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Meet Paola Fontana from Città Studi - Po.in.tex

Graduated in Chemistry with a qualification for practising chemist profession by the University of Torino (Italy), she is R&D manager at Città Studi Biella and Cluster Manager of Po.in.tex, the Textile Innovation Cluster based in Piemonte. Since 1998, she gained a huge experience in various private enterprises; her expertise also spanned on internal Lab and Production Management (technical materials for textile and non-textile applications, finishing). Paola Fontana is now Città Studi's in-house manager appointed at National and European Projects coordination, implementation, execution. She is working in the co-ordination of Po.in.tex: coordination of research activities, technology transfer and networking with national and international companies, clusters, research centers and institutions, partnership creation, organization of technical events and B2B, etc.

Want to meet people like Paola? 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



18th Textile ETP Conference 2024: Shaping New Horizons for the Textile sector

The 18th Textile ETP Annual Conference in Mechelen was a significant event for us, bringing together our members including industry leaders, experts, and innovators to discuss the future of the textile sector. Over two days, attendees had engaging discussions, shared knowledge, and highlighted the industry's focus on sustainability, innovation, and collaboration. The conference **launched the EU Textile Research Partnership, the first ever EU research and innovation funding programme fully dedicated to the textile sector**, and covered the specificities of the Partnership's strategic agenda and showcased innovative solutions, offering a thorough look at the challenges and opportunities in the textile industry. The Conference was also an opportunity for all participants **convened to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the creation of Textile ETP!**

[Read our article](#)[Discover the photos](#)

Save the Date: Second ECOSYSTEEX Conference

The 2nd ECOSYSTEEX Conference will take place as a physical event on 15-16 October 2024 in Milan, Italy. Mark your calendars for two days of insightful discussions, networking, and collaboration. Engage in thought-provoking **plenary sessions, and interactive workshops, organised by ECOSYSTEEX member projects**, that are tailored to address the latest trends and challenges in our field. But, it's not all! Join us as we **celebrate the outcome of the TRICK Project and my-fi with their final events**. Discover more about the results of both projects who respectively focus on traceability and the digital product passport, and on the development of alternative biobased materials.

Registrations will open in late Spring/early Summer, so stay tuned!



Lutz Walter discusses fashion's greenhouse gas emissions at Global Fashion Summit

On 23 May, Textile ETP Secretary General Lutz Walter took the stage at the Global Fashion Agenda's Global Fashion Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, participating in the 'Decarbonisation Data: Fashion's Emissions' panel. Lutz Walter focused his speech on the critical issue of fashion's greenhouse gas emissions, exploring actionable strategies to reduce our industry's roughly 2% contribution to global emissions. He highlighted that many effective measures are not only straightforward but also offer positive returns on investment.

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Textile ETP at iTechStyle Summit 2024

On 20-22 May, Textile ETP Secretary General Lutz Walter and Project Manager Judith Bosch attended CITEVE's iTechStyle Summit in Porto, Portugal. Inaugurated by Portuguese Minister Fernando Alexandre, the summit focused on digitalization for textile sustainability. Key discussions included AI, bio-based materials, and the upcoming DPP regulation. Our Secretary General Lutz Walter presented a strategic vision emphasizing quality, ownership, responsibility, and authenticity. Our Project Manager Judith Bosch moderated a panel on textile performance in the automotive and mobility sector, and promoted the RegioGreenTex project.

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Volumes and destruction of returned and unsold textiles in Europe's circular economy

As online shopping, easy returns, shifting consumer tastes and fast-fashion tactics have become more common in Europe, so have the amounts of textiles that are sent back or left unsold. A new report by the European Topic Centre on Circular Economy and Resource Use, co-authored by VITO, reveals the scale and environmental impact of returned and unsold textile products in Europe.

[Read the report](#)

Accelerating the circular economy in Europe

Developing the circular economy is a crucial part of addressing the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. The transformation of our economy towards circular principles can contribute to alleviate pressures on the environment and manage trade-offs. This European Environment Agency report offers a comprehensive analysis of the state of play of the transition to a more circular economy in Europe and the strong policy push we have seen in recent times, together with options and prospects to further accelerate it.

[Read the report](#)

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The Calendar of Events



Efficient, Lightweight, Sustainable Materials - Supporting EU industries to meet the Green Deal targets

6 June, Belgium & online
The workshop convenes numerous research initiatives funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe framework.

[More info](#)

Brussels Textiles Forum

13 June, Belgium
Join EURATEX just days after the European elections, to discuss the EU's role in fostering a sustainable and competitive textile sector through innovation and quality. Engage with senior EC officials in debates with industry CEOs.

[More info](#)

SCIRT x TREX webinar on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products

26 June, Online
This session will be dedicated to the link between the projects and the ESPR regulations for textiles, that have been voted in favour by the European Parliament.

[More info](#)

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Does large-scale textile recycling reduce climate impact?

"Lower CO2 emissions is not the main reason to engage in textile-to-textile recycling. The main benefits of textile recycling are expected to be in other impact categories, such as those related to land and water use"

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter reflects on a recent LCA study by IVL, part of the Swedish project Sustainable Clothing Futures, which examines the climate impact of large-scale textile-to-textile recycling in Europe, revealing that increasing fibre-to-fibre recycling from 1% to 26% by 2035 could potentially reduce CO2 emissions by 1.3%.

[Read "Does large-scale textile recycling reduce climate impact?"](#)

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