



CONFERENCE

SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULAR
ECONOMY IN TEXTILE SECTOR

OCTOBER 6, 2022 | 13:00 – 17:00 (EEST)

LIVE in Conference center KAUNO DOKAS (Jonavos g. 7, Kaunas, Lithuania)

ONLINE (the link will be shared with registered participants)

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

During the conference the Strategy will be presented, a representative of EURATEX will talk about change and challenges in the textile industry in the framework of transition to a circular economy, FINNOVA FOUNDATION representatives will talk about EU and state investments for implementation of innovations in the textile sector, SMEs and BSOs will share their experience and best practices, researchers will present recent researches on circularity in textile sector.

DETAILED AGENDA

12:30 – 13:00	Welcome coffee
13:00 – 13:10	Opening remarks <i>Ms. Jeanne Robles, DG NEAR</i> <i>Ms. Laura VELASCO, senior project officer at EUROCHAMBRES</i> <i>Mr. Vydas Damalakas, Vicepresident at Kaunas CCIC</i>
13:10 – 13:30	EU4Business: Connecting companies – TEXTILE. Project tasks, outputs and outcomes <i>Ms. Federica Leonetti, Project coordinator, Unioncamere Piemonte</i>
13:30 – 14:00	EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles. Ecodesign directive. <i>Policy Officer from the DG ENV</i>

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- Representative from DG GROW*
- 14:00 – 14:30** *Change and challenges in the textile industry: transition to a circular economy*
Mr. Dirk Vantyghem, Director General at EURATEX
- 14:30 – 15:00** *The future of the circular textile sector in Lithuania: policy and practice*
Ms. Raminta Radavičienė, Viceminister, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
- 15:00 – 15:30** Coffee break
- 15:30 – 15:50** *Green and circular transition of textile value chain. Role of Lithuanian stakeholders driven by the interdisciplinary innovations and systemic solutions*
Assoc. prof. Inga Gurauskienė, Kaunas University of Technology
- 15:50 – 16:10** *Circular business models in the textile industry: challenges, opportunities and best practices*
Professor Jurgita Bruneckienė, Kaunas University of Technology
- 16:10 – 16:40** *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)
- 16:40 – 17:20** *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 Lybereas, Hellenic Clothing Industry Association (HCIA)
Ms. Lucia Usurelu, ProEntranse
Ms. Chiara Bianchini, Unioncamere del Veneto
Mr. Vydas Damalakas, JSC Omniteksas

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