

Press release



EU-TEXTILE2030, the European Advanced Textile Materials' cluster, meets in Lille

The consortium members from EU-TEXTILE2030 project met in Lille on October 4th and 5th.

The meeting was held in the headquarters of French partner UP-TEX, located in the facilities of CETI – Centre Européenne des Textiles Innovantes – in Tourcoing. CETI is an applied research and innovation center focused on design, experimentation and prototyping of textile materials and products.

All the project partners participated in the meeting, ATEVAL (coordinator), AEI TÈXTILS, CLUTEX, POINTEX, UP-TEX, TECHTERA and SACHSENTEXTIL EV. In this meeting, a Steve Kay, cluster manager from the advanced textile materials' cluster NWTEXNET from the North West British region, participated in the meeting as invited member from the external advisory board.

During the first morning of the meeting, representatives from the major R&D centers from the Hauts-de-France regions, [CETI](#), [IFTH – Institute Français du Textile et de l'Habillement](#) and [ENSAIT - École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Industries Textiles](#), presented their main research lines in the field of advanced textile materials. The morning meeting ended with a visit to CETI facilities.

The meeting started with the presentation of the host, UP-TEX. Stephan explained the strategic lines in Advanced Textile Materials in his own cluster and that the French Government promotes the increase of growth of clusters. In this way they are going to joint with

During the afternoon, the project partners did a work session on internationalization with the goal of defining the major challenges the consortium is facing and defining a set of proposals for improvement for its implementation on the upcoming activities.

On the meeting second day, partners presented the results from the activities performed during the last period and discussed the planned activities for the next months with focus on:

- AEI TÈXTILS, as Colombian mission coordinator, debriefed the outcomes of the activities conducted during the mission held from July 23^d to 27th and which received organizational support from the Portuguese Textile cluster.
- TECHTERA, as coordinator for South Africa, explained the details for the mission planned from November 19th to 23rd 2018. Messe Frankfurt, organizer of ATF trade fair in Cape Town (November 20th to 22nd) where EU-TEXTILE2030 will participate, is providing supports to the mission.
- CS-POINTEX presented two matchmaking activities that will take place during the major international events from the sector: TECHTEXTIL (Frankfurt May 2019) and ITMA (Barcelona June 2019) with the goal to foster networking among companies.

The project EU-TEXTILE2030 will end in 2019. During the implementation period of the project, participating clusters' members will be able to participate in the following foreseen activities:

- Business missions to Colombia, South Africa, Israel (Q1 2019) and Japan/Taiwan (October 2019).
- Market studies and informative webinars from each country/area
- Joint participation to 3 international trade fairs in Colombia (Colombiamoda 2018), South Africa (ATF 2019) and Taiwan (TITAS 2019) under the umbrella of the European cluster EU-TEXTILE2030.
- Creation of an European association which will represent the European advanced textile materials' cluster with headquarters in Brussels along with the development of the short and midterm strategy.

The project is co-funded by COSME program – Clusters Go International from the European Commission.



Representatives from European Advanced Textile Materials' Clusters participating in the EU-TEXTILE2030 project in UP-TEX headquarters in CETI

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EU-TEXTILE2030 is a project co-funded by the COSME program Cluster Go International from the European Commission and it has the following main objectives:

- *Consolidate the European cluster on Advanced Textile Materials*
- *Develop a joint internationalization strategy*
- *Strengthen and increase the competitiveness of the European SMEs from the sector at international level*

ATEVAL and AEI Tèxtils are partners in the project, being ATEVAL the project coordinator. Besides, 5 technical textile clusters complete the partnership: CLUTEX from Czech Republic, POINTEX from Italy, UP-TEX and TECHTERA from France, and SACHSEN! TEXTIL from Germany.

EU-TEXTILE2030 builds on TEXTILE2020 project outcomes realized from 2012 to 2014 by the same partnership where the world-class cluster approach was developed in the field of advanced textile materials to coordinate the activities from the value chain of the sector at European level and a joint strategy was defined. That was crucial to accelerate the technological progress and the international access to third countries. Some major outcomes were the pilot missions to Brazil, Japan and Korea, Tunisia and Canada where the team participated jointly in trade fairs and a market study about personal protection textiles in Brazil.

EU-TEXTILE2030, which will last until November 2019, has foreseen the following activities that cluster members will be able to benefit from:

- Business mission to: Israel, Colombia, Japan-Korea-Taiwan and South Africa.*
- Market studies from the target countries*
- Joint participation under EU-TEXTILE2030 umbrella in 2 international trade fairs in Colombia and Taiwan*
- Formal establishment of an European association that will represent the cluster on Advanced Textile Materials EU-TEXTILE2030 with headquarters in Brussels and its short and mid-terms strategy.*

The European EU-TEXTILE2030 cluster represents, initially, over 900 companies from the sector in Europe, with the forecast to attract more members and broaden the scope of the association.

Beyond the project partners, the team is completed with six associated members that will participate and support the different project activities: the Textile European Technological Platform, the cluster of technical textiles from the UK NWTEXNET, the Portuguese textile cluster Cluster Têxtil: Tecnologia e Moda; the textile business association IVGT from Germany and TEXCLUBTEC from Italy; and lastly, Messe Frankfurt, the major organizer of trade fairs in the field of technical textiles globally.