#### **EAAC** webinar on Advanced Textiles



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#### Our aim:

Bringing together all
Catalan companies and
organizations related to
the advanced textile
materials' sector to
promote innovation and
increase their
competitiveness.



#### The cluster structure:



Technical textiles or advanced textile materials can be defined as all textile products that cannot be fitted within the traditional sectors of clothing or furnishing, or better yet: all textile products in which functionality is as much or more important than aesthetics.







#### Main facts:

- ✓ Created in 2008.
- ✓ The sector in Catalonia is formed by around 120 manufacturing companies.
- ✓ In 2019 the cluster had a significant growth: new members, new strategic projects and increase of the staff.
- Multidisciplinary team formed by 6 people to cover the members needs.
- ✓ Strong involvement in international networks and cooperation with clusters in other sectors.

#### The cluster strategy:



2020 KPIs:

5,3 M€ mobilized

**300k€** of funding for SMEs

**Close collaboration** with 12 EU clusters

Collaboration with 38 countries

10 papers presented at international events

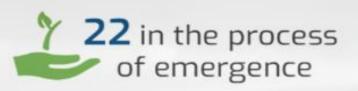














6 ready to hatch



11 labelled



9 financed



4 launched





on 20 trade shows and missions abroad



business opportunities thanks to our CART'TEX database





# FACTORY OF THE FUTURE AND NEW BUSINESS MODELS

Digitalisation

**Automatisation** 

Masscustomisation

Small-series production

#### ADVANCED AND HIGH-PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

**Smart textiles** 

Textiles & Composites

Additive Manufacturing

**Functionalisation** 

# AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

**Biobased materials** 

Recycling

Eco-friendly processes

Micro-particules release detection











#### ADVANCED TEXTILE MATERIALS ARE NOT ONLY DEDICATED TO FIGHT PANDEMICS...

























In 2018, the production of advanced textile materials represented 28% of the total textile production in Europe.

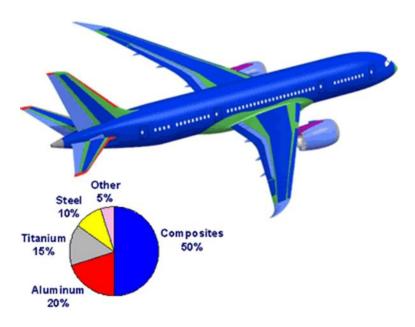








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Source: L'avion du futur-E-Site



Valve for artificial heart





# SUCCESS STORY OF A LONG-TERM INTERCLUSTER TRANSNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN THE ADVANCED TEXTILE MATERIALS SECTOR





## The starting point







September'12 – August'14

Call for proposals: Promotion and development of world-class clusters in Europe

Strand 1: Promoting international cluster activities in the CIP participating countries (3/G/ENT/CIP/11/C/N04C011)

The TEXTILE2020 project's aim is to bring together the main European clusters (UP-tex, AEI TÈXTILS, CLUTEX, INNTex, NWTexnet, Po.in.Tex, FOMENTEX and TECHTERA) in 6 countries dedicated to Advanced Textile Materials (ATM) with a view to develop and implement a long-term joint international strategy that contributes to securing, strengthening and extending their competitiveness at the international level.



## The starting point







## MAIN OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT

- 4 Missions to selected target countries: Brazil, Tunisia, USA and Japan.
- Signature of MoUs with organizations in the target countries.
- Creation of a database of international contacts.
- Definition of a joint internationalization strategy.
- Agreement on the statutes for the creation of a legal organization.









### The starting point









- Reinforcement of our identity as a cluster on advanced textile materials.
- Increase our knowledge on internationalization activities.
- Strengthen the relationship with some of the partners and stablish the beginning of a long-term cooperation.











Cluster go International (Call 2016, Strand 2)

December'17 - November'19





**ISRAEL** 

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

**COLOMBIA** 

JAPAN/TAIWAN/KOREA



SACHSEN!

























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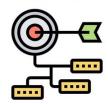






# MAIN OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT

5 missions



5 market studies



6 webinars



2 matchmaking events



7 partnership agreements signed with international partners



3 joint boths



172 B2B + B2C + C2C meetings organized







EU-TEXTILE2030 EEIG was officially constituted on 20th November 2019 in Brussels and launched on 21st November in Lyon, during the EU-TEXTILE2030 project Final Event





#### **EU-TEXTILE2030 EEIG**



# Strengthening the competitiveness of European advanced textiles' companies



European Economic Interest Grouping based in Brussels



**Network of clusters** 



Representing the EU advanced textile materials' sector 680 SMEs
90 Research organizations



#### **EU-TEXTILE2030 EEIG**













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Felipe Carrasco, Chairman Ariadna Detrell, Secretary Corine Farace, Vice-Chair



#### **EU-TEXTILE2030 EEIG — Vision and mission**

Our vision is to increase the competitiveness of European SMEs in the advanced textiles' materials sector.

Our mission is to gather the European SMEs and other organizations related to the advanced textiles' materials sector, through clusters, with the development of specific actions and support services, mainly in 3 axes: collaborative projects in the areas of R&D&I, internationalization and fundraising.





#### **EU-TEXTILE2030 EEIG – Activities**

- Partner's search tool
- 6 monthly Newsletter
- Participation at EU project proposals
- Co-organization of events
- Application to be involved in High Level Groups from de EC
- Member of the Board:



- B2B meetings between member companies
- Organization of international exploratory missions
- Sharing of reports





## **Conclusions/Learnings**

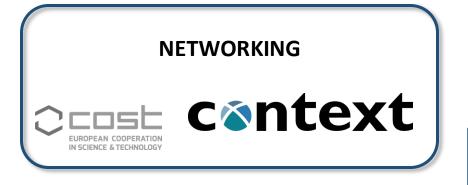


The strategic projects in the three main EU support framework for clusters built with EU-TEXTILE2030 partners:











## **Conclusions/Learnings**



- Increase of visibility of the sector at international level
- Commitment of partners to work on benefit of the EEIG
- Clusters staff used to work together used to same working methodologies
- Win to win relationship
- Enabling to work on an intersectorial approach
- A fruitful frame of cooperation even in case of pandemics!





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