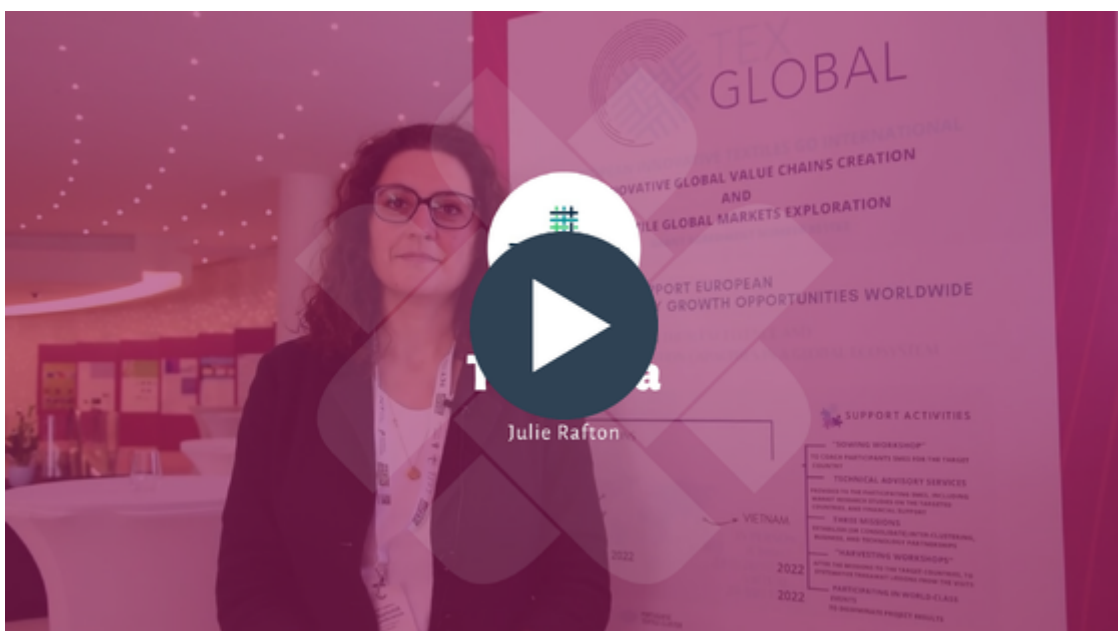


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Meet the Textile ETP Members

Meet Julie Rafton from Techtera

As International & Business Development Director, Julie Rafton supports Techtera members' business development by attracting worldwide business opportunities for their innovative solutions. Julie has been working at Techtera for more than 8 years, helping Techtera initiate, set up and oversee joint R&D projects to develop innovation in processes, products and services. These collaborations result in industrial and economic benefits for their members and more broadly for the French textile and flexible materials industry.

Want to meet people like Julie? 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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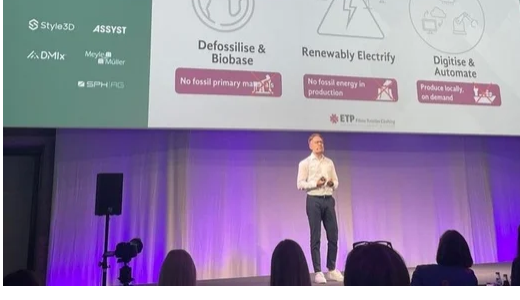
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Join ECOSYSTEX Insights Series #5

Are you interested in learning more about the projects that make the ECOSYSTEX community? Do you want to accelerate **collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field**? Join us on 22 September at 10:00CET for the 5th ECOSYSTEX Insights Series webinar and help us **create a long-term community of practice**.

In this webinar, we will have the opportunity to discover new ECOSYSTEX members: **PROPLANET** and **FIBSUN** (tbc), who will present their objectives and expected outcomes. We will also learn more about the scope and structure of **RegioGreenTex's** regional hubs, and **R-LIGHTBIOCOM**.

[Register now](#)

Textile ETP discusses sustainability and digitalisation at digitALL Fashion Innovation Summit

On 12 July, our Secretary General Lutz Walter spoke at the digitALL Fashion Innovation Summit in Munich, Germany. Lutz presented the big sustainability challenges of the textile and fashion industry, and how digitalisation is key to practical implementation of almost all elements of the EU Textile Strategy, mentioning especially the digital product passport, ecodesign, effective circularity through avoidance of waste, reduced overproduction and efficient waste flow management, chemicals management, resource-optimisation in production, and much more!

[Learn more](#)

Textile ETP visits Techtera and discusses the challenges of the industry

On 20 July, Textile ETP attended TECHTERA's annual member event in Lyon, France, and visited TECHTERA's members, including Boldoduc, Clim8, and IFTH, gaining insights into cutting-edge technologies and research projects shaping the future of textiles. Textile ETP's Communications Officer Charlotte Denis also presented our different activities and services, and discussed our Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda 2022 and ECOSYSTEX's recent Input Paper identifying research gaps and needs for the green transition.

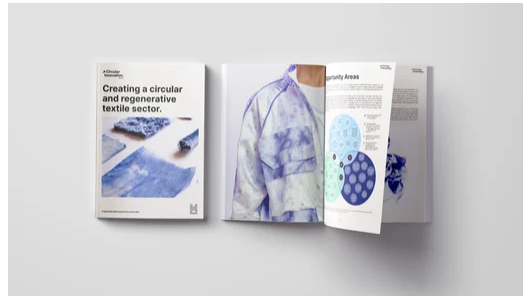
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Knowledge Centre



Research Gaps and Needs for the Green Transition of the European Textile Ecosystem

This Input Paper results from a two-months collaboration of researchers, industry experts and other stakeholders involved in the 23 project members that makes **ECOSYSTEX, a community facilitated by Textile ETP**. The paper identifies the most pressing and impactful research gaps and needs to be filled to enable the green transition of the European textile ecosystem.

[Read the Input Paper](#)

Creating a circular and regenerative textile sector

The Metropolitan Region of Amsterdam aims to achieve 70% circular textiles by 2030. This report provides a clear vision and a plan on how to successfully transition to a regenerative and circular textile system. This research is provided by the **Circular Innovation Collective** (CIC), three impact-driven organisations: **Metabolis**, **Impact Hub Amsterdam** and **Bankers without Boundaries**.

[Read the research](#)

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events

Fashion Tech Days

19-20 Sept, France

The event will question the role of technology which must bring positive social and environmental impacts, boost the Fashion sector and sustainable Textiles. They will examine the roles and opportunities brought by technologies across the entire Sustainable Fashion and Textiles value chain.

[More info](#)

E-Textiles 2023: International Conference

14-16 Nov, Belgium

The Conference will give academia and industry the opportunity to discuss the exciting innovations and challenges in the rapidly emerging field of e-textiles.

[More info](#)

Cellulose Fibres Conference 2024

March 2024, Germany

The conference will offer deep insights into the promising future of cellulose fibres, which perfectly fits the current trends of circular economy, recycling and sustainable carbon cycles. It will cover the entire value chain to a wide range of applications.

[More info](#)

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost

ITMA 2023: Evolution before Revolution

"Nobody could have walked away from ITMA not thinking textile innovation isn't truly alive and rather shifting into higher gear than slowing down. The number of companies innovating every aspect up and down the textile value chain is still mind-blowing."

In his new blogpost, our Secretary General Lutz Walter shares his insights and personal takeaways from ITMA 2023, and how it highlighted broad trends like digitalisation and sustainability. Circularity through fibre-to-fibre recycling and biobased processes showed immense potential for a greener future. Digital printing also emerged as a star, paving the way for on-demand and local production. However, challenges remain, such as feedstock availability for recycling, resource optimisation, and waterless processing. AI and the emergence of new business models could also further revolutionise the industry.

[Read "ITMA 2023: Evolution before Revolution"](#)

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