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Final event of LIFE-FLAREX project

LIFE-FLAREX is a LIFE Programme project that aims to reduce the impact on the environment, human health and workers' safety, of current harmful Flame Retardants used in the textile industry and their alternatives, by analyzing their environmental impact and technical functionalities and promoting the best practices for the sector

LIFE-FLAREX project, led by AEI TÈXTILS, the Catalan Technical Textiles' Cluster, will held its final event on **June 17th from 10 to 12 CEST**. This event will be organized remotely as a webinar.

The aim of this webinar is to present the key findings and outcomes from the project and open a debate on the implementation of hazardous chemicals' substitution strategies and opportunities for the textile industry, in particular for flame retardants (FRs) used in textile finishing processes and other ongoing trends that are applicable to the sector.

The webinar will feature keynote speakers from the European Commission, ECHA (European Chemicals Agency), Euratex (European Apparel and Textile Confederation), EASME (Executive Agency for SMEs) and Chemsec (International Chemical Secretariat).

Next, the members of the LIFE-FLAREX team will present main results of the project.

The webinar will finish with presentations from other ongoing and finished projects related to substitution of hazardous chemicals.

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Main objectives of the webinar are:

1. To **present** key findings from the LIFE-FLAREX project as a case study aimed to find sustainable alternatives to FRs based on halogenated compounds and antimony.
2. To **discuss** main findings with international experts and increase stakeholders' engagement.



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3. To **inform** the textile industry about policy advances and new approaches.
4. To collect industry **feedback** about a pressing topic.

The webinar is free of charge. Registration is required for participation and can be done by using the form available [here](#). Capacity is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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The project coordinator is AEI TÈXTILS, the Catalan cluster of technical textiles. Six additional partners complete the consortium: two Spanish technological centers/research institutes: LEITAT and the Institute of Advanced Chemistry of Catalonia (CSIC), both members of AEI TÈXTILS, the Belgian textile research center CENTEXBEL and three technical textile clusters: ATEVAL from Spain, POINTEX from Italy and CLUTEX from the Czech Republic.

LIFE-FLAREX's objective is to reduce the impact on the environment, human health and workers' safety, of the current flame retardants used in the textile sector, and their future alternatives, by identifying which are the best technologies available, both from the performance and from the sustainability point of view. This will be achieved with the development of the analysis of their environmental impact and functionalities in order to promote the substitution amongst the manufacturers.

For more information: www.life-flarex.eu

