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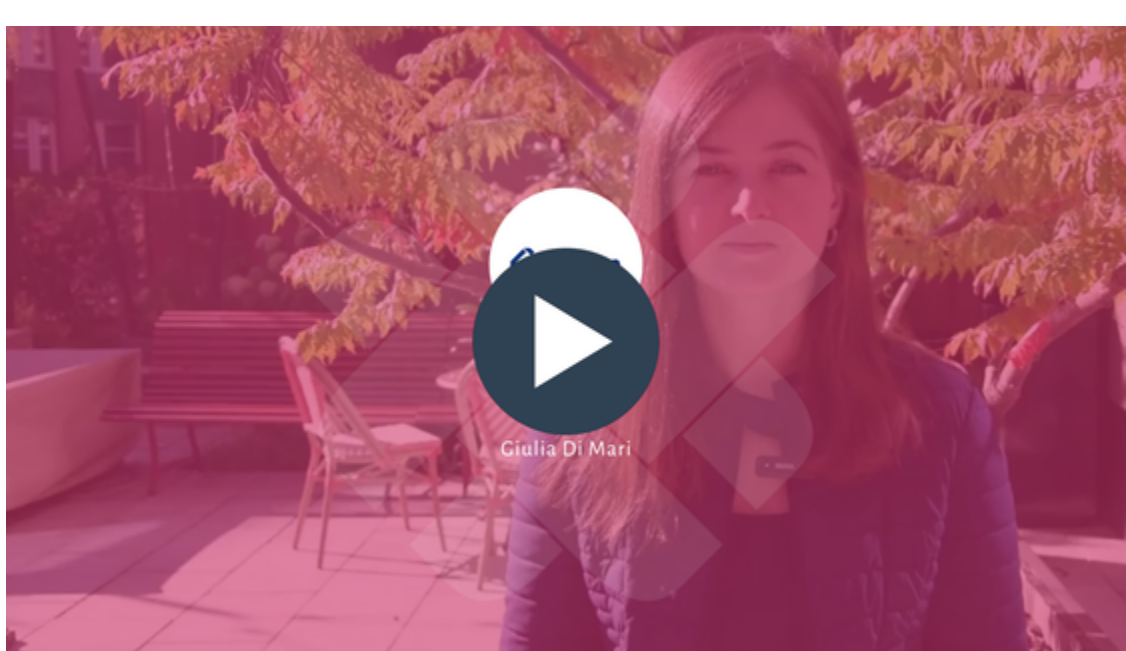
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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Giulia di Mari from Erion

Giulia is a circular economy professional and project manager with 7 years of experience, with a strong focus on textiles. At Erion she supports strategic development through innovation studies, European projects and training initiatives. Her work focuses on circular services, EPR, textile value chains, ecodesign and the Digital Product Passport, collaborating with partners on complex initiatives and bringing a systemic perspective and strong coordination skills.

Want to meet people like Giulia? 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



Textile ETP Annual Conference 2026: digital transformation, data-driven futures, and the road to compliance

The 20th edition of the Textile ETP Annual Conference took place in Amsterdam, Netherlands, welcoming over 150 professionals from the entire textile value chain. Against a backdrop of accelerating digitalisation, evolving European policy, and mounting pressure to demonstrate environmental progress, the conference offered a platform for strategic reflection, open dialogue, and collaboration.

Co-organised with Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS), Amsterdam Fashion Institute (AMFI), and Modint, the conference reaffirmed the sector's need to embrace digital tools and data-driven approaches as levers for competitiveness and sustainability.

[Learn more](#)



Textile ETP at TEXP@ACT final event

On 12 May 2026, Textile ETP Secretary General Lutz Walter attended the final event of the TEXP@CT project in Porto, Portugal. As part of a small team of international evaluators, Lutz participated in a panel discussion moderated by Braz Costa (CITEVE) and featuring Crispin Argento (The Sourcery) and Thomas Håkansson (Fashionlab), where he highlighted the unique position of the integrated Portuguese textile-fashion cluster to implement such comprehensive digital innovation programme.

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Textile ETP President discusses bioeconomy in Brussels

On 12 May 2026, Textile ETP President Marina Cmoja-Cosic took part as in panel discussion on the transition to a circular bioeconomy, organised in Brussels by the Bavarian Industry Association in cooperation with Bavaria's representation to the European Union. The dialogue centred on how Europe can leverage renewable, bio-based resources and circular production models to strengthen supply chains, reduce dependency on imported raw materials, and maintain global competitiveness in the face of climate change.

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Assessing stakeholder engagement to the EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles

The article analyses stakeholder engagement in the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles, highlighting an imbalance between downstream and upstream actors. It calls for more inclusive approaches to ensure effective implementation across the textile value chain.

[Read the article](#)



Piloting advanced reuse, repair and recycling approaches in a circular textiles ecosystem

The transition to circular textiles faces persistent barriers. This article on the European Commission's portal for the results of all EU-funded research and innovation projects highlights how CISUTAC developed and successfully implemented solutions to address several of these through three semi-industrial-scale pilots.

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The Calendar of Events



The clean transition of the European textile sector: regulatory framework and opportunities for competitiveness

3 June, Belgium
This event will feature a keynote by the European Commission and a round table with experts focusing on the regulatory framework and competitiveness opportunities for the European textile sector.

[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](#)

65th Dornbirn GFC

16-18 September, Austria
The Congress brings together over 100 expert speakers, leading innovators, and global stakeholders. As global challenges mount (from decarbonisation pressures to shifting markets), this year's congress reaffirms its role as a key platform for forward-looking solutions and collaborative progress.

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Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Before the Passport Comes the Name: Understanding the Infrastructure of Digital Product Identifiers for Textiles

"Everyone talks about the Digital Product Passport. EU regulation requires it. Industry conferences have dedicated tracks for it. Technology providers are building solutions for it. But here is a question that receives surprisingly little attention outside of technical working groups: before a passport can contain any useful information, how do you uniquely and persistently identify a textile product across a lifecycle that may span decades and involve dozens of actors, systems, and geographies?"

In his latest blog post, our Secretary General Lutz Walter dives into the hidden technical infrastructure that will determine whether Digital Product Passports can actually work across the textile industry's complex, multi-decade supply chains. From unique product identifiers and QR codes to decentralised digital credentials and EU identity wallets, he makes a case for why the identifier choices being made today will shape (or fragment) the entire DPP ecosystem for decades to come.

[Read "Before the Passport Comes the Name: Understanding the Infrastructure of Digital Product Identifiers for Textiles"](#)

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Today, we started the morning with our 5th Textile ETP on Tour, this time in Enschede, in the East Netherlands.

First stop was **Regionaal Textielsorteercentrum Twente (RTT)**, a unique place where a sorting facility and a weaving mill cohabit. Through **Stichting TexPlus**, a collaboration between **Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Frankenhuis Textielrecycling, SaXcell, RTT, and Enschede Textielstad**, partners are sorting around 3 million kilograms of textiles per year with the ambition to scale up textile-to-textile recycling and keep materials in the region.

Through different stations inside their facilities, we got a look at the data tools powering this work:

- 📊 **MangoStone** helps sorting facilities collect structured data through intuitive tablet-based systems, making traceability and EPR reporting practical.
- 📸 **ValueSort AI** goes further with an AI-based value estimator trained on millions of images, automatically assigning garments to their most valuable circular pathway.
- 🗣️ **TEXroad**, in turn, is building the shared data language the whole value chain needs to coordinate effectively.
- 🏭 **Enschede Textielstad** explained how they are turning recycled yarns into fabrics with real applications, from workwear to promotional textiles.

The facility showed that circularity at scale requires the whole chain, sorting, data, fibre, fabric. Thank you to all our hosts for opening their doors and sharing their work, and stay tuned to see what the participants of the Textile ETP on Tour will discover this afternoon! 🇳🇱

