

# Sustainability in European T&C now and tomorrow

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## TOP 10 EU PRODUCERS OF FASHION AND



France ranks 3rd in the EU total textile & clothing turnover

worth economy

**Belgium**  
More than 30% of European carpets are produced in Belgium



**Poland**  
Home textiles make more than 20% of textiles and clothing goods produced in Poland

**Austria**  
Austria is among leaders in the production of cellulosic fibers in Europe

**Romania**  
Romania is the 2nd largest employer in textile and fashion sector in the EU

**Portugal**  
Portuguese region Norte is the top employer in textiles and fashion among all EU regions

**Spain**  
Spain is the 2nd largest extra-EU exporter of clothes

**Italy**  
Italy produces 45% of all clothes made in the EU



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## EU TEXTILE & FASHION INDUSTRY: FACTS & FIGURES

EU  
CONSUMPTION  
**€511 Bn**

With household consumption of €511 billion, the EU-28 is the world's largest market for textile and clothing products.

TURNOVER  
**€181 Bn**

In 2017, the EU Textile and Clothing industry achieved turnover of €181 billion.

WORKFORCE  
**1.7 million**

In the EU, EURATEX members directly or indirectly represent an industry that employs 1.7 million workers.

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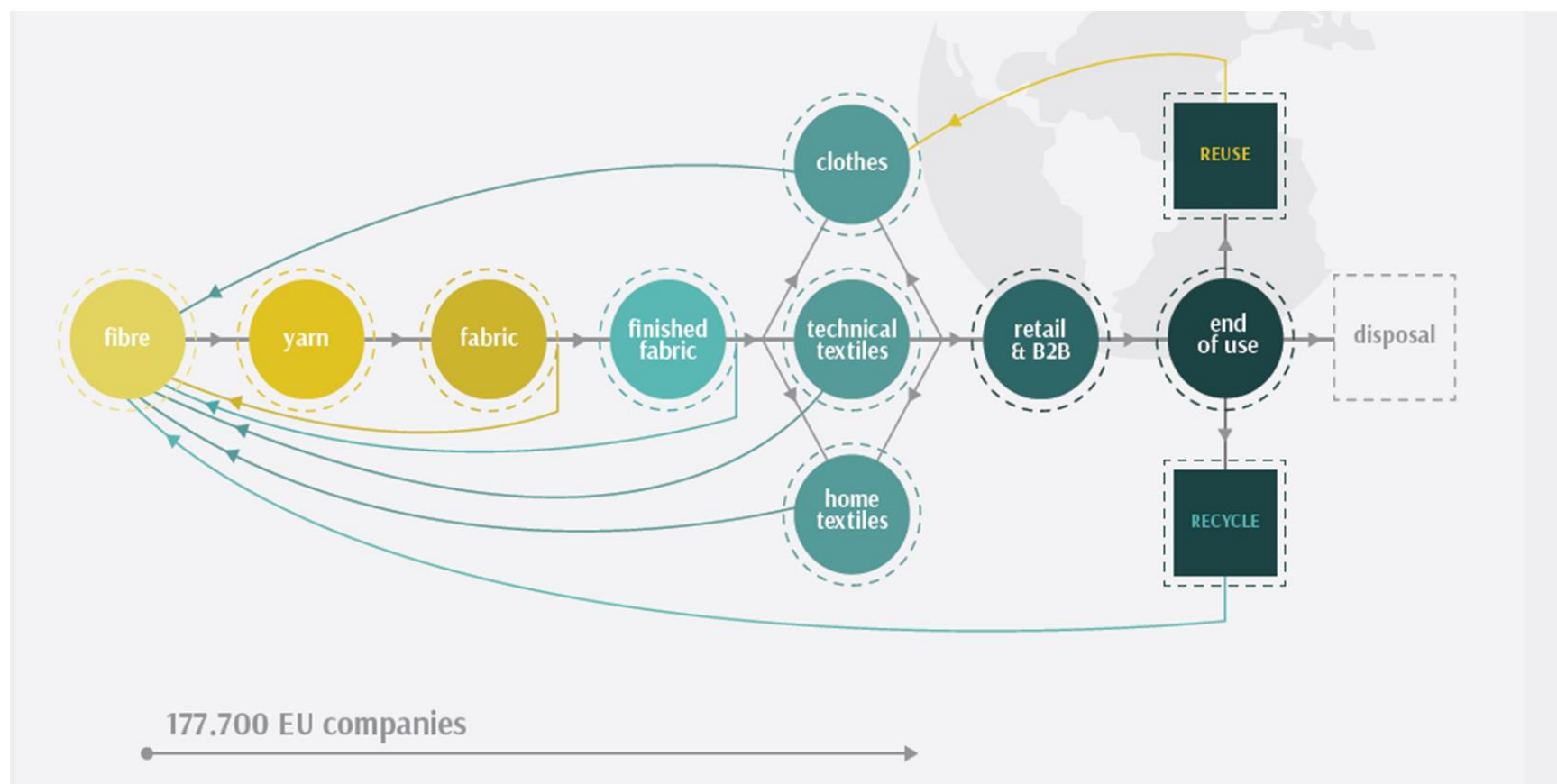
After China, the EU is the world's second biggest exporter of textiles and clothing with 22% and 25% of world sales respectively.

EU EXPORTS  
**€ 48 Bn**

The Textile and Clothing industry exports to outside EU amount to € 48 billion, representing 26% of industry turnover.

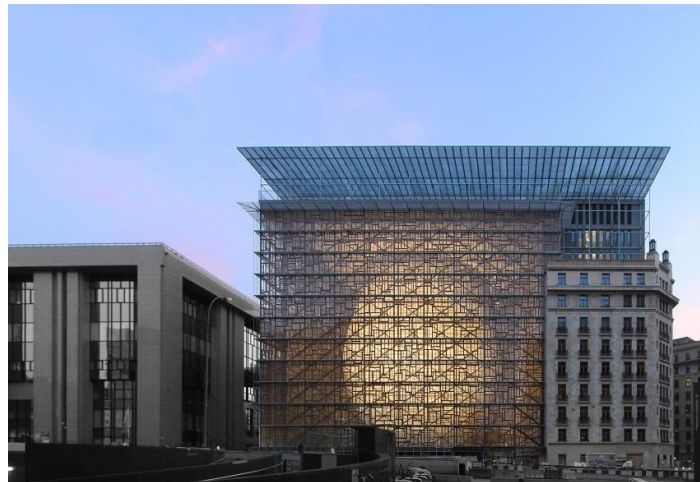
SME'S  
**99%**

The EU Textile and Clothing industry counts 176,400 SME's, 99% of which are small and medium-sized niche players focusing on quality, innovation, creativity and outstanding customer service.





*The voice of the industry*



## EURATEX advises EU policy makers

- the case of PFOA restriction, explaining the needs of textile products (and companies), resulted in a better law



Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply from:

(a) [date - 5 years after entry into force of this Regulation] to:

- (i) equipment used to manufacture semi-conductors;
- (ii) latex printing inks.

(b) [date - 6 years after entry into force of this Regulation] to:

- (i) textiles for the protection of workers that must meet durable water repellency (DWR) performance standards;



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. Points 1 and 2 shall apply from:

(a) 4 July 2022 to:

- (i) equipment used to manufacture semi-conductors;
- (ii) latex printing inks.

(b) 4 July 2023 to:

- (i) textiles for the protection of workers from risks to their health and safety;
- (ii) membranes intended for use in medical textiles, filtration in water treatment, production processes and effluent treatment;

## EURATEX advises EU policy makers

Acknowledging the global competition and the energy savings efforts of EU finishing, resulted in:

**CO2 Emissions (ETS 2021-2030 )**

**38 € Mln.**

saving in 10 years

for at least 26 companies in BE, IT, FR, ES, PT, NL

## A difficult issue to solve:

Level playing field

- Safe products, fair competition

## REACH

*“...to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment...while enhancing competitiveness and innovation.”*

## Level Playing Field



**Mauro Scalia** @maurscalia · Nov 13

K. Sadauskas, Director of [#CircularEconomy](#) and [#GreenGrowth](#): [#REACH](#) sets world standards yet not fully delivering its potential, enforcement is an issue. Compliant business shall not be penalized, we fully agree!  
[#marketsurveillance](#), [@EU\\_ENV](#)



## EURATEX pursues better Market Surveillance, to:

- Tackle unfair new regulatory pressure, e.g. in REACH
- Deter free-riders
- Influence new legislation while guaranteeing smooth trade

45,8% vs 0,1%



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Alert number: A12/0318/17

Category: Toys

Product: Toy dinosaur

Brand: Mega Creative

Name: Dinozaur gumowy [Rubber dinosaur]

Type / number of model: 189-D index: 306720

Batch number / Barcode: 5901350253137

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**Risk type:** Chemical

The plastic material of the toy contains di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (measured value 45.8% by weight). This phthalate may harm the health of children, causing possible damage to the reproductive system.

According to the REACH Regulation the phthalates DEHP, DBP and BBP are prohibited in all toys and childcare articles.

**Measures taken by economic operators:** Withdrawal of the product from the market (By: Importer)

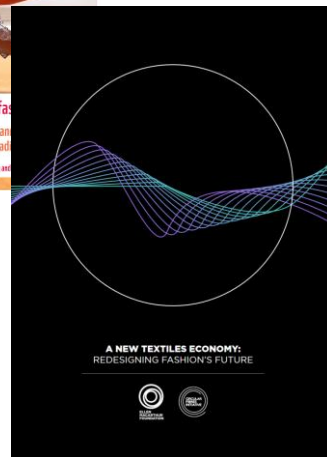
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## A new opportunity or a new challenge ?



## A systemic change through collaboration

Industry needs to innovate and to invest jointly to target unsolved challenges in the value chain.



## **Waste Framework Directive**

- Extended producer responsibility scheme (EPR)
- Separate collection of textiles





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## Barriers

High costs, e.g. recycled textile material costs more

Technical issues, new solutions needed in the manufacturing

Administrative burdens

Lack of awareness in consumers/ buyers

Lack of harmonisation in EU legislation

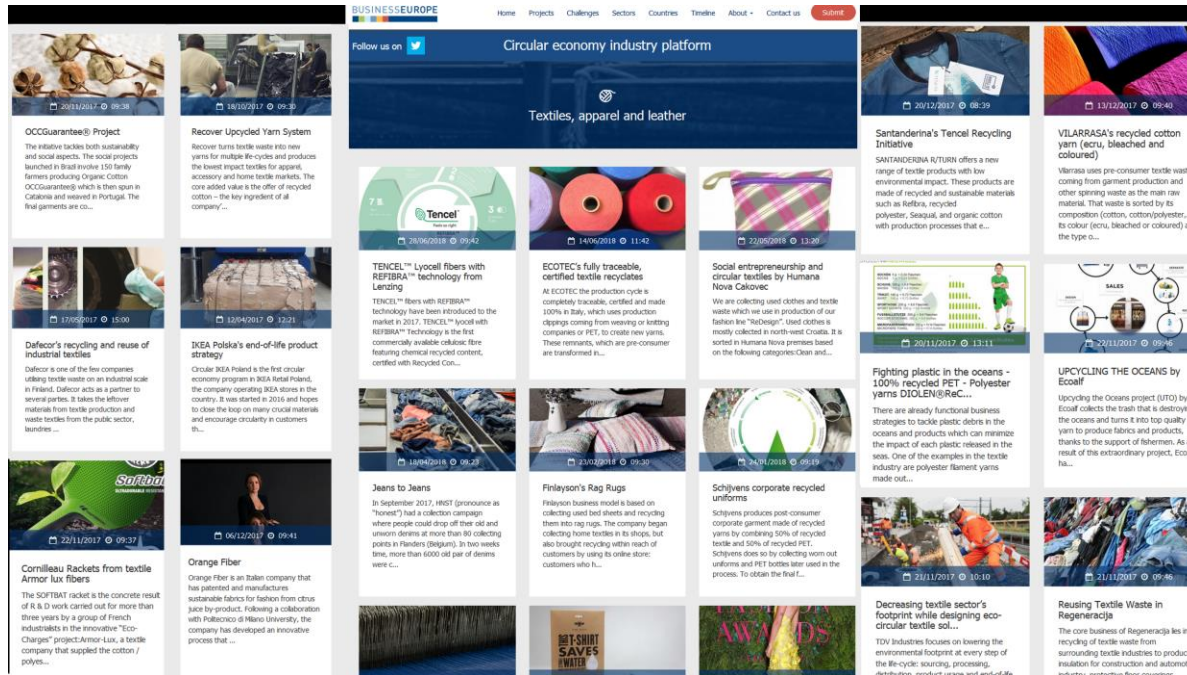
Missing definitions and/or standards

Input issues (quality, quantity, chemicals, costs)

Waste cross-border shipment

**Lack of demand** (..some said lack of offer)

# Shaping up the EU policy on Textile Strategy



## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

### POLICY MAKING AND LEGISLATION - OUTLOOK

**Keywords:** EPR (Extensive Producer Responsibility schemes), Separate collection of textiles, Chemical Waste Product Interface, Plastics Strategy, microplastic pollution.

What is needed for a systemic change?  
How to prioritize and solve the main barriers?  
New policy tools, improving existing?



- the TEPPIES call for project ideas for the 2019 calls of the HORIZON 2020 programme closed
- EC to present most relevant call topics related to smart textiles and automated/connected manufacturing technologies

**TEPPIES**  
**Project Brokerage event 2018**



**Place:** EURATEX, 24 rue Montoyer, B-1000 Brussels, meeting room Belliard  
**Time:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 10.00 – 16.00 hours

# Köszönöm!

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