

AEI TÈXTILS and TEX4IM sign a Partnership Agreement to strengthen its international cooperation with the European textile sector

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AEI TÈXTILS, the Catalan Technical Textiles' Cluster has joined the Partnership Agreement of [TEX4IM](#), the partnership for smart specialization strategy investment in Europe. The aim of this PA is to ensure the sustainability of the TEX4IM partnership in the long term.

The Tex4IM partnership aims at bringing together the main European textile-based clusters in countries/regions where the textile and clothing industry represents a significant share of the national/regional economy, to enhance innovation capacities, business models, knowledge and skill levels and other key competitive factors that will determine the future of European Textile-clothing sector. The partnership aims at building strong competences and form strategic alliances in the following strategic areas, based on the Strategic priorities of the Strategic Innovation & Research Agenda recently produced by the ETP-European Textile Platform.

AEI Tèxtils aims to increase the innovation competitiveness of the Catalan technical textile companies and to facilitate internationalization cooperation. Some actions were the co-founding of the European Economic Interest Group EU-TEXTILE2030. Now, by joining the TEX4IM PA, the Catalan cluster expands its international strategic cooperation network to better support its members.



AEI Tèxtils' Cluster Manager and Project Manager with TEX4IM coordinator during the iTechStyle Summit 2019 in Porto

This long-term partnership will boost industrial competitiveness and investments, based on Innovation for European Textile and Clothing sector, by generating joint actions and investment projects in common smart specialization priority areas, linked to industrial modernization, by mean of the interregional collaboration.

Clusters act as a hub and collaborative environment to facilitate partnership between enterprises, research institutes, policy makers and other institutions that promote innovation and provide SMEs access to new knowledge competencies, resources and markets.

This PA will facilitate the coordination and support to Catalan companies in the technical textile materials' sector by strengthening the cluster collaboration in Europe. It is a major step to reinforce the European agenda in textile innovation and competitiveness.

AEI TÈXTILS and its members' testimonial: <https://youtu.be/-C73fwr8GdE>

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