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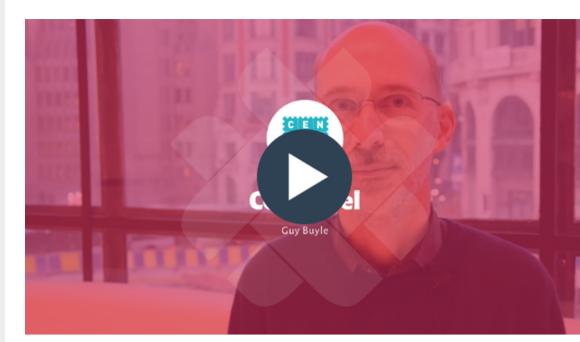
Lutz Walter's

**Blogpost** 

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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 fait, 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

### More information



### 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 <a href="https://example.com/have-your-say">have your say!</a>

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.

Register today

Discover the programme

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2024 Basic Textile Data:

**Best Practices and Case Studies for Municipalitie** TEXroad, together with Lääne-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

the impact of EU policy on textiles Discover Resortecs' comprehensive guide on the latest textile policy developments for brands, sorters,

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and recyclers within the European ecosystem. Read the guide

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# 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

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 **CALIMERO** project will also present how they are going beyond the Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment methodology. We will also welcome the **SCIRT** 

**SAVE THE DATE:** 17th Istanbul Apparel Conference 16-17 October, Türkiye The Turkish Clothing

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!

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 and <u>Hemp4Circularity</u> textile and garment projects who will discuss their manufacturing, wearable project developments. technology, traceability, transparency as well as building agile and flexible

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## Exploring the World of Textiles Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost +++++++++ **Lutz Walter's ≋** take−aways from Techtextil 2024

### Lutz Walter's take-aways from Techtextil 2024 "When wandering the halls of Techtextil there is no doubt that textile

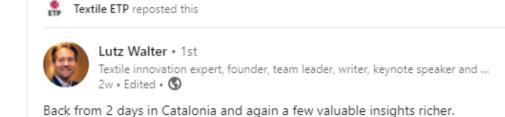
innovation is alive and well. The number of new materials, smart processing and manufacturing technologies and clever end market solutions on show across the 5 Techtextil and 2 Texprocess halls was mind-bending." In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter reflects on insights

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. Read "Lutz Walter's take-aways from Techtextil 2024"

gained from attending the Techtextil & Texprocess fairs in Frankfurt, that took

# **Social Post of the month**



First I joined our members AEI TEXTILS - 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 ADMANTEX2i 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 Joaquin Badrinas Marcet for the

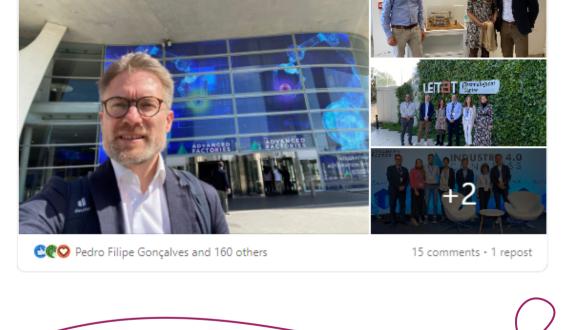
successfully transformed over multiple generations. Next stop was Leitat Technological Center also headquartered in Terrassa, one of the 2 leading applied research & industrial technology centres in Catalonia. Growing from its roots in the wool business, it now is a leader across many chemical, materials and process-related technology domains and end markets. But still working closely with the local and European textile industry on subjects such as

exciting tour of this steadily growing owner-operated company that has

advanced and sustainable textile chemistry, biobased materials, resource-efficient processing, surface functionalisation, detergents, microplastics and many more. Thanks Sergi Artigas Lorenzo Bautista Irene Punti Ruth Garcia 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 Centre the other major industrial technology center of Catalunya, with research activities in textiles as well as many

other manufacturing, digital and life science sectors. Thanks Joan 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 EIT Culture & Creativity. I will be back soon to explore new projects and visit a few more Catalan textile innovation champions.



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