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Meet Guy Buyle from Centexbel

As EU Research Manager, Guy Buyle's mission is to involve Centexbel and leading European textile and plastic converting companies in research and innovation projects that are both beneficial to society as a whole and economically viable for the participating companies. This mainly via Horizon Europe, the EU framework programme aiming at market creating innovation and world-firsts, but also through other European-wide funding schemes including Euranet, Eureka, Interreg and Life.

Want to meet people like Guy? 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



Techtextil 2024: Textile ETP in the middle of Technical Textile Innovation

Techtextil 2024 affirmed its reputation as the preeminent trade fair for textile innovation, providing a platform for exhibitors to unveil the latest advancements in technical textiles, nonwovens, and associated technologies. Over four engaging days in Frankfurt, industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts converged to explore, discuss, and collaborate on the future of textiles.

Throughout the fair, the Textile ETP team organised six guided tours, not only for our members but for the subscribers of the SmartX and Circular & Biobased Textiles Innovation Hubs, providing them with immersive experiences into the realms of smart and high-performance textiles, and sustainability.

Our Secretary General Lutz Walter also gave a speech at the Techtextil Forum on long-term sustainability trends, outlining the key challenges and practical steps companies need to take to navigate the transition to a more sustainable future. On another hand, our Project Manager Judith Bosch also spoke on stage, highlighted the core values and services of the SmartX Innovation Hub. Textile ETP celebrated a successful participation, expressing gratitude to all involved, and we look forward continued innovation and collaboration at Techtextil 2026.

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Accelerating Textile Research & Scaling Sustainable Innovation in Europe
18th Textile ETP Annual Conference

Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May
10:00-11:00: Welcome	9:30-10:30: Opening session - Funding Sustainable Textile Start-ups
11:00-12:30: Opening session - Launching the EU Textile Research Partnership	10:00-12:00: Start-up pitches on key innovation themes
14:00-15:15: The pillars of the Research Roadmap	14:00-15:30: Successfully scaling sustainable textile innovation
15:45-17:00: From research to market entry	15:30-16:00: Closing session
17:30-18:00: Textile ETP General Assembly	
19:00: Cocktail Reception	

Mechelen 14+15
14-15 May 2024

Last days to register for the Textile ETP Annual Conference 2024: discover the final programme!
The 18th Textile ETP Annual Conference will take place in two weeks, on 14-15 May 2024 in Mechelen, Belgium.

The event will be an exclusive opportunity to attend the **first and only event about the EU Textile Research Partnership, the first EU funding programme exclusively for the textile sector, and have your say!**

We will also showcase the successes of textile start-ups supported by the **European Innovation Council**, and explore the industry's future amidst technological shifts, new regulations, and evolving business models through plenary lectures, thematic sessions, and panel debates.

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2024, Basic Textile Data: Best Practices and Case Studies for Municipalities

TEXroad, together with Laine-Harju, Saku and Humana Estonia, present this practical guide on using data to support better textile management, building on three years of textile initiatives, sorting activities and data management work in Estonia and the Netherlands.

[Read the report](#)



The Thread: Your guide on the impact of EU policy on textiles

Discover Resortecs' comprehensive guide on the **latest textile policy developments** for brands, sorters, and recyclers within the European ecosystem.

[Read the guide](#)

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events

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Textile ETP Annual Conference 2024

14-15 May, Belgium
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.
The Textile ETP team will be present every day at Techtextil: come and visit us at Booth E36, in Hall 12.1, and gain insights into our services, activities, and EU projects!

[More info](#)

ECOSYSTEX Insights Series #9

31 May, online
Join us on **31 May from 10:00 to 11:30 CET**, as **CISUTAC** project will present its 2035 future scenarios and the textile waste decision support tool. The **CALIBREO** project will also present how they are going beyond the Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment methodology. We will also welcome the **SCIRT** and **HemoCircularity** projects who will discuss their project developments.

[More info](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 17th Istanbul Apparel Conference

16-17 October, Türkiye
The Turkish Clothing Manufacturers' Association's flagship organization **17th Istanbul Apparel Conference** and B2B Network Event will take place on **16-17 October** this year. Panels and sessions will be covering next-gen materials, impact of generative AI on textile and garment manufacturing, wearable technology, traceability, transparency as well as building agile and flexible organisations.

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Lutz Walter's take-aways from Techtextil 2024

"When wandering the halls of Techtextil there is no doubt that textile innovation is alive and well. The number of new materials, smart processing and manufacturing technologies and clever end market solutions on show across the 5 Techtextil and 2 Texprocess halls was mind-bending."

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter reflects on insights gained from attending the Techtextil & Texprocess fairs in Frankfurt, that took place last week. He highlights the events as hubs for technical textile innovation rather than conventional sales venues, emphasising the importance of discovering new solutions and fostering partnerships. Despite the business climate in certain markets, particularly construction and interiors, innovation thrives, with sustainability and digitalisation driving progress.

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Lutz Walter • 1st
Textile innovation expert, founder, team leader, writer, keynote speaker and ...
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Back from 2 days in Catalonia and again a few valuable insights richer.

First I joined our members **AEI TÈXTILS** - cluster of advanced textile producers in Catalunya. Always a pleasure to catch up with **Ariadna Detrell Josep Casamada Ribot** & team. I presented the upcoming EU textile research funding opportunities at the final event of the **ADAMANTEKO** project. This project created contacts between European textile SMEs and potential partners in global markets such as the US, Canada and Japan. If you think small companies should stick to their knitting and resign themselves to their home markets, you have no idea how world-leadingly unique some of these hidden niche champions are despite their small size.

I got a great flavour of this when visiting **FINSA - JOB | Group** in Terrassa a leader of textile-based filtration solutions for the global mining industry, utilities, food production and many other end markets.

Lines of humming weaving looms producing highly engineered fabrics of which 99% of people have no idea that they even exist, while they are so crucial for our health and safety and the environment. Thanks **Joaquín Badriñas Marcet** for the exciting tour of this steadily growing owner-operated company that has successfully transformed over multiple generations.

Next stop was **Leitat Technological Center** also headquartered in Terrassa, one of the 2 leading research & industrial technology centres in Catalonia. Growing from its roots in the wool business, it now is a leader across many chemical, materials and process-related technology domains and end markets. But still working closely with the local and European textile industry on subjects such as advanced and sustainable textile chemistry, biobased materials, resource-efficient processing, surface functionalisation, detergents, microplastics and many more. Thanks **Sergi Artigas Lorenzo** **Bautista Irene** **Punzi Ruth** **García Campà** for the extensive presentation of your work and tour of your impressive facilities. Reach out to them when in need of textile chemistry and processing know-how.

Day 2 took me into Barcelona to speak at the **ADVANCED FACTORIES 2024** Summit, co-organised by **Eurecat** - Technology Centres in textiles as well as many other manufacturing, digital and life science sectors. Thanks **Juan Guasch** for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts on the upcoming textile sector transformation. Digital and advanced manufacturing technologies will enable the sustainable, fully traceable on-demand production of textiles that the new EU legislation will require. It was great to share the panel with our members **David Allo** from **TEXFOR - Confederación de la Industria Textil** and **Ricard Artigas** from **TEXTIL OLIUS - S.A** engagingly moderated by **Aurea Rodríguez** from **ETP Culture & Creativity**.

I will be back soon to explore new projects and visit a few more Catalan textile innovation champions.

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