

## Textile ETP Annual Conference 2024

The 18th Textile ETP Annual Conference will take place as a physical event on 14-15 May in Mechelen (a charming Belgian town a stone's throw away from Brussels, easily accessible by public transport from Brussels airport and city centre), at the **Lamot Congress and Heritage Centre**, located at Van Beethovenstraat 8/10, 2800 Mechelen, Belgium.

We welcome our members as well as other professionals interested in sustainable textile innovation, EU research funding opportunities and the fascinating world of textile start-up and scale-up businesses from all over Europe.

In these 2 days, we will:

- **Present the EU Textile Research Partnership**, the first ever EU research and innovation funding programme fully dedicated to the textile sector,
- Celebrate the increasing success of textile start-ups and how they overcome funding and scaling challenges with support from the **European Innovation Council**,
- **Discuss the future direction of an industry disrupted by major technology shifts**, a new regulatory regime and non-traditional business models.

The event will feature visionary plenary lectures, interactive thematic break-out sessions, thought-provoking panel debates, and plenty of networking opportunities. The event also offers the opportunity to take part in a site visit of HOGENT's FTILab+ on Monday 13 May, in the afternoon (places limited to 40 people).

The event will also be combined with the annual General Assembly of the Textile ETP.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

## Programme

Monday 13 May				
Afternoon	Visit of HOGENT's FTILab+ and introduction to the CITE project <i>Places limited to 40 people</i>			
Tuesday 14 May				
10:00 - 11:00	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>			
11:00 - 12:45	<p><b>Launching the EU Textile Research Partnership</b> <i>Moderator: Jan Mahy, Lector Sustainable &amp; Functional Textiles, Saxion University of Applied Sciences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Speech</b> – MARINA CRNOJA-COSIC, DIRECTOR NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, KELHEIM FIBRES, &amp; PRESIDENT, TEXTILE ETP</li> <li>• <b>The EU Textile Research Partnership</b> – AMARYLLIS VERHOEVEN, ACTING DIRECTOR, ECOSYSTEMS II: TOURISM, TEXTILES, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INDUSTRY, AND SOCIAL ECONOMY, DG GROW, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</li> <li>• <b>Implementing the EU Textile Strategy</b> – DIRK VANTYGHM, DIRECTOR GENERAL, EURATEX</li> <li>• <b>Research Priorities for the Sustainable Textile Transformation</b> – LUTZ WALTER, SECRETARY GENERAL, TEXTILE ETP</li> </ul>			
12:45-14:00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>			
14:00 - 15:15	<p><b>The pillars of the Strategic Research Agenda of the Partnership</b> (interactive break-out rooms)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Sustainable Materials &amp; Clean Processes</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Lisa Bour, RI.SE, &amp; Guy Buyle, Centexbel</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Digital Supply Chain &amp; New Business Models</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Dieter Stellmach, DITF, &amp; Carla Fité, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Advanced Manufacturing &amp; High-Performance Textiles</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Jan Jordan, ITA Aachen Nelson Durães, CeNTI</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Sustainable Materials &amp; Clean Processes</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Lisa Bour, RI.SE, &amp; Guy Buyle, Centexbel</p>	<p><b>Digital Supply Chain &amp; New Business Models</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Dieter Stellmach, DITF, &amp; Carla Fité, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya</p>	<p><b>Advanced Manufacturing &amp; High-Performance Textiles</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Jan Jordan, ITA Aachen Nelson Durães, CeNTI</p>
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15.15 - 15.45	<i>Networking Coffee</i>			
15:45 - 17:00	<p><b>From Research to Market</b> (plenary round-table) <i>Moderator: Maarit Salolainen, Professor of Textile Design, Aalto University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research Transfer to Industry</b> – BRAZ COSTA, GENERAL MANAGER, CITEVE, &amp; VICE-PRESIDENT, TEXTILE ETP</li> <li>• <b>Innovative technologies and materials</b> – SOFIA FERRARI, PROGRAM MANAGER D-HOUSE - PATTERN GROUP</li> <li>• – DALILA POGGI, SENIOR MATERIALS INNOVATION MANAGER, PANGAIA</li> </ul>			
17:00 - 17:15	<b>Wrap-up of Break-out Sessions and Closing of Day 1</b>			
17:30 - 18:00	<b>ETP General Assembly session</b> (members only)			
19:00 - ...	<i>Networking Cocktail</i> <i>Address: Salons Van Dijck, Frederik de Merodestraat 33, 2800 Mechelen</i>			

## Wednesday 15 May

9:15-11:00	<p><b>Funding Sustainable Textile Start-ups</b> <i>Moderator: Paolo Canonico, Global Technical and R&amp;D Director, SAATI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Speech</b> – MICHIEL SCHEFFER, PRESIDENT, EIC</li> <li>• <b>Fashion4Good Innovation Platform for Textile Start-ups</b> – MARIA ARROYO I BACETE, INNOVATION MANAGER, FASHION4 GOOD</li> <li>• – CHRISTINE GOULAY, FUNDER, SUSTAINABELLE ADVISORY SERVICES</li> <li>• <b>Incubating Textile Start-ups</b> – ANNELIE RÅDHALL, BUSINESS DEVELOPER, BORÅS INK</li> <li>• <b>From Academia to Start-up: the CITE project</b> – ALEXANDRA DE RAEVE, HEAD OF RESEARCH CENTER FTILAB+ , HOGENT</li> </ul>		
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12:30 - 13:45	<i>Networking Lunch</i>		
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15:15 - 15:30	<b>Conclusions and Closing</b>		

Lamot Congress and Heritage Centre  
Van Beethovenstraat 8/10  
2800 Mechelen, Belgium



## Travel details

### Where is the Textile ETP taking place?

The 18th Textile ETP Annual Conference will take place at the Lamot Congress and Heritage Centre, located at Van Beethovenstraat 8/10, 2800 Mechelen, Belgium.

Please note that the networking cocktail on Tuesday 14 May does not take place at the same place than the conference but at Salons Van Dijck, located in Frederik de Merodestraat 33, 2800 Mechelen (less than 10min walk for the conference venue).

### How to get there?

Mechelen is a charming Belgian town, located 25km away from Brussels, Belgium. It is easily accessible by public transport and taxi from Brussels airport and city centre:

- **From Brussels Airport:**
  - By train: Brussels Airport railway station is on level -1. A direct express train will take you to Mechelen Central station in just 11 minutes! A ticket costs €10.40.
  - By bus: Brussels Airport bus station is on level 0. De Lijn provides a direct bus service to Mechelen station twice an hour, including lines 282, 681, 682, 683 and 686. The bus journey takes 45 minutes. A ticket costs around €3.
  - By taxi: Brussels Airport taxi station is on level 0. The journey takes approximately 25 minutes. The ride costs around €50-60.
- **From Brussels city centre:**
  - By train: Mechelen can be reached from the 3 main train stations of Brussels (Brussels Midi, Brussels Central and Brussels North). Direct trains will bring you to Mechelen Central station in 15-30 min depending on the Brussels station where you board the train. A ticket costs €5.50.
  - By taxi: Taxis are available throughout the city. The journey takes approximately 45 minutes. The ride costs around €70-80.