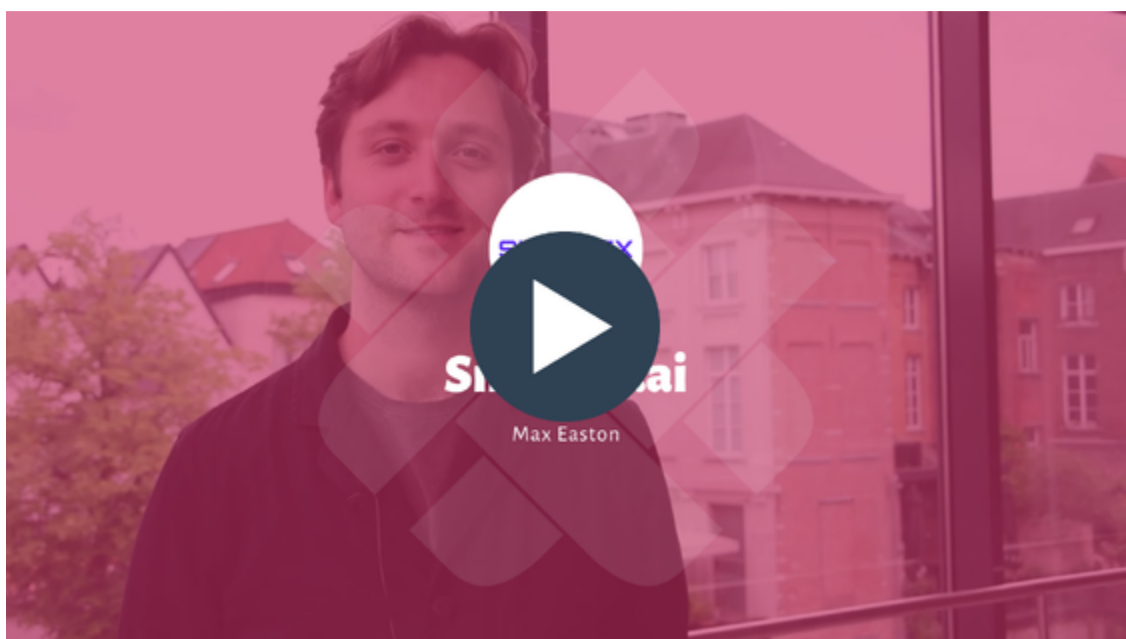




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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Max Easton from Smartex.ai

Max graduated with a degree in Political Science from Brown University and has furthered his expertise with a focus on Strategic Branding, Identity, and Brand Experience from the University of the Arts London (UAL). Max is the Global Innovation Director at Smartex.ai, a company focused on revolutionising the textile industry through Artificial Intelligence. His role focuses on the development of AI-driven solutions such as automated quality control and data platforms that improve the efficiency and sustainability of modern textile factories.

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



DigitX Innovation Hub: From AI to DPP, making European textile businesses fit for the digital future

The Textile ETP, in partnership with [Lectra](#), [TrusTrace](#), [SmartexAI](#), [ITA Academy](#), [CITEVE](#), [Finnish Textile & Fashion](#), [EURATEX](#), launches the DigitX Innovation Hub. This initiative is poised to be a central hub for textile companies, research organisations, brands, and retailers to converge, learn, network, and collaborate on the key topics related to the digitalisation of the textile sector.

As the textile industry faces growing demands for efficiency, sustainability, and customisation, digitalisation offers transformative solutions, ranging from AI-driven design to digital production passport (DPP) that streamline and modernise workflows, minimise waste, and enable more agile responses to market trends.

This new DigitX Innovation Hub presents a unique platform for professionals from diverse backgrounds to engage in discussions, collaborate, access information, and collectively address the challenges on the horizon.

The Innovation Hub invites European textile professionals with a keen interest in artificial intelligence, digital supply chain and manufacturing to subscribe. This includes representatives from small, medium, and large companies across the entire supply chain, research/testing institutes, university departments, professional associations, clusters, consultancies, and independent experts.

Learn more

Subscribe to the DigitX Innovation Hub



Textile ETP President at ANDRITZ's anniversary celebration

Late November, Textile ETP President Marina Crnoja-Cosic took part in a panel discussion organised by ANDRITZ, a global leader in innovative technologies, as part of the company's celebration of the 40th anniversary of its Perfojet technology.

The panel discussed the role of the paper and textile industry in helping futureproof the planet, and also featured Joachim Schönbeck and Andreas Lukas from ANDRITZ, Julien BRAS from Cellulose Valley and Jean Henin from Pellenc ST.

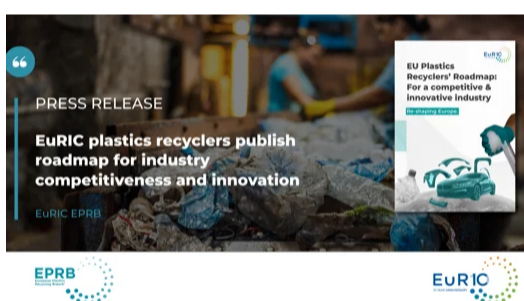
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Textile ETP at the 6th E-Textiles Conference

Late November, Textile ETP Project Manager Judith Bosch attended the 6th e-Textiles Conference in Berlin, a three-day event bringing together experts, innovators, and industry leaders under the theme "Users and Uses." Discussions focused on the challenges and advancements in e-textiles, emphasising the role of design and fashion in driving adoption and scaling production. Key topics included sustainability, circularity, and the implications of new legislation like eco-design.

Knowledge Centre



EU Plastics Recyclers' Roadmap: For a competitive & innovative industry

In this Roadmap, EURIC's Plastics Recycling Branch (EPRB) explores the current state of the EU plastics recycling industry and outlines key recommendations for the EU's 2024-2029 mandate to boost plastics recycling in the EU while driving innovation and investment.

Read the roadmap



Socioeconomic Impacts of European Union Circular Textiles Policies on Trading Partners

By identifying potential impacts of EU policies beyond Europe, this study by Circle Economy uncovers challenges in understanding extra-EU effects and highlights significant blind spots, positioning itself as a foundation for continued research.

Read the document

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



ECOSYSTEX Insights Series 12

31 January, Online

Are you interested in learning more about the projects that make the ECOSYSTEX community? Do you want to accelerate collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field?

Join the 12th ECOSYSTEX Insights Series webinar and learn more about PESCO-UP, CELLFIL, FABRIX and CIRTECHTEX.

More info



iTechStyle Summit 26-28 May 2025, Portugal

In this 7th iTechStyle Summit, innovations driven by AI, bio-based textile solutions, digitalisation, new recycling approaches, advanced material solutions, regulatory challenges, eco-design, eco-engineering and digital product creation will be the main topics of focus in the different sessions that will discuss its implementation in the sector. Call for abstracts open until 17 January; submit here.

More info



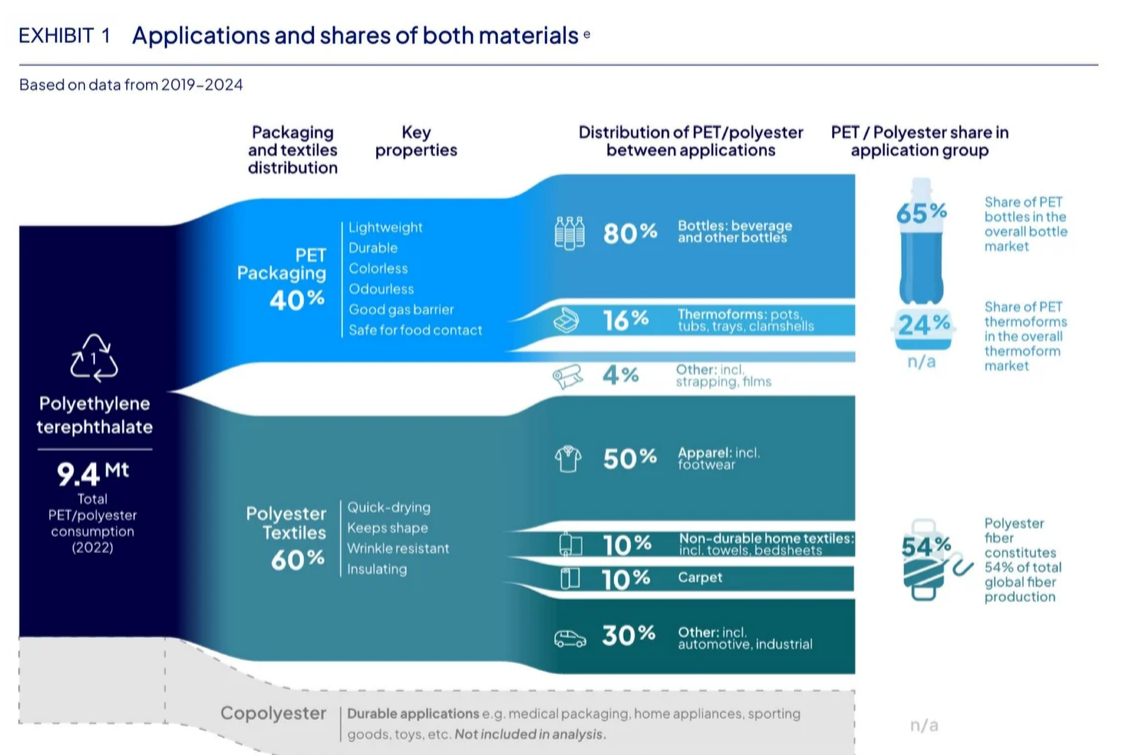
Dornbirn-GFC 2025 10-12 Sept, Austria

The Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress (GFC) is inviting researchers, experts, manufacturers, and practitioners to submit papers for the 64th edition, taking place in September 2025. This congress offers a platform to present cutting-edge research and innovations that will shape the future of the fiber and textile industries. Call for abstracts open until 14 February; submit here.

More info

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



*Source: Systemiq and packaging partners (US, France, Peru) (2020), IFA, M. & partners (2024), Textile Exchange (2022), Curving Forward (2023), WIREPAPER (2023)

Transforming PET Packaging and Textiles in the United States

In his latest article, our Secretary General Lutz Walter deep dives into a compelling report, produced by Systemiq Ltd. with support from Closed Loop Partners Economia Research & Consulting and The Recycling Partnership, that examines the current state of PET packaging and polyester textile circularity in the US, presenting key data, challenges, and ambitious scenarios for progress by 2040.

His article highlights insights into recycling rates, the potential for reducing virgin PET consumption, and the critical role of biobased fibres in achieving sustainability.

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