



ECO TEX

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Innovative Skills in the
Textile Sector



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Welcome to the 2nd Newsletter of the ECO TEX project.

Design, develop and piloting a new job qualification profile that correspondent training curricula on the subject of “How to implement circular economy techniques in Textile Industry” it’s our Goal!

SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR LIVES

The sustainability concept is not a new concept and there are several definitions. According European Commission the *“Sustainable development means meeting the needs of the present whilst ensuring future generations can meet their own needs.”*

The new generations are adopting increasingly sustainable habits and lifestyles, the concerns with the environment and consequently excessive consumption of natural resources have led to a paradigm shift in consumer choices. Individuals are increasingly informed and aware of these issues and the industry must follow these changes in order to meet consumer demands.

The availability of adequately skilled employees has become one of the major issues for the Textile Industry. Companies still face the shortage of trained and qualified personal in green and circular economy techniques in both design and manufacturing. This segment of textiles is constituted by SMEs without qualified resources in the matter of sustainability, for whom it’s important to develop competences and skills.

The textile industry urgently needs a flexible workforce that can respond to the development and the globalized market and the need for sustainable design and manufacturing in order to face the global demand for sustainable creative products.



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WERE WE ARE?

The 2nd technical meeting took place in **CITEVE – Centro Tecnológico das Indústrias Têxtil e do Vestuário de Portugal**, in June 2018. The Consortium presented the the work done in the 1st semester and outlined the next steps. In 1st semester, the consortium focused essentially in collect information about:

- Company's expectations on the sustainability subject;
- How the companies act in their working activity;
- What the companies consider to be the skills and competencies of the sustainability expert.

The quantitative findings show considerable variations among countries partners, companies are increasingly aware of the demands of the market, consumers and their workers. Investing more in the sustainable certification of its products and in the qualification of its workers in order to become more competitive. Most of companies consider sustainability in their business strategy, and the sustainability concept is related with *Health Safety and Labour Conditions, Environmental Protection and the Business Development* are extremely important for the sustainability concept. The companies considered that the sustainability expert should have skills and competencies in:
Find out more **here**.





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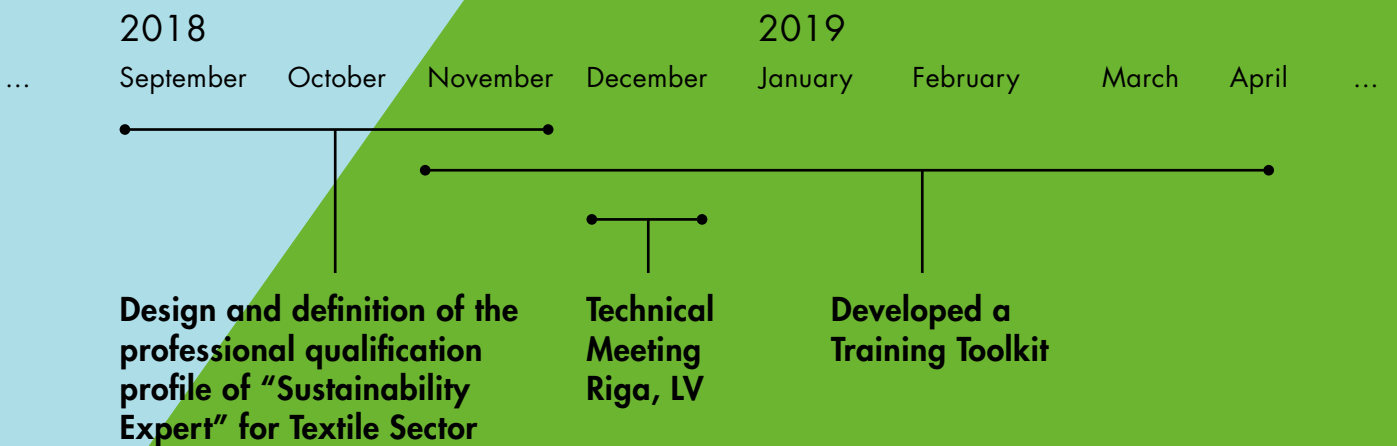


NEXT STEPS!

For the definition of the professional qualification profile, the methodology described in the European Qualification Framework (EQF) and European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) will be followed.

The training program will be selected according to the tasks and competences identified by companies and the training units will be settled with multidisciplinary modules and will offer the possibility to be used separately for tailor-made training, others will be developed in the support of implementation of sustainable manufacturing in textiles SMEs.

The training toolkit will be available in a Digital Platform and the users could follow the modules corresponding the learning paths and build their own self-customised learning paths in order to fill-in their own skill and knowledge gaps.





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