

EU Funding Opportunities for Textile Innovation

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What is the Textile ETP?

- Industry-led initiative launched in 2004
- Strategic Research Agendas 2006, 2016
- Based in Brussels (EU Policy + Programmes)
- 4 full members: **Euratex** (industry), **Textranet** (RTO's), **NETFAS** (universities), **EU-TEXTILE2030** (clusters)

Largest Network for Textile Research & Innovation in Europe

200+ associated member organisations
700 registered expert members

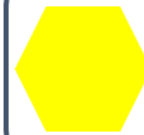
Mission:

Ensure long-term competitiveness of the EU Textile & Clothing Industry through collaborative, market-oriented research & innovation



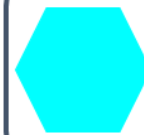
Strategic Connector

We bring together textile researchers and industry experts from across Europe



Think Tank & Lobbyist

We develop future strategies and create EU funding opportunities

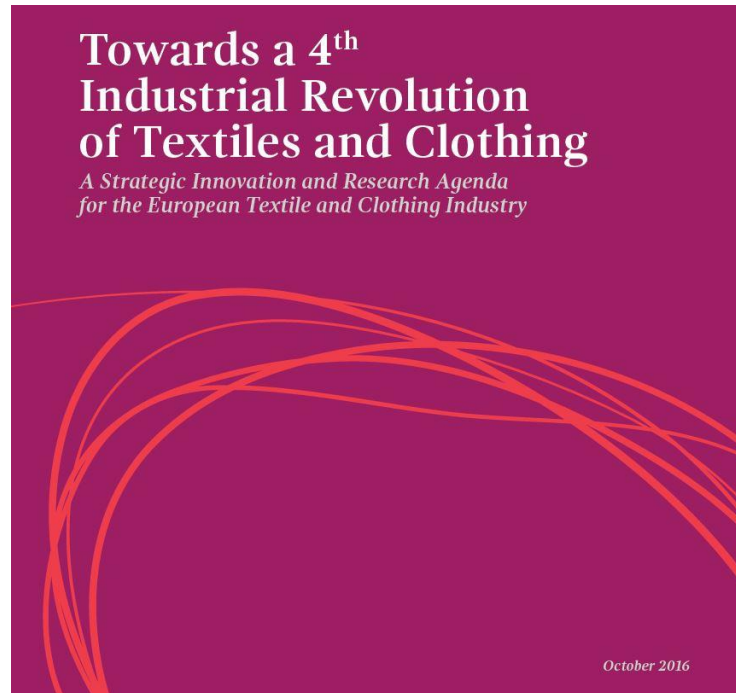


Intelligence & Funding

We provide access to information and funding opportunities EU-wide

Strategic Textile Innovation Themes

Textile ETP Strategic Innovation & Research Agenda 2016



	Smart, high performance materials
	Advanced digitised manufacturing, value chains and business models
	Circular economy and resource efficiency
	High value added solutions for attractive growth markets

From EU Policy to Textile Innovation Funding

Political Priorities

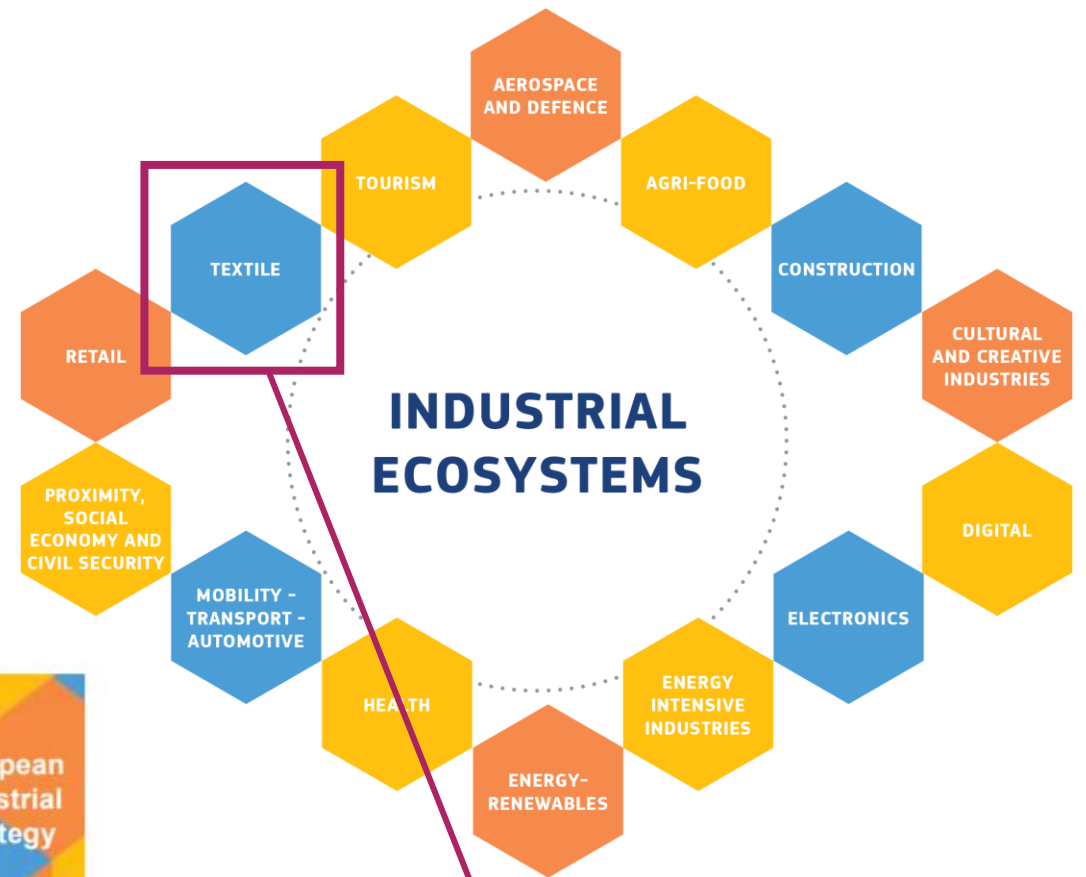


[European Space Strategy](#)

[Action Plan on critical raw materials](#)

[Circular Economy Action Plan – For a cleaner and more competitive Europe](#)

[Europe's Digital Decade: digital targets for 2030 | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)



EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles
(Nov. 2021)

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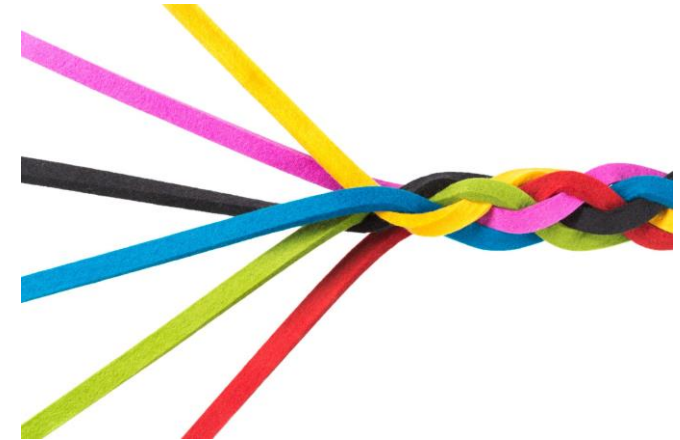
Expected in late 2021

Objectives:

- Changing the way Europe designs, produces and uses textiles
- Establishing a circular economy in the textile sector
- Making textile industry fit for the green digital transition
- Ensuring a level playing field on the global market

Expected measures:

- New waste, eco-design & sustainable products regulation
- **Significant R&D and innovation support** incl. recycling capacity
- Digital and green skills development
- Stronger market surveillance
- Specific SME support

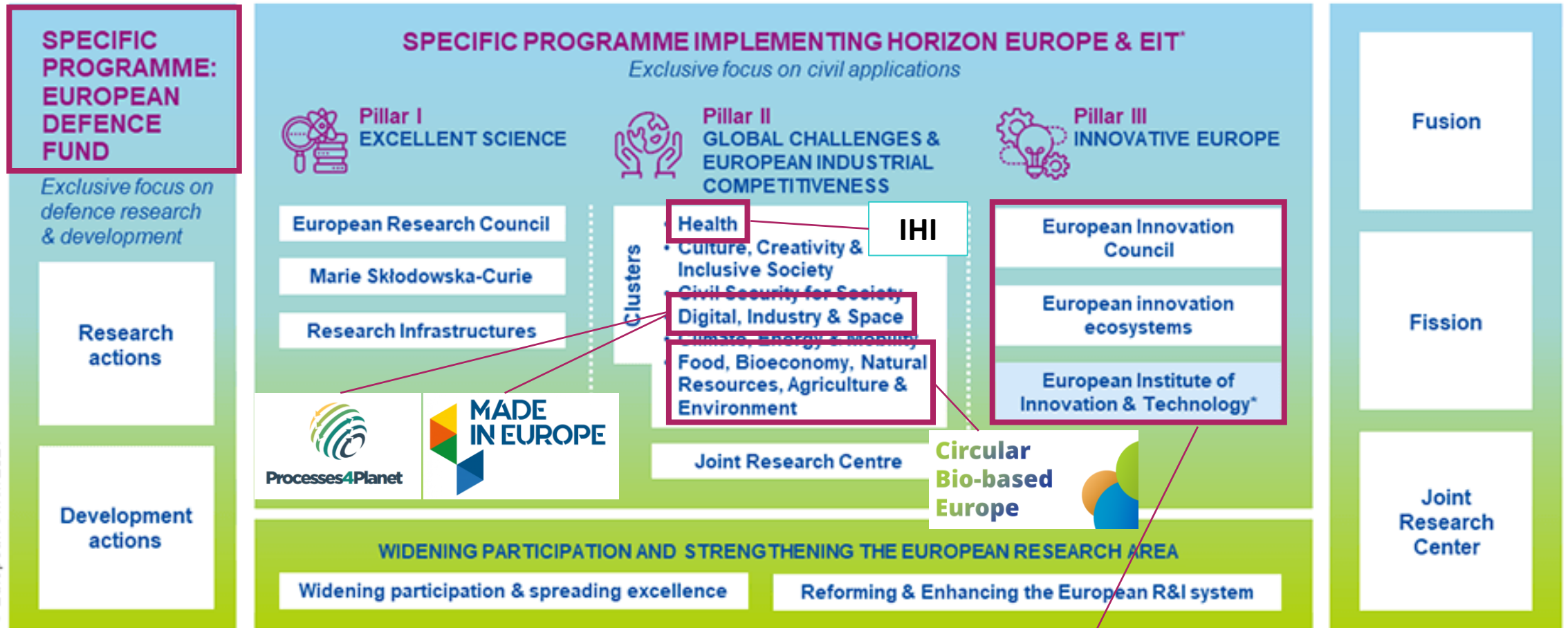


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Horizon Europe (2021-2027) – total funding € 80+ billion

HORIZON EUROPE

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* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Manufacturing Climate-KIC Digital

Other EU Funding Programmes

- Digital Europe Programme (Digital Innovation Hubs to support SMEs)
- Single Market Programme (incl. Cluster Programmes supporting SMEs)
- LIFE+ Programme (Environment & sustainability)
- ERASMUS+ Programme (Education & Training)
- EU Structural Funds (Interreg, Interregional Innovation Investments I3)
- InvestEU Fund (Loans, equity & guarantees)



Why seek EU Funding?

- Co-fund risky research/innovation projects with long-term budgets
- Commit to new developments over longer time frame
- Explore technology state-of-the-art across Europe
- Develop new long-term business partnerships (in a non-commercial environment)
- Expose researchers/developers to external technology expertise, build expert networks
- Create visibility for the company



How to start?

- Large-scale EU programmes are the Champions League of public funding (hard to win, but prizes are big!)
- You can only succeed in a team – **willingness to collaborate is key**
- Start with local partners (that know the game) – clusters, technology centres, consultants
- Cultivate relationships, build your international network -> **join the ETP**
- Be open to new opportunities, outside the core business
- Play the long-term game (a first failed project may be the necessary stepping stone to a successful follow-up project)
- Give young professionals the chance to learn and develop





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