



Textiles Ecosystem Transition Pathway

Introduction and agenda

We are pleased to invite you to the first thematic webinar of EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform, **“TCLF resilient value chains in times of crisis”**, which will take place **online on 28 April 2026 at 10:00-11:30 CEST**.

The textile, clothing, leather and footwear (TCLF) value chains across Europe are under growing pressure due to overlapping crises such as geopolitical instability, supply chain disruptions, rising costs, and evolving regulatory and market conditions. These challenges have highlighted the need for greater resilience and adaptability across the sector.

The webinar aims to facilitate exchange on how industry actors are responding to these pressures and strengthening the resilience of their value chains by addressing key challenges for the TCLF industry. A keynote will set the scene, followed by three best-practice presentations from EU-based companies showcasing innovative approaches to resilient value chains.

The workshop is organised by the project team (activity lead by ITA Technologietransfer GmbH).

This event is part of a project commissioned by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) and the European Commission (DG GROW), and implemented by EY, CSIL, SDA Bocconi School of Management, Blumine, and ITA Technologietransfer.

Timing	Session	Speakers & Moderators
10:00–10:05	Opening remarks and housekeeping rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melina Sachtleben Dahmann, Project Manager, ITA Technologietransfer GmbH & EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform
10:05-10:15	Introduction by DG GROW or EISMEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giulia Del Brenna, Head of Unit “Textiles, Food, and Retail”, DG GROW, European Commission
10:15-10:30	Keynote speech: Current struggles in TCLF value chains and the overall implications for the industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirk Vantuyghem, Director General, EURATEX

10:30-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Adalberto tackles energy efficiency in the technical textiles industry • Efficient sorting and marketing to maximise reuse: Humana People to People • Addressing PFAS in the leather value chain: industry action and best practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Jorge Machado, Executive Chairman, Adalberto Textile Solution • Andreia Barbosa, Circular Economy Officer, Humana People to People • Giacomo Zorzi, Head of UNIC branch office in Veneto, Concerie Italiane
11:15-11:25	Short introduction to the services of the South-East Asia IP SME Helpdesk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilles Trouveroy, Deputy Project Manager and Stakeholder Manager, South-East Asia IP SME Helpdesk
11:25-11:30	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melina Sachtleben Dahmann, Project Manager, ITA Technologietransfer GmbH & EU Textiles Ecosystem Platform

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