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Meet the Textile ETP Members



### Meet Dalena White from IWTO

Dalena White was appointed as the Secretary General of [IWTO](#), the International Wool Textile Organisation in June 2016. Dalena has more than 20 years' experience in clothing design, textile manufacturing, merchandising and product sourcing for fashion retail. She served as a board member of a clothing factory for 6 years, before joining the wool industry in 2008. She managed brand developments for South African Merino wool products, including styling, wool textile innovation and marketing projects with retail partners.

**Want to meet people like Dalena? 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



### Register for the First ECOSYSTEM Conference!

Taking place in **Barcelona**, Spain, on **18-20 October**, the ECOSYSTEM Conference will **bridge the gap between EU-backed textile research and the thriving sustainable textile industry**. We are bringing together a diverse community of researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers who are committed to driving innovation and sustainability in the textile sector.

Prices for the general public is €230.00 for the three days. **Textile ETP Members benefit from a discount:** €190.00 for the three days. *(Prices don't include VAT).*

Don't miss the opportunity to gain insights into the latest EU-funded textile research projects and their potential applications, and expand your network by connecting with like-minded professionals! We look forward to seeing you there!

[More information and registration](#)



### Still time to register for ECOSYSTEM Insights Series #5

Do you want to accelerate **collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field**? You still have time to join us on 22 September at 10:00CET for the 5th ECOSYSTEM Insights Series webinar! We will have the opportunity to discover new ECOSYSTEM member **PROPLANET**, who will present their objectives and expected outcomes. We will learn more about **R-LIGHTBIOCOM** as well as **RegioGreenTex**' scope and structure of their regional hubs. We will also hear about **My-FI**'s recent developments related to their transformation process and upscaling.

[Register now](#)

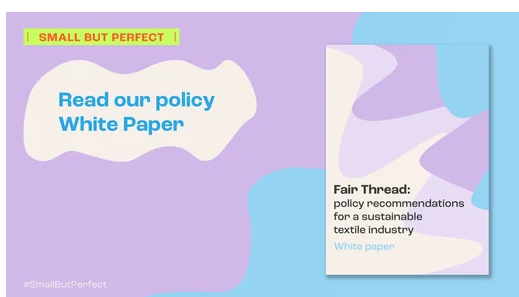


### Exploring RegioGreenTex sustainable textile initiatives in Flanders

On 8 August, as part of the RegioGreenTex project, Textile ETP discovered sustainable textile initiatives around Mechelen, Belgium. Organised by project leader EURLATEX, the day included visits of the facilities of ECOSO (RegioGreenTex project partner), Decathlon Belgium and CILAB Collective (supporting ECOSO on RegioGreenTex), providing a **firsthand look at local and national-level efforts to promote textile reusing, recycling, and upcycling**.

[Learn more](#)

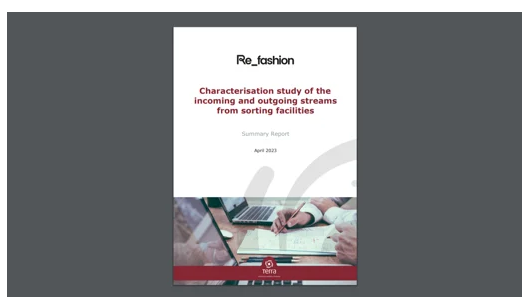
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### Fair Thread: Policy Recommendations for a Sustainable Textile Industry

This **SMALL BUT PERFECT** project's white paper assesses the gaps in current EU fashion legislation and advocates for a unique implementation approach for SMEs. The Paper provides an overview of the biggest challenges in the garment and textile sector related to business models, transparency, wages, trading practices, due diligence and public procurement.

[Read the White Paper](#)



### Characterisation study of the incoming and outgoing streams from sorting facilities

The study developed by ReFashion, updates the results of the characterisation programme of the incoming streams and outgoing waste from sorting facilities undertaken with the help of Terra in 2013, and extends the analysis to the composition of all outgoing streams, distinguishing reuse and non-reuse fractions.

[Read the study](#)

## Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



### Modtissimo

**13-14 Sept, Portugal**  
Modtissimo is a biannual event that brings together the Portuguese textile industry. It fosters innovation and provides a space for reflection, making it an important part of an industry that adapts to changing circumstances. It's the oldest textile fair in the Iberian Peninsula and the only one in Portugal dedicated to the local textile and clothing industry.

[More info](#)



### 62th Dornbirn-GFC

**13-15 Sept, Austria**  
The Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress (Dornbirn-GFC) is the lead event and communication platform for fiber innovations and its downstream manufacturing stages. It takes place in the Kulturhaus Dornbirn/Vorarlberg, Austria every year in September to enable the networking between the industry, universities, technical colleges and trade associations.

[More info](#)



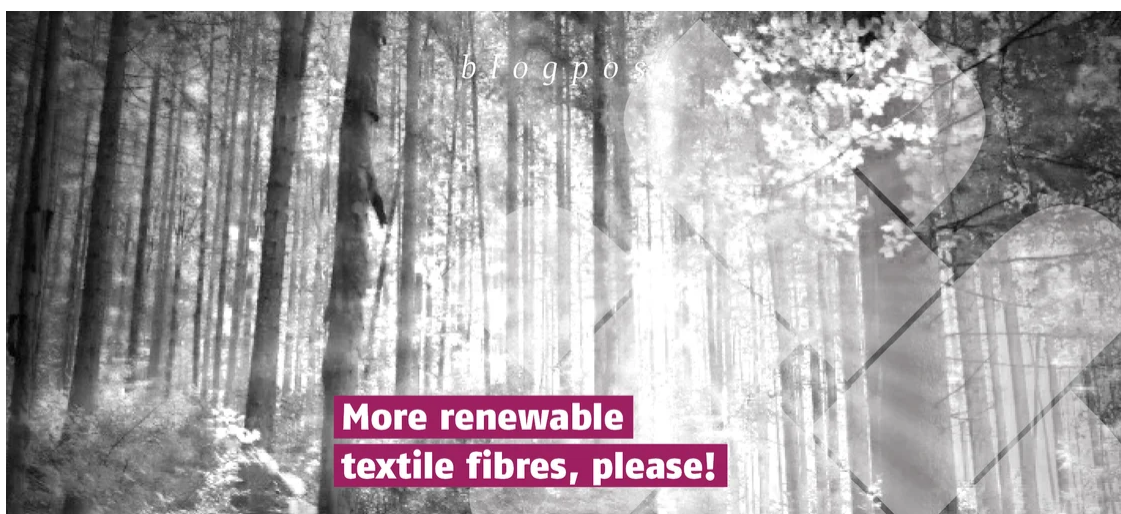
### Textile & Fashion Forum Helsinki 2023

**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



### More renewable textile fibres, please!

*"The textile sector should tap into all 3 main sources of renewable feedstocks – the biosphere in the form of natural and biopolymer-based fibres, the technosphere for recycled post-consumer materials and the atmosphere for CO2-based fibre feedstocks... This cannot happen without a massive global innovation and upscaling effort to make those biobased, recycled and CO2-based fibres at quantities, properties and cost that allow the fossil to renewable material transition to happen without shortages, price spikes, industry and end market disruption. If we do not succeed on this path, the petrol-based synthetic fibre production capacities being built today in China, India or the Middle East may well keep running far beyond 2050."*

In his new blogpost, our Secretary General Lutz Walter unravels the relationship between fibre consumption, population growth, and economic prosperity. From the types of products and applications for which we use textile fibres to accelerated economic growth and prosperity in many countries, stagnation or decline in global textile fibre consumption remains remote. So where will these additional million tonnes of fibres come from, and from what feedstocks are they going to be made?

Don't miss the opportunity to join the conversation on fibre feedstocks and work towards a more sustainable future for the textile industry.

[Read "More renewable textile fibres, please!"](#)

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