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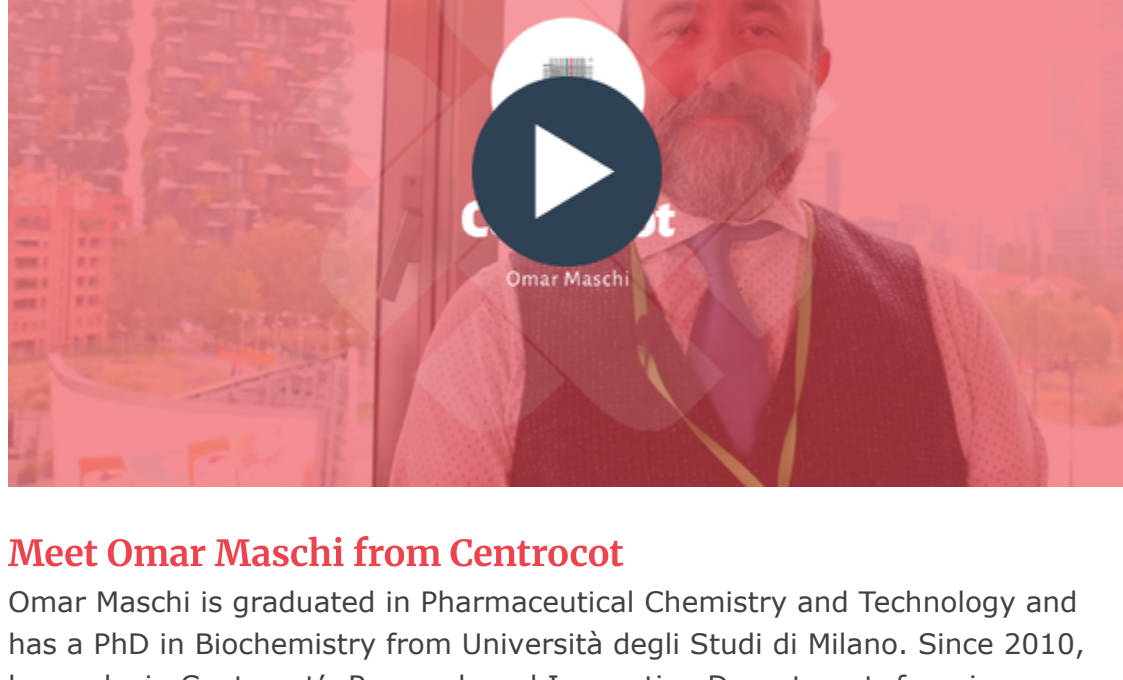
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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Omar Maschi from Centrocot

Omar Maschi is graduated in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology and has a PhD in Biochemistry from Università degli Studi di Milano. Since 2010, he works in Centrocot's Research and Innovation Department, focusing on development of products and processes for a sustainable textile manufacturing. His activities are related to customers' needs and to the technical actions of European and National research projects. Currently, he is the Technical and Scientific Manager of Multilab, a specific department aimed to study and implement valorisation of textile waste by recycling. He is also involved in training activity for textile innovation and sustainability, including the use of biomaterials and biotechnologies in the textile supply chain (production, new materials, end-of-life management).

Want to meet people like Omar? 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



European Commission boosts textile innovation with launch of a dedicated funding programme: the European Partnership for Textiles of the Future

A major step in the implementation of the European Partnership for Textiles of the Future has been taken, as the European Commission and Textile ETP now begin the signature process of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Once signed, the partnership will be officially launched to drive sustainability, circularity, and innovation in the textile sector while reinforcing Europe's strategic autonomy and global competitiveness. **The first funding opportunities under this initiative will then be introduced in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025 to be published in Spring with expected project submission deadlines in the early Autumn 2025 for first projects to start in mid-2026.**

While any organisation can answer these calls, **Textile ETP will coordinate consortium building initiatives, project brokerage, and dissemination activities for its members.** These brokerage activities will also include all other textile-related funding opportunities across the entire Horizon Europe programme and other EU-funding schemes for research and innovation. **To benefit from all these funding access facilitation actions, we encourage interested companies and research organisations to join Textile ETP.**

[Learn more](#)



The Textile ETP Annual Conference 2025 is less than 2 months away: secure your spot now!

The 19th Textile ETP Annual Conference will be organised in partnership with AITEX and will place as a physical event on 12-14 May 2025 in their facilities in Alcoy, Spain. We welcome our members as well as other professionals from all over Europe interested in sustainable textile innovation and EU research funding opportunities.

Featuring leading voices from the textile industry and academy who will give their expert insights on the latest trends, strategies, opportunities and challenges, **the 3-day event** will be an opportunity to:

- **Spotlight ecodesign**, and more specifically ecodesign of clothing and consumer goods, as well as the sustainability of technical and smart textiles.
- **Present the EU Textile Research Partnership**, the first ever EU research and innovation funding programme fully dedicated to the textile sector.
- Discover AITEX's facilities, and if you are a Textile ETP member, visit Jover Textiles

If you are a Textile ETP or an AITEX member, you benefit from a discount. If the discount doesn't appear, please reach out to info@textile-platform.eu.

[Register now](#)



Textile ETP on Tour visits textile innovations in Northern France

To provide our members with first-hand insights into cutting-edge research, technologies, and sustainable innovations, we launched "Textile ETP on Tour", an exclusive members-only initiative designed to showcase pioneering developments in textile science and technology. For the first edition on 19-20 March 2025, we organised an itinerary in Roubaix and Tourcoing, France, where we visited some of the most innovative textile companies and research centres in Europe.

[Read the summary of the 2-day event](#)



Textile ETP at LOPEC and JEC World 2025

Textile ETP participated in LOPEC and JEC World 2025, highlighting innovations in printed electronics and composite materials. At LOPEC, e-textile workshops emphasized collaborative innovation, while JEC World showcased sustainable composites, including bio-based resins and flax fibre composites. Both events focused on sustainability, underlining the role of textiles in shaping future industries.

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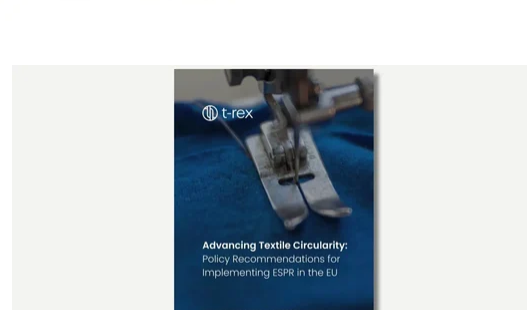


Scientists explain: the potential of bio-based textiles

Textile fibre production is dominated by fossil-based synthetic fibres like polyester, placing a significant strain on the environment.

In a LinkedIn blogpost, the European Commission's DG Science, Research and Innovation explains how a shift towards bio-based fibres can help reduce the consumption of fossil-based materials.

[Read the blogpost](#)



Advancing Textile Circularity

the T-REX project published a white paper with recommendations for EU policymakers to support a sustainable textile recycling ecosystem. The paper highlights the role of the EU's Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles and the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation. In November 2024, industry leaders and EU policymakers gathered to discuss aligning recyclability standards, infrastructure, and policies with industry needs, and the white paper captures the key insights and recommendations from this roundtable.

[Download the white paper](#)

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The Calendar of Events



Beyond Waste: Shaping the Future with Bio-Based Materials

29 April, Belgium
The Waste2BioComp and BIOMATTERS cluster final event is a unique opportunity to connect with innovators, researchers, and industry leaders as we explore the power of bio-based materials to drive sustainable innovation and support the EU Green Deal. The event will create a shared platform for exchanging insights, fostering collaboration, and showcasing cutting-edge solutions for a greener future.

[More info](#)



11th European Conference on Protective Clothing

20-13 May, Türkiye
The theme of the 11th ECP is "Protective, Smart, Sustainable". The smart aspect of protective clothing offers attractive opportunities to improve safety, comfort and functionality. The integration of sustainable practices regarding environmental impact is changing the way we approach protective clothing production and design.

[More info](#)



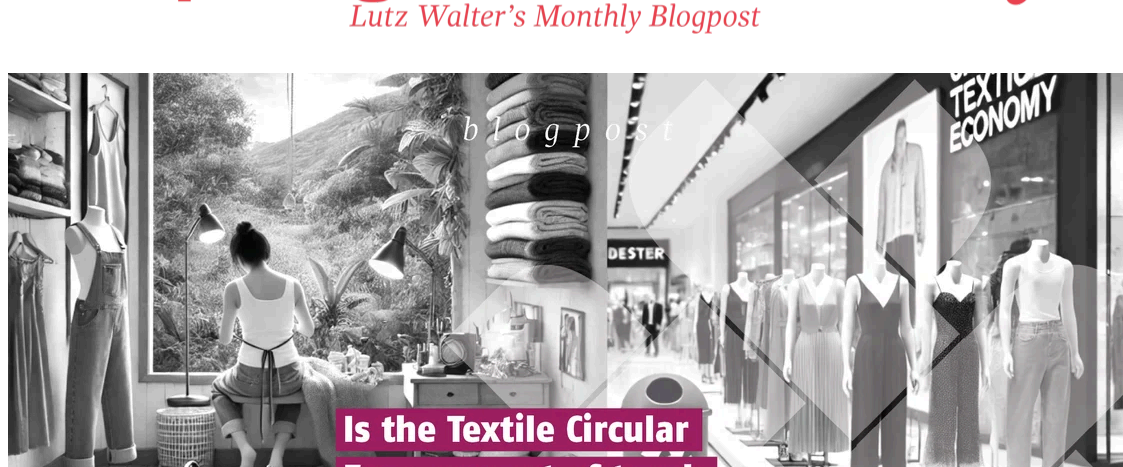
E-Textiles Conference 2025

12-14 Nov, France
This international Conference on the Challenges, Opportunities, Innovations and Applications in Electronic Textiles is an annual conference run by the E-Textiles Network. The E-Textiles Network offers a platform for researchers and developers from academia and industry interested in adding electronic functionality to textiles and their related products. **Call for abstract papers are open until 15 April [here](#).**

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Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Is the Textile Circular Economy out of touch with reality?

"There is absolutely no way that textile-to-textile recycling will grow meaningfully over the next years, if the current comparative economics of virgin vs. recycled fibres persist."

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter reflects on the progress – and challenges – of building a truly circular textile economy. While the vision of textile circularity has gained significant attention over the past decade, turning that vision into reality remains a complex task. Lutz Walter explores why large-scale textile-to-textile recycling is still difficult to achieve, highlighting the economic factors, policy gaps, and practical barriers that stand in the way. At the same time, he offers ideas for how smart policies, better incentives, and industry-wide collaboration could help move the sector closer to its circular goals.

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