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### **ENTeR – Expert Network on Textile Recycling**

ENTeR works in five central European countries that are involved in the textile business, to promote innovative solutions for waste management that will result in a circular economy approach to making textiles.

The project will help to accelerate collaboration among the involved textile territories, promoting a joint offer of innovative services by the main local research centres and business associations (“virtual centre”), involving also public stakeholders in defining a strategic agenda and related action plan, in order to link and drive the circular economy consideration and strategic actions.

The approach of the proposal and the cooperation between the partners are oriented to the management and optimization of waste, in a Life Cycle Design (or Ecodesign) perspective



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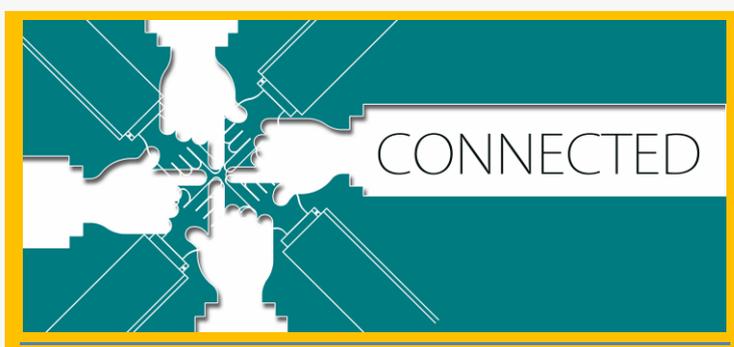
**The ENTeR project facilitates transnational cooperation actions**

ENTeR - Expert Network on Textile Recycling - aims to develop a stable cooperation model based on the common skills of the 10 partners in the textile industry sector. The advantage of an operational and collaborative cooperation between research centers and industrial partners will be perceived in the efficiency of the design tools designed to evaluate waste management practices in different regions and then harmonize and exchange them as examples of good practice (Pilot Cases) from one region to another.

The activities carried out so far have contributed to generating the Strategic Agenda which has enabled us to identify five lines of action that will be tested in the subsequent phases of the project, specifically in the working groups that will constitute an exchange and collaboration center called "Virtual Center".

Through the Strategic Agenda we expect to:

- increase awareness of a careful use of local resources and optimize the consumption of natural resources;
- strengthen the framework for research and technological interests and cooperation in Central Europe;
- encourage public administrations to support commercial innovations in the field of textile recycling;



- help companies identify Circular Economy paths;

Today, after a year and a half of work, the transnational partnership has allowed us to obtain information on local practices, regulations and technologies concerning waste management and treatment.;

Closed circuit systems play a key role in the project and, in fact, reusing waste and minimizing waste production, with international cooperation will allow us to search for effective solutions that are easily accessible by exchanging methods, approaches, technological knowledge.

The Strategic Agenda, the "Virtual Center" collaboration system and the actions set to define the "Pilot Cases" have started the process of analysis and study of the production processes and the use of secondary raw materials, and indirectly for a production more efficient, they will contribute to the reduction of industrial waste and wastes.

**ENTeR – Expert Network on Textile Recycling:** innovative waste management and recycling methods in textile manufacturing make it possible to reduce and reuse waste. It helps cutting production costs while protecting the environment. ENTeR works in five central European countries that are involved in the textile business, to promote innovative solutions for waste management that will result in a circular economy approach to making textiles.

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## Poland – IW getting ready for STeP by OEKO-TEX®

Sustainable Textile Production (STeP) by OEKO-TEX® is a certification system for brands, retail companies and manufacturers from the textile chain who want to communicate their achievements regarding sustainable manufacturing processes to the public in a transparent, credible and clear manner.

The objective of STeP certification is the permanent implementation of environmentally friendly production processes, optimum health and safety and socially acceptable working conditions. The dynamic further development of the STeP standard and the benchmarks allows certified companies to continuously improve their environmental protection achievements and their social responsibility as well as their efficiency. This in turn enables them to achieve the best possible competitive position on the market.



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## Germany - STFI goes Paris – Fair booth at JEC World 2019



The Saxon Textile Research Institute (STFI) was once again present at JEC World, the leading international composites show.

From 12th to 14th March 2019, the STFI, as a member of the Alliance Textile Lightweight Engineering (ATL), presented innovations in the fields of textile lightweight engineering and fibre composites at the joint booth of Saxony Economic Development Corporation.

The focus of the fair appearance has been the presentation of project results which are widely used in practice. Eye-catchers were the demonstrators of the research project “RecyCarb”, including a bicycle saddle and a front fender tip. The annual presence at the JEC World in Paris is very important for maintaining contacts and winning new customers and project partners.

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## Poland – Sosnowiec



In Sosnowiec, PIOT participated in the Sectoral Debate of the Council for the Competence of the Fashion and Innovative Textile Sector. PIOT presented Polish activities aimed at reducing environmental harm to the clothing and textile sector. The M3P platform and its usefulness for the sector was presented. The content of the platform was discussed so that it could make a real contribution to the exchange of experience on available technologies and effective waste treatment.

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## Czech Republic - ENTeR presented at the seminar on international innovation investments

On 11th March 2019, over 70 experts in innovation and regional development met at the international seminar entitled “Interregional Innovation Investments in the EU: Enhancing Innovative Opportunities for Business Entities” organized by the Czech Ministry of Regional Development, in cooperation with the European Commission. The seminar was focusing on presenting the upcoming subsidy instrument to support investment in innovations and on sharing good practice.

Among others, Jan Marek from INOTEX, s.r.o. together with Daniel Všečka from the Center of Investment and Innovation of the Hradec Králové Region shared the good practice examples of interregional partnership focusing on cooperation in textile sector in this region. They introduced the thematic working areas including the textile sustainability, resource efficiency and circular economy and the examples of the international projects and partnerships. As one of the presented examples, the aims and planned outputs of project ENTeR were introduced to the participants.

