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Meet the Textile ETP Members



**Meet Alice Schwab from TITV e.V.**  
Alice Schwab is a textile engineer and has been leading the Sustainability and Circular Economy group at TITV Greiz for the past three years. Before taking on this role, she gained over two decades of experience in product development and product management across various companies in the textile industry in Central Germany. She is known for her open-minded, communicative, and curious nature, always eager to explore new perspectives and approaches.

**Want to meet people like Alice? Join Textile ETPI** 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



### ECOSYSTEX Conference 2025: New Technologies and Business Models for Textile Circularity

The third ECOSYSTEX Conference took place in Gothenburg, Sweden, from 29 September to 1 October 2025, in partnership with RISE Research Institutes of Sweden. The event brought together professionals from across the entire textile value chain to explore how emerging technologies and innovative business models can accelerate the transition toward a circular textile economy. This year's edition was organised in collaboration with six EU-funded projects: PESCO-UP, SOLSTICE, Extended, Hemp4Circularity, BioFibreLoop, and WhiteCycle. Together they offered a dynamic platform for discussion and experimentation around textile circularity. With more than 150 participants joining in Gothenburg, the conference featured policy dialogues, hands-on workshops, and interactive sessions, all designed to connect research and innovation with real-world applications.

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### Strengthening global collaboration: Textile ETP presents the SmartX Innovation Hub in Taiwan

As part of Textile ETP's ongoing efforts to foster international cooperation and accelerate textile innovation, Judith Bosch, Textile ETP Project Manager and Manager of SmartX Innovation Hub, undertook a five-day mission to Taiwan, made possible thanks to the Taiwan Textile Research Institute. This mission aimed to strengthen connections between European and Taiwanese innovation ecosystems, explore technological synergies, and identify new pathways for collaboration in smart, technical, and sustainable textiles.

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### Textile ETP on Tour visit Borås, Sweden's capital of textiles

For the third edition of the Textile ETP on Tour, on 1 October 2025, we were in Borås, in Sweden, a city renowned for its rich 400-year textile heritage and innovation in textiles. Participants visited the Swedish School of Textiles, part of the University of Borås, which serves as a center for education, research, and industry collaboration in textiles and fashion, and FOV Fabrics, a leading Swedish innovator combining advanced textile performance with circular and sustainable practices.

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### Textile ETP discusses EPR at RegioGreenTex workshop in Belgium

On 22 October 2025, Textile ETP Secretary General Lutz Walter took part in the RegioGreenTex workshop, moderating a panel discussion dedicated to Extended Producer Responsibility. The session brought together experts from Stichting UPV Textiel, Retexbel, Refashion, and OVAM, who highlighted national approaches, lessons learned, and ongoing challenges, while also discussing opportunities for harmonisation and cross-border cooperation in advancing circular textile systems.

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### Textile ETP delivers keynote at Istanbul Apparel Conference on the digital transformation of the textile and apparel industry

Our Secretary General Lutz Walter was invited to speak as a keynote speaker at the Istanbul Apparel Conference, organised by TGSD, the Turkish Apparel Manufacturers Association, held on 7 and 8 October 2025 in Türkiye. In his keynote address, Lutz Walter explored how the digital transformation of the textile and apparel industry is accelerating innovation and competitiveness at every stage of the value chain.

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## Knowledge Centre



### EU TCLF Skills Strategy

Developed within the AEQUALIS4TCLF project, this strategy builds on the legacy of the Skills4Smart TCLF Blueprint and the commitments of the TCLF Pact for Skills, while extending and updating the shared roadmap for the future. At its core, the strategy provides a coherent framework to help Europe's 1.5 million workers and 220,000 enterprises adapt, innovate and thrive in a rapidly transforming industrial landscape.

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### How not to fail: Avoiding 10 common pitfalls when scaling circular business models

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation partnered with more than 30 companies in our Network to uncover why circular business models struggle to scale. Together, they identified 10 common internal pitfalls that transcend industries, regions, business model types, and company maturity levels.

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## Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



### A+A 2025

**4-7 Nov, Germany**  
The trade fair focuses on innovations and presents new products and solutions that help to make the world of work safer, more efficient and healthier. New approaches and technologies that are applied across the industry can ensure better occupational health and safety and occupational safety.

[More info](#)



### E-Textiles Conference 2025

**12-14 Nov, France**  
Join oral presenters who will speak about e-textile topics related to reliability and testing, health and medical, manufacturing, sustainability, research and technology as well as applications. A large exhibition of industry partners will showcase the newest e-textiles developments.

[More info](#)



### From Demonstration to Scale: Regional Circular Textile Innovations

**19 Nov, Italy**  
This on-site SOLSTICE-RegioGreenTex gathering in Prato will feature three dynamic sessions and a guided visit, offering deep insights into innovative pilot projects, policy discussions, and collaborative actions shaping a more sustainable future for textiles.

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## Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



**How NOT to turn textile waste into value**  
"Studies or opinion pieces on textile recycling often start with the trope of so much textile waste just lying around waiting for somebody to discover the immense value that can be created from it – waste to value or trash to cash in short [...] For anybody thinking straight, this immediately begs the question: Why does this opportunity exist? Why does nobody exploit it today? If there is money to be made, in a free market economy, people typically don't wait around for somebody to fire the starting shot, they just do it."

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter takes a look at the often-inflated promises surrounding textile recycling and the idea of turning "waste into value." He argues that the economic case for large-scale post-consumer textile recycling is far weaker than many reports suggest, as high sorting, preprocessing, and recycling costs far exceed the low market value of recovered fibres.

[Read "How NOT to turn textile waste into value"](#)

## Social Post of the month

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Yesterday, our President Marina Crnjica-Cesic took the stage at TEKODay 2025 organised by TEKOD, Sveriges Textil- och Modeföretag at the Textile Fashion Center in Borås, joining industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers to discuss the future of our sector.

In her speech "The Future of Textiles in Europe," Marina highlighted how Textile ETP, as Europe's innovation hub, is shaping the sector's future by connecting industry, academia, and technology developers to drive digitalisation, advanced manufacturing, circularity, and cross-value chain collaboration.

Beatrice Manzini and 73 others