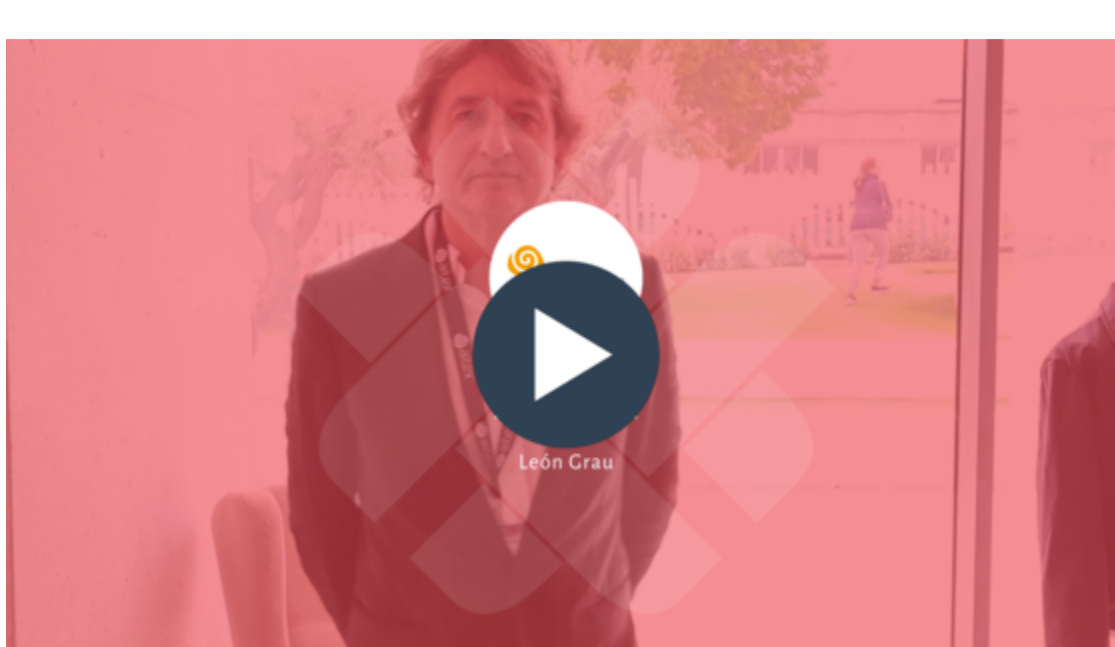



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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet León Grau from AITEX

León Grau is the current President of the institute and a prominent Spanish business leader driving innovation within the European textile sector. With a strong background in corporate law and business, he actively champions sustainability and helps companies adapt to new industry regulations. Throughout his career, he has held key leadership roles across major textile associations, advocating for technological advancement and strategic growth.

Want to meet people like León? 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



Last weeks to register for the Textile ETP Annual Conference 2026!

Registrations are still open for the 20th Textile ETP Annual Conference 2026, taking place **26-28 May in Amsterdam**, hosted by the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences.

This year's conference will focus on the **digital transformation of the European textile and apparel industry**, covering topics such as AI in digital product creation, on-demand manufacturing, data management and Digital Product Passports, digital printing and microfactories, and sustainable business models. The event will feature panel discussions, breakout sessions, and valuable networking opportunities with professionals from across Europe.

Textile ETP members benefit from a special discounted rate! Members can also attend the "Textile ETP on Tour" event on 28 May, organised with Saxion University of Applied Sciences.

[Discover the programme and register](#)


Strategy, innovation, and five days of exploration: Textile ETP at Techtextil-Textprocess 2026

Techtextil-Textprocess 2026 marked a significant milestone for Textile ETP. Secretary General Lutz Walter presented the three Innovation Hub strategies at the Techtextil Forum, before unveiling the first draft of the SmartX strategy *The Future of EU Technical Textiles: Exploring New Opportunities in Protection, Defence and Space* to a selected group of industry partners.

Across the days of the fair, the team also led five guided member tours spanning smart wearables, aerospace and defence materials, circular and biobased textile technologies, robotics and automation, and AI and digital tools in apparel manufacturing. Senior Manager Judith Bosch also took to the stage at Performance Apparels on Stage, which ran several times daily throughout the event.

[Learn more](#)

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Information on nano-enabled textiles

This report by the European Chemicals Agency provides a comprehensive assessment of the use of nanotechnology in the textile sector. The study examines the applications, market landscape, risks, and regulatory frameworks associated with nano-enabled textiles. It aims to support policymakers, industry, and researchers by improving transparency and understanding of the safety and sustainability implications of these materials.

[Read the report](#)


EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform's second edition of the Report on Best Practices

The second edition of the Report on Best Practices of the EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform highlights ten pioneering initiatives that are accelerating the ecosystem's transition towards sustainability, circularity, digitalisation, resilience, and social responsibility. This report showcases how organisations across Europe are turning ambition into action, offering inspiration and practical models for the entire textiles value chain.

[Read more](#)

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



nova talk #2

12 May, online

Under the title "Textile Recycling: quo vadis? Just a hype or the next big thing?", this interactive online session will explore whether current developments signal a genuine systemic shift, or whether the momentum risks fading before large-scale impact is achieved.

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19-22 May, Switzerland

Organised by EDANA, this triennial event unites thousands of industry professionals to showcase, and discuss the latest innovations, technologies, and sustainable solutions in nonwoven fabrics across sectors like hygiene, filtration, medical, and transportation.

[More info](#)


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.

[More info](#)

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Towards a European Textile Strategy – Part 3: Can fibres and textiles survive in the killer quadrant of global competition?

"The question is not whether Western economies value sustainability or innovation. The question is whether their policy architecture can sustain the kinds of industries that require decade-long investment horizons, cheap energy, large-scale patient capital, and tolerance for physical irreversibility."

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter introduces a four-quadrant framework to explain why capital-intensive, globally traded industries like textiles and fibres are structurally disadvantaged under current Western economic policy. Using a recent bankruptcy as a striking case study, he makes a thought-provoking case for why Europe urgently needs a Common Industrial Policy to prevent the quiet, irreversible erosion of its manufacturing base.

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