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## Follow the Thread

Meet the Textile ETP Members



### Meet Elena Lai from the European Textile Services Association

Since 2020, Elena Lai is Secretary General at the European Textile Services Association (ETSA), based in Brussels, Belgium. With a robust skill set that includes European Union, Politics, International Relations, Public Affairs, NGOs and more, Elena Lai contributes valuable insights to the industry. She also has vast experience in developing partnerships and identifying EU funding opportunities in programmes such as Horizon and Creative Europe. Elena studied Political Science at Capriani University before obtaining a masters in EU constitutional law from Queen Mary University in London.

**Want to meet people like Elena? 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 Textile ETP Annual Conference 2024**  
The 18th Textile ETP Annual Conference will take place as a physical event on 14-15 May 2024 in Mechelen, Belgium.

Over two days, the event will present the EU Textile Research Partnership, the first EU funding program exclusively for the textile sector, and showcase the successes of textile start-ups supported by the European Innovation Council. We will explore the industry's future amidst technological shifts, new regulations, and evolving business models through plenary lectures, thematic sessions, and panel debates. The event also offers the opportunity to take part in networking opportunities and a site visit to HOGENT's FTILab+.

More information and registrations



**Recordings of Innovation Hubs info sessions are now available**  
Did you miss the info sessions of our Innovation Hubs this last passed weeks, or do want to watch it again? The recordings are now available!

In the info sessions, we went through all you need to know about both Innovation Hubs, including the main and upcoming activities that will help you learn, network, and collaborate on the forefront of either e-textiles and high-performance textiles, or circular and biobased textiles.

- Watch the recording of the Circular & Biobased Textiles Innovation Hub Info Session
- Watch the recording of the SmartX Innovation Hub Info Session

## Knowledge Centre



### Guide de décarbonation Entreprises du textile (French only)

Co-developed with 30 textile companies (Thuasne, Eric Bompard, Boldoduc, Crossline, etc.), this 50-page guide includes practical advice for conducting a carbon footprint assessment in the textile sector, over 100 decarbonation action ideas categorized by feasibility and cost, and 30 concrete examples of actions implemented by textile industry players. It represents a collaborative effort within the French textile sector, aimed at enhancing sustainability practices.

Read the guide (French only)

### Non-level playing field for renewable materials vs. fossil in Life Cycle Assessments

This RCI Scientific Background Report was mainly motivated by a study published by JRC in 2021 with the title: "LCA of alternative feedstocks for plastic products", commonly referred to as the JRC Plastics LCA Method (Nessi et al. 2021). This RCI report is mainly aiming to provide additional context to highlight issues that might arise with implementation of the JRC Plastics LCA methodology, and dives deeper into five aspects.

Read the Report

## Coming Up

The Calendar of Events

- European Polyamide Conference 2024**, 13-14 March, Germany. The Wood Mackenzie European Polyamide Conference combines integrated analysis across the polyamide value chain with sessions focused on feedstocks, polymers, and key application markets, deep dives into emerging trends and technologies. [More info](#)
- Cellulose Fibres Conference 2024**, 13-14 March, Germany & Online. The Cellulose Fibres Conference will showcase the most successful solutions based on cellulose fibres that are currently available on the market, with a focus on Cellulose Fibre Production From Recycling Agricultural Waste, Banknotes and Textiles to Replacing Plastics in Hygiene, Packaging & Textiles. [More info](#)
- Techtextil 23-26 April, Germany**. At the upcoming Techtextil from 23 to 26 April 2024, international exhibitors will present the entire spectrum of technical textiles, nonwovens, functional apparel textiles and textile technologies. Texprocess, the leading trade fair for the apparel and textile processing industries, will be held parallel to Techtextil. [More info](#)

## Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



### How much sustainable textile fibre supply will be available in 2030?

"All volume growth in fibre production is driven by demand from countries and market applications that are not likely to be subject to stringent sustainability legislation anytime soon. The markets with highest near-term regulatory impact are Western markets for fashion and other textile-based consumer products. How big are they in volume terms? Adding up the apparel consumption of the countries showing more than 1 piece of upcoming sustainability legislation [...] and assuming 20 kg of per capita apparel consumption plus a 30% margin of material loss in the production chain gets us to about 25 million tons of sustainable material needed in 2030."

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter explores the necessity for the textile and fashion industry to radically transform its raw material supply due to the unsustainable nature of two-thirds of global textile fibres originating from fossil fuel resources. He refers to a recent report jointly published by Textile Exchange and Quantis, shedding light on the challenges and limitations of achieving sustainability in textile production.

Read "How much sustainable textile fibre supply will be available in 2030?"

## Social Post of the month

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Join us today as we commemorate **Judith Bosch's** remarkable 5th work anniversary with Textile ETP! 🎉

Since joining the team in 2019, **Judith** has been an invaluable asset, consistently contributing her expertise and dedication to our projects and initiatives over the past five years.

In addition to her leadership in the concluded **SmartX Europe** project, Judith is also instrumental in advancing our ongoing **TRICA Project**, **#RegioGreenTex** and **CITE Project**. Her efforts have contributed significantly to the success and impact of these initiatives.

**Judith** is also the supervisor of our newly relaunched **SmartX Innovation Hub**, alongside Dr. **Daniela Zavec**, that brings together smart and high-performance textiles innovators and technology developers from across Europe.

Congratulations **Judith Bosch** on this significant milestone! Here's to many more years of shared achievements and collaboration! 🌟

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