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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Saman Khodabandeh from Mitwill Textiles Europe. Saman is a textile engineer and manager. He is currently working for Mitwill Textiles Europe as Development and Project Manager, mostly realizing mid-long term projects, but also solving today's problems. Saman likes to prepare for the future textile industry by shaping it collaboratively.

Want to meet people like Saman? 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



Save the Date: Textile ETP Annual Conference 2025. Next year, the 19th Textile ETP Annual Conference will be organised in partnership with AITEX and will place as a physical event on 13-14 May 2025 in their facilities in Alcoy, Spain.

This year's focus will spotlight ecodesign, and more specifically ecodesign of clothing and other consumer goods, as well as the sustainability of technical and smart textiles. The event will also be combined with the annual General Assembly of the Textile ETP.

Watch this space for more information!



Textile ETP's Innovation Hubs: What happened in 2024?

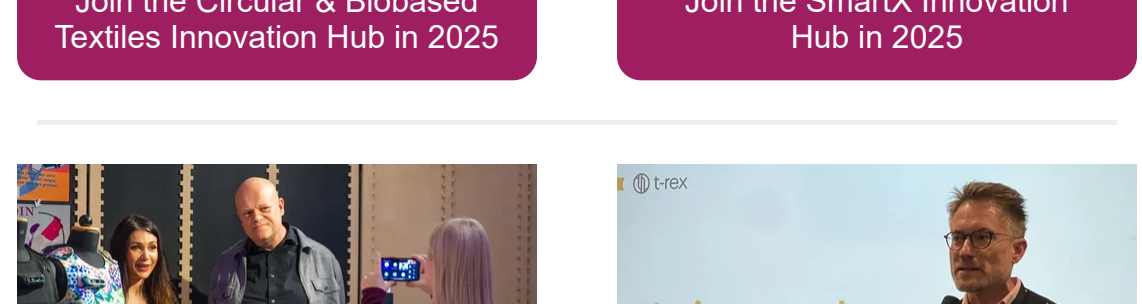
Early 2024, Textile ETP launched two Innovation Hubs to help textile companies, research organisations, brands and retailers to learn, network and collaborate on the hot topics of circular and biobased textiles, and smart and technical textiles.

Approaching the end of the year, Textile ETP created a summary of the topics targeted in our different webinars and the speakers who brought this content to us, our physical meet-ups and networking opportunities where Hub members had a chance to meet in person.

- Discover the 2024 recap of the Circular & Biobased Textiles Innovation Hub
- Discover the 2024 recap of the SmartX Innovation Hub

Next year's programmes are currently under preparation, and will be published in mid-December 2024.

- Join the Circular & Biobased Textiles Innovation Hub in 2025
- Join the SmartX Innovation Hub in 2025



Textile ETP at Science Park of Borås

Our Project Manager Judith Bosch visited Science Park Borås to explore the Smart Textiles showroom's medical e-textiles and a range of other innovative products. Together with Science Park Borås's Amelie Olesen, Anna Berglund, and Susanne Hejdenäs, she discussed AI's impact on textiles, Swedish wool's sustainable applications, and innovations like paper-based yarn for interiors.

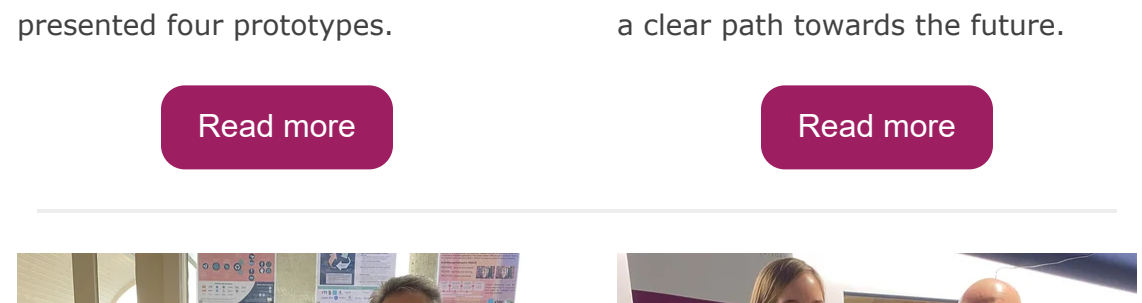
The visit ended with a live SmartX Innovation Hub webinar from Borås, where Nils-Krister Persson presented four prototypes.

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Textile ETP wraps up T-REX's Policy Roundtable

Wrapping up the T-REX project's policy roundtable in Brussels on 12 November, our Secretary General Lutz Walter highlighted the critical themes that emerged throughout the event. Emphasising the creative and innovative minds that make Europe, he noted the importance of integrating design at the heart of sustainability efforts. Discussions at the roundtable also underscored the vital role of regional-level initiatives in driving forward the European sustainability agenda, and the need for robust data, empowering us to make informed decisions and chart a clear path towards the future.

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Lutz Walter opens the 4th International Conference Circular Economy for Textiles and Plastics

On 19 November, our Secretary General Lutz Walter opened the International Conference "Circular Economy for Textiles and Plastics", organised by our members Centexbel and Fedustria, highlighting the key role of ECOSYSTEM in driving innovation and collaboration in the circular economy. The conference, which took place in Ostend, Belgium, was also a great opportunity to meet with our PESCO-UP and SOLSTICE project partners.

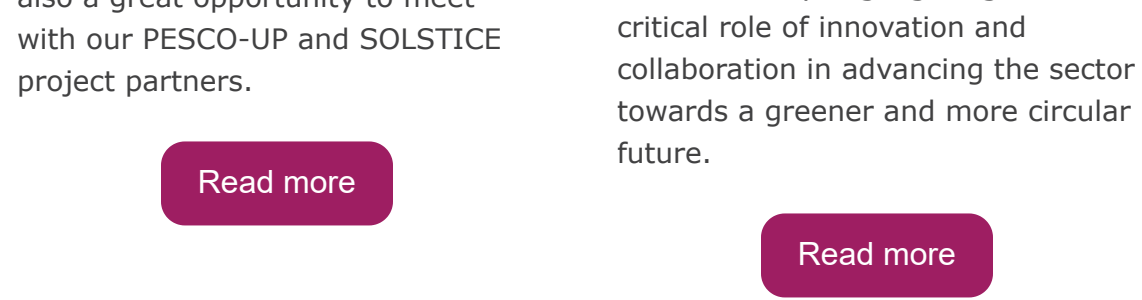
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Textile ETP highlights innovation at the ADD Conference

On 21-22 November, our Secretary General Lutz Walter and Sustainability Programmes Officer Tilia Kross represented Textile ETP at the Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf Conference in Stuttgart, where they hosted a stand to present our activities and initiatives to industry leaders and innovators participating in the event. Our Secretary General also gave a keynote speech about EU research for textile sustainability and circularity, highlighting the critical role of innovation and collaboration in advancing the sector towards a greener and more circular future.

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Knowledge Centre



Materials Benchmark Insights and Trends

Textile Exchange's Materials Benchmark is the largest peer-to-peer comparison initiative in the fashion, textile, and apparel industry. Every year, it tracks the uptake of fibres and raw materials from recognised programmes, as well as how companies are addressing areas like circularity, biodiversity, land, freshwater, and forests.

Read the factsheet

MTF 2.0: The Textile Data Highway

The 2nd edition of Smartex's Modern Textile Factory (MTF) Report reveals how a seamless Data Highway is transforming textile supply chains. Dive into strategies for leveraging high-quality, communicable, and actionable data to optimize operations, enhance product quality, and drive sustainability.

Read the report

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events

- Cellulose Fibres Conference 2025, Germany (12-13 March 2025)
- Hannovermesse 2025, Germany (31 March - 4 April)
- iTechStyle Summit 2025, Portugal (26-28 May 2025)

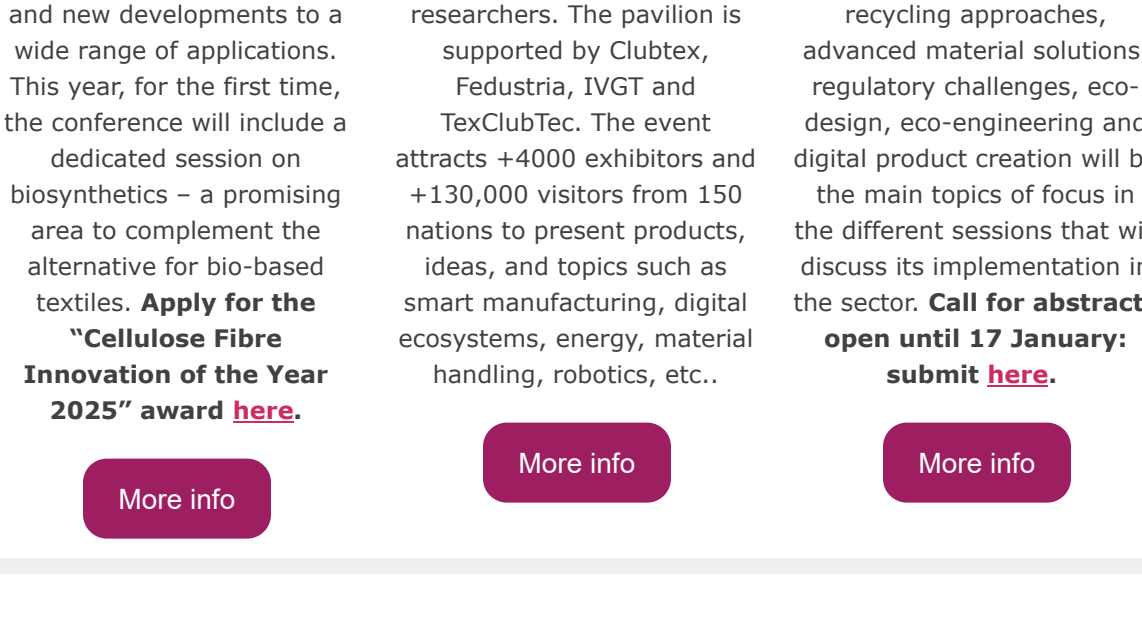
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Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



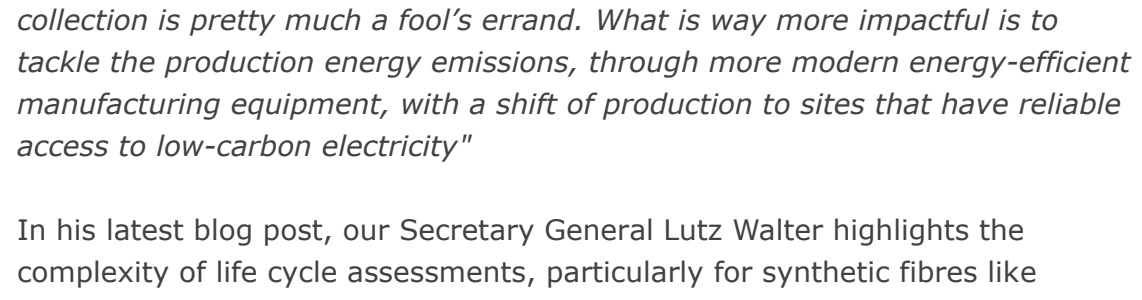
Does fibre swapping matter for textile sustainability?

"Since we know that the carbon footprint differences between different fibre types are not that massive, we have to conclude that swapping fibres around in an attempt to lower the carbon footprint of a textile product or a whole collection is pretty much a fool's errand. What is way more impactful is to tackle the production energy emissions, through more modern energy-efficient manufacturing equipment, with a shift of production to sites that have reliable access to low-carbon electricity"

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter highlights the complexity of life cycle assessments, particularly for synthetic fibres like polyester, and argues that real progress mainly lies in enhancing production energy efficiency, reducing waste, and prioritising garment durability over superficial fibre swaps.

Read "Does fibre swapping matter for textile sustainability?"

Social Post of the month



On 12-13 November 2024, the SmartX Innovation Hub, in collaboration with Textils.CAT, had the opportunity to explore Catalonia's high-performance and smart textile ecosystem in Barcelona. Over two days, our team, led by Judith Bosch and Matteo Mainiero, connected with industry leaders and discovered pioneering technologies shaping the future of textiles.

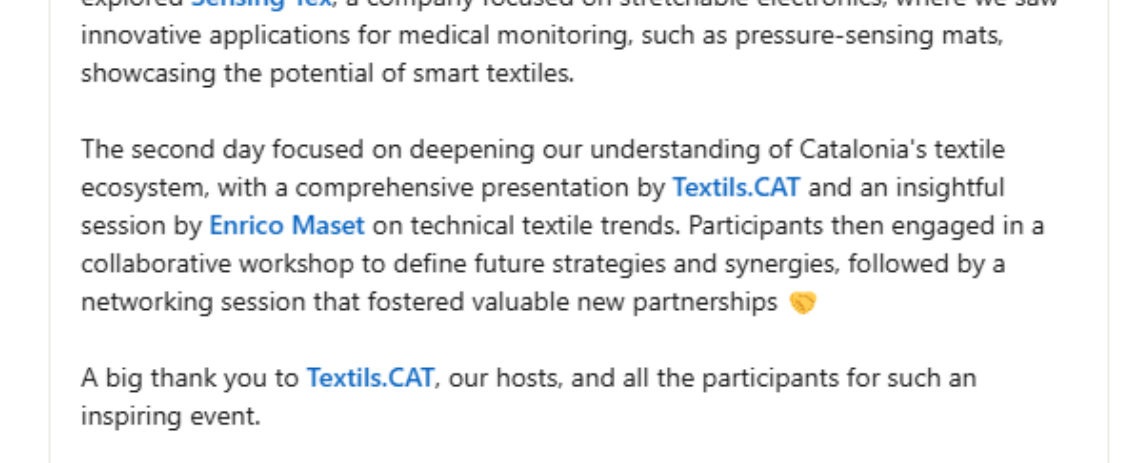
We kicked off the event with a visit to ANGLES TEXTIL SA in Anglès, where we learned about their sustainable synthetic yarn production. Next, we explored Sensing Tex, a company focused on stretchable electronics, where we saw innovative applications for medical monitoring, such as pressure-sensing mats, showcasing the potential of smart textiles.

The second day focused on deepening our understanding of Catalonia's textile ecosystem, with a comprehensive presentation by Textils.CAT and an insightful session by Enric Masot on technical textile trends. Participants then engaged in a collaborative workshop to define future strategies and synergies, followed by a networking session that fostered valuable new partnerships.

A big thank you to Textils.CAT, our hosts, and all the participants for such an inspiring event.

If you want to know more about the event

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