



CONFERENCE

SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULAR
ECONOMY IN TEXTILE SECTOR

6 October 2022 | 13:00 – 17:00 (EEST)

Conference center Kauno Kodas (Jonavos g. 7, Kaunas, Lithuania)

ONLINE (the link will be shared with registered participants)

At the beginning of 2022, a new EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles was adopted. The main objective is to create a greener, more competitive sector that is more resistant to global shocks. At the same time, the strategy raises challenges for SMEs, both in EU and in partnering countries.

During the conference the strategy will be presented. In addition, a EURATEX representative will speak about the change and challenges facing the textile industry in the context of the transition to a circular economy. FINNOVA FOUNDATION representatives will talk about EU investments to implement innovations in the textile sector, SMEs and BSOs will share their experiences and best practices, researchers will present re-submitted research on circularity in the textile sector.

DETAILED AGENDA

12:30 – 13:00 Welcome coffee

13:00 – 13:15 Opening remarks

Ms. Jeanne Robles, DG NEAR

Ms. Laura Velasco, Senior Project Officer at Eurochambres

Mr. Vydas Damalakas, Vice President at Kaunas CCIC

13:15 – 13:35 EU4Business: Connecting companies – TEXTILE. Project tasks, outputs and outcomes

Ms. Federica Leonetti, Project coordinator at Unioncamere Piemonte

13:35 – 14:15 EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles. Change and challenges in the textile industry.

Mr. Dirk Vantghem, Director General at EURATEX



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- 14:15 – 14:45** Ecodesign for Sustainable Products and possible applications to textiles
Mr. Carsten Wentink, DG ENV
- 14:45– 15:15** The future of the circular textile sector in Lithuania: policy and practice
Ms. Raminta Radavičienė, Vice Minister at Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
- 15:15 – 15:40** Coffee break
- 15:40 – 16:00** Green and circular transition of textile value chain. Role of Lithuanian stakeholders driven by the interdisciplinary innovations and systemic solutions
Ms. Inga Gurauskienė, Assoc. prof. at Kaunas University of Technology
- 16:00 – 16:20** Circular business models in the textile industry: challenges, opportunities and best practices
Ms Jurgita Bruneckienė, Professor at Kaunas University of Technology
- 16:20 – 16:50** Implementation of innovations in the textile sector: EU and state investments
Mr. Juan Manuel Revuelta Pérez, Director at the European Foundation for Innovation through European Union funded projects (FINNOVA)
- 16:50 – 17:30** Panel discussion "How the EU textile industry can be sustainable and competitive"
Moderator: Asta Tumaitytė, Director General at Lithuanian Apparel and Textile Industry Association (LATIA)

Panelists:

Mr. Takis Lybareas, Hellenic Clothing Industry Association (HCIA)

Ms. Lucia Usurelu, ProEntranse

Ms. Chiara Bianchini, Unioncamere del Veneto

Mr. Vydas Damalakas, JSC Omniteksas

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