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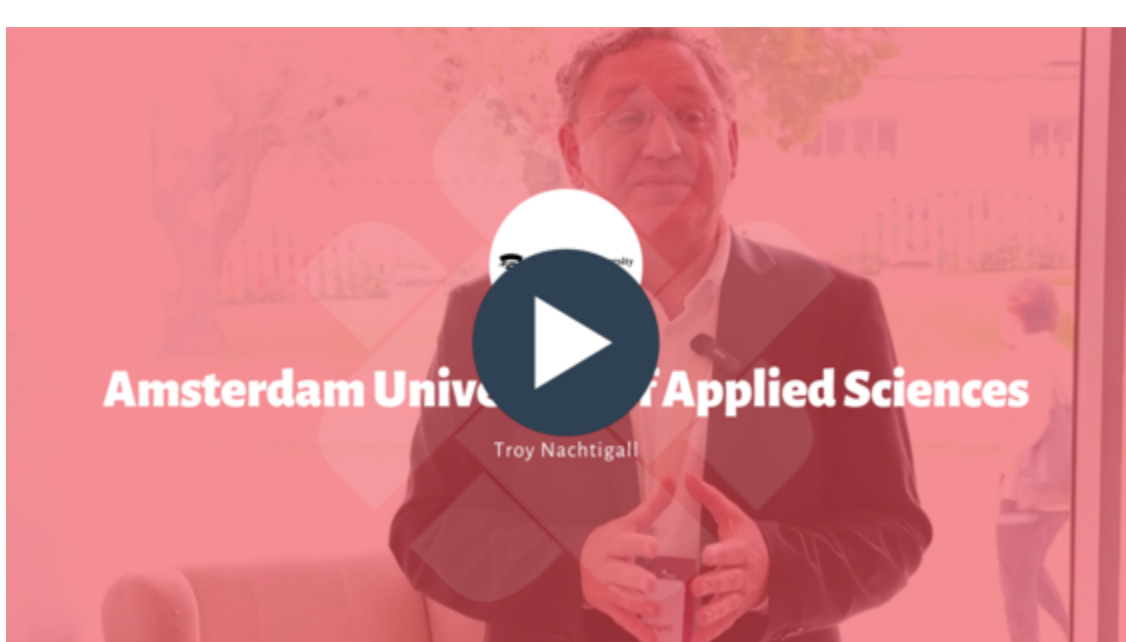
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Follow the Thread Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Troy Nachtigall from Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences Troy Nachtigall is Professor of Fashion Research and Technology at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences and Assistant Professor of Industrial Design at Eindhoven University of Technology.

Want to meet people like Troy? 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



New in our Innovation Hubs: Discover the Strategy Co-Creation Sessions! Are you interested in shaping future EU funding opportunities for the textile sector? In 2026, our three Innovation Hubs launch strategic co-creation sessions to explore opportunities, challenges, and pathways in digitalisation, advanced technical textiles, and bio-based materials.

- SmartX Hub: European Innovation Strategy for Advanced Technical Textiles for the Protection, Defence and Aerospace Markets... DigitX Hub: Strategic Roadmap for the Digital Transformation of the European Textile and Apparel Industry... Circular & Biobased Textiles Hub: Bioeconomy Innovation Strategy for the European Fibres, Textiles, and Apparel Industry...

The objectives are to pinpoint key opportunities, increase visibility among EU stakeholders, facilitate access to funding such as Horizon Europe and CBE JU, and foster collaboration across sectors.

EU-based companies, technology providers, and research organisations can subscribe to one or more Innovation Hubs to take part in this strategic initiative.

More information and subscription

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Report on Best Practices of the EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform

The EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform has released the first edition of the Report on Best Practices report, highlighting ten outstanding initiatives that are accelerating the ecosystem's transition towards sustainability, circularity, and social responsibility.

Read the report



Exploring textiles and the circular economy: addressing unintended policy effects

A recent European Commission study explores how policies aimed at promoting circularity in the textile sector can produce unintended environmental, economic and social impacts beyond their original design.

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Coming Up The Calendar of Events



CISUTAC Sustainability Forum #5: Digital Product Passport & Digitalisation in Textile Sorting

9 March, Belgium Building on the CISUTAC Practical Guide and Checklist for Key Data for Reuse, Repair and Recycling, the event will share practical insights from CISUTAC's pilot.

More info



Techtex 21-24 April, Germany

As the global hub for innovation in textile technology, Techtex brings together industry leaders, researchers, and visionaries from across the world to showcase cutting-edge materials, smart textiles, sustainable solutions, and advanced production technologies.

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Textile Recycling Expo 24-25 June, Belgium

This exhibition focuses specifically on solving the pressing issue of textile waste, including the recycling of fabrics, clothing, footwear, fibres and non-wovens. Join a large international audience from across the complete supply chain including leading recyclers, waste managers, textile manufacturers, clothing suppliers, retailers, and other stakeholders.

More info

Exploring the World of Textiles Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Towards a European Textile Strategy: Part 1 - Defining Textile Market Segments

The European textile industry is not a dying relic of the 19th century; it is a critical, high-tech ecosystem essential to the continent's autonomy and economic resilience. By categorising the sector through the lens of Value Add and Strategic Necessity, we see that while the battle for basic apparel and other textile commodities may be lost, the war for the high-performance materials that underpin our defence, healthcare, and mobility is just beginning.

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter challenges the idea of textiles as a declining "sunset industry" and argues for a more strategic view of Europe's textile sector. He shows that textiles are not a single market but a complex ecosystem ranging from low-value fashion to high-performance materials essential for healthcare, defence, construction and mobility.

Read "Towards a European Textile Strategy: Part 1 - Defining Textile Market Segments"

Social Post of the month

Social media post from Textile ETP featuring team members and a group photo. Text includes: "At Textile ETP, we truly believe in the power of the team. Going far for our industry and for more textile innovation for a prosperous and sustainable European economy, requires collaboration, trust, and shared ambition." and "Looking forward to an ambitious and impactful year ahead, together!"