build a sustainable and resilient future. Textile & Fashion Forum Helsinki is where our industry meets.

[More info](#)

## Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



### Textile Waste: Mind the Dark Matter

*"Only about half of all textile fibres in the EU become yarns, 20% of those yarns don't become fabrics and 50% of those fabrics don't become either clothing or household textiles. How much of the original textile fibre production effectively ends up in products that current market and legislative sustainability efforts tackle?"*

In his new blogpost, our Secretary General Lutz Walter focuses on the non-fashion textile waste fractions, the textile waste quantities that are usually out of sight and out of mind of the consumers.

Don't miss the opportunity to join the conversation on the dark matter of the textile industry.

[Read "Textile Waste: Mind the Dark Matter"](#)

## Social Post of the month

