

# Ready to Transform

## The Future of the European Textile Innovation Ecosystem

16th Annual Conference of  
the Textile ETP

20 & 21  
APRIL 2022  
*Brussels*

FINAL  
CONFERENCE  
OF SMARTX

## DAY 1 • Detailed Programme

### SmartX Final Conference

#### Opening Plenary • 11.00 – 12.45

- **EU Innovation Ecosystem & Cluster Policy**  
Ulla Engelmann, European Commission, DG GROW, EU
- **Cascading funding of SME Innovation**  
Daniel Gassmann, European Innovation Council & SMEs Executive Agency, EU
- **The Results of the SmartX Project**  
Judith Bosch, Textile ETP, BE
- **Innovation trends in Microelectronics & IoT for Wearables**  
Romano Hofman, imec, BE
- **Cluster support to cross-sectoral SME innovation**  
Ana Ribeiro, Cluster Textil-Moda, PT
- **Panel discussion**

#### Networking lunch • 12.45 – 14.15

#### Breakout Sessions • The SmartX Innovators • 14.15 - 15.45

Pitches of SmartX funded SMEs developing innovative smart textile solutions for medical & well-being applications

Pitches of SmartX funded SMEs developing innovative smart textile solutions for sport, personal protection and industrial applications

#### Coffee Break • 15.45 – 16.15

#### Closing Plenary • SmartX: Lessons learned & way forward • 16.15 - 17.30

- **SmartX SME Self-Assessment & Coaching**  
Virginie Canart, EuraMaterials, FR
- **Towards a European Smart Textiles Manufacturing Value Chain**  
Dieter Stellmach, DITF, DE
- **Key challenges of bringing smart textiles to market**  
Daniela Zavec, Titera, SI
- **Closing words - SmartX Community Forever**  
Lutz Walter, Textile ETP, BE

#### ETP General Assembly (Members Only) • 17.45 - 18.30

#### Networking Cocktail • 18.30 - 20.00

Learn more about SmartX  
[www.smartx-europe.eu](http://www.smartx-europe.eu)



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# Textile ETP Annual Conference 2022

21 April 2022 • 9.00 - 16.00 CET

## DAY 2 • Detailed Programme

### Opening Plenary • 9.00 – 10.45

- **Ready to Transform – The Future of the European Textile Ecosystem**  
Opening keynote by Textile ETP President – Michael Kamm, BE
- **Industrial technology roadmaps for European industrial ecosystem**  
Andrea Ceglia, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission, EU
- **Advanced materials for the circular and digital transformation of European industry**  
Sofie Norager, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission, EU
- **A new Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Textiles – towards 2030**  
Lutz Walter, Textile ETP, BE

### Coffee Break • 10.45 – 11.15

### Parallel Sessions • 11.15 – 12.30

#### Session 1 • Smart High-Performance Materials

- **Innovative textile applications of graphene materials**  
Erik Khranovskyy, Grafren AB, SE
- **Smart textiles for temperature regulation**  
Florian Milguet, Clim8, FR
- **Scalable nanofibre production**  
Märt-Erik Martens, Gelatex, Estonia (tbc)

#### Session 2 • Circular & Biobased Textiles

- **Innovative reusable hygiene products based on speciality viscose**  
Ilka Kaczmarek, Kelheim Fibres, DE
- **Removable prints - Enabling increased reuse of textiles**  
Johanna Nissén Karlsson, Vividye, SE
- **Resorbable sewing threads for garment disassembly**  
Cédric Vanhoeck, Resortecs, BE

### Lunch Break • 12.30 – 13.30

### Parallel Sessions • 13.30 – 14.45

#### Session 3 • Digitalisation

- **Machine learning & artificial intelligence to solve the textile manufacturing waste**  
Miguel Ribeiro, SmartexAI, PT
- **Digitalisation & robotization of garment making & other textile assemblies: the SoftManBot approach**  
Alberto Landini, Stamtech, IT
- **The future of virtual fabrics**  
Amber Slooten, The Fabricant, NL (tbc.)

#### Session 4 • Safe Products & Responsible Supply Chains

- **Sustainable-by-Design Materials**,  
Anne-Chloé Devic, CEFIC, Belgium
- **TRICK – Blockchain solutions for textile supply chain transparency and traceability**  
Alessandro Canepa, Piacenza, Italy
- **DNA-based fiber marking as a tool to enhance supply chain transparency and to prove circularity claim**  
Gediminas Mikutis, Haelixa, CH

### Closing Plenary Session • Transition Pathways towards a digital, circular & resilient the EU Textile & Clothing Industry • 15.00 – 16.00

- **The EU policy view**  
Marie-Hélène Pradines, DG GROW, European Commission, EU
- **The research view**  
Prof. Thomas Gries, ITA RWTH-Aachen, DE
- **The industry view**  
Dirk Vantghem, EURATEX, BE

Conference closing message • Braz Costa, CITEVE, Portugal

# Practical Information

## Venue

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre  
Av. du Boulevard 17, 1210 Bruxelles

## Organiser

The European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing (Textile ETP)

## Hotel Accommodation

**Thon Hotel**, Brussels [www.thonhotels.com/event/smartx](http://www.thonhotels.com/event/smartx)  
Preferential Rate (limited quota available): 95 € Single Room (Breakfast, WIFI, VAT incl.) City Tax : 4,24 € per night.

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## Conference Fees

DAY 1 SmartX Final Conference is Free of Charge

Day 2 Tickets	Rate
DAY 2 • Textile ETP Associate member rate:	145 €
DAY 2 • Non-member Full rate	195 €

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