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STATEMENT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Sustainable Textile Mediterranean Network



THE PROJECT

SUSTEXNET is aimed at the establishment of a cooperation network among main textile agents across the Mediterranean basin to increase the competitiveness and sustainability in the whole textile sector. The difference on the environmental treatment and impact of textile processes between different countries is an important aspect to take into consideration, representing the main objective of **SUSTEXNET**.

The concept of environmental sustainability and contamination reduction does not affect exclusively the productive process strictly speaking but contemplates a wide range of dimensions such as: sustainable conception of the product (Eco-design), optimization of native natural resources and transformation in textile raw materials, optimization of energy efficiency during all the textile processes, implementation of green logistics and revalorization of industrial wastes (effluents or solid emissions).

SUSTEXNET is addressing all actors involved in the textile productive system including research and technological centres, business services, enterprises, clusters and associations, regional and national public authorities and workers'/consumers' organisations. Therefore all three elements of the Triple Helix (Industry, Research and Public Administration) will have an active role in the development of the project by being at the same time active agents of the project as well as target groups and beneficiary of its results.

MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased competitiveness of the textile industry in the regions involved, improving the quality of products and processes
- Reduced environmental impact of textile companies in the Mediterranean countries by sharing best practices, experiences and knowledge-transfer
- Promotion of the efficient use of energetic resources by enhancing the use of native natural resources, reduction of energy consumption and smart logistics
- Improvement of the processes of industrial wastes revalorization and their promotion.
- Trained textile agents about innovation and internationalization in public and private organisations
- Increased public awareness about environmental issues by implementing diagnostics at SME-level
- Mobilisation of all actors involved in the productive chain including public authorities and consumers to encourage the implementation of strategies at cross-border basin level
- Creation of a virtual tool with all the results of the project which will be updated yearly with the new advances and solutions of the textile sector



TARGET GROUPS AND FINAL BENEFICIARIES

- Textile companies
- Clusters of SMEs
- Public local authorities
- Research and technology centres
- Workers and employees in the textile industry
- Final customers

More information on the Project:

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BUDGET

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