

# Public Consultation on the EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles

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## Introduction

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The [European Green Deal](#), the [Circular Economy Action Plan](#) (CEAP) and the [Industrial Strategy](#) identified textiles as a priority sector in which the EU can pave the way towards a carbon neutral and circular economy, and announced an EU Strategy on textiles. The strategy will be developed taking into account:

- The recovery needs identified in the context of the [Recovery Plan](#), in the light of current and expected weaknesses on both the demand and supply sides following the impact of the pandemic
- The preparation of the [Sustainable Products Initiative](#)

The questionnaire is divided into:

- General information about the respondent
- Main consultation questions:
  - Support to the recovery, resilience, sustainability and competitiveness of the sector
  - Opportunities and challenges for increased circularity along the value chain
  - International dimension of the strategy, due diligence and transparency

## About you

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### \* Language of my contribution

- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French

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- Greek
- Hungarian
- Irish
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swedish

\* I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

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\* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

\* Please specify your sector:

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Textile, apparel, footwear
- Chemicals and chemical products
- Construction
- Electrical equipment
- Computers, electronic and optical products
- Food and beverages
- Materials (e.g. metals, plastics, paper)
- Retail & wholesale trade
- Banking, insurance, reinsurance and pension funding
- Accommodation and food service activities
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

*200 character(s) maximum*

Social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling

Please specify the type of product your organisation produces or represents:

- Intermediate product (e.g. ingredient or component for a final product)
- Final product (used as it is)
- Both intermediate and final products

- Other (e.g. services)

\* Please specify your main activity (or as an umbrella organization, the activities of your members):

- Manufacturer of textiles, clothing or footwear
- Brand/retailer of new textiles, clothing, or footwear
- Provider of textile services (leasing, repair, digital platform owner, etc.)
- Collection of used textiles and footwear for reuse (non-waste)
- Waste collection (public or private)
- Processing/wholesale of collected used textiles and/or textile waste
- Second-hand retail
- Recycling and/or remake/redesign
- Technology researcher or developer on textiles, clothing or footwear
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

*200 character(s) maximum*

Our members can fit in 5 of these categories: Collection of used textiles and footwear..., Waste collection..., Processing/wholesale..., Second-hand retail, Recycling and/or remake/redesign

\* Please indicate the level of market(s) you are active on:

- Local market
- Regional market
- EU market
- Non-EU market
- Worldwide market
- Not applicable

Transparency register number

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Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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\* Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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- Djibouti
- Libya
- Saint Martin

- Åland Islands
- Albania
- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Antarctica
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bermuda
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Falkland Islands
- Faroe Islands
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- French Guiana
- French Polynesia
- French Southern and Antarctic Lands
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland
- Grenada
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Martinique
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mayotte
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar/Burma
- Namibia
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Sint Maarten
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Svalbard and Jan Mayen
- Sweden

- Bonaire Saint Eustatius and Saba
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Bouvet Island
- Brazil
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
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- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Christmas Island
- Clipperton
- Guadeloupe
- Guam
- Guatemala
- Guernsey
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Heard Island and McDonald Islands
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Norfolk Island
- Northern Mariana Islands
- North Korea
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Palestine
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tokelau
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States

- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Curaçao
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Denmark
- Japan
- Jersey
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Philippines
- Pitcairn Islands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- Qatar
- Réunion
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saint Barthélemy
- Saint Helena  
Ascension and  
Tristan da Cunha
- Saint Kitts and  
Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- United States  
Minor Outlying  
Islands
- Uruguay
- US Virgin Islands
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Vatican City
- Venezuela
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Futuna
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## Main Questions

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### 1. TEXTILES, A KEY SECTOR OF THE EU ECONOMY AND KEY ENABLER FOR THE RECOVERY

#### 1.1. How would you assess the relative importance of the following factors in promoting sustainability while ensuring resilience and competitiveness of the Textile Industry?

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important	I do not know/ no opinion
Mobilising funding and investments to support innovation (advanced materials technologies, green production technologies, advanced multifunctional products) and digitalisation (e-commerce, monitoring of value chains, business models)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using sustainably sourced fibre types	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Designing textiles for circularity (e.g. durable, repairable, ease of disassembly, recyclable)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using production processes where use of hazardous substances, waste generation and use of water are limited	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring textiles put on the EU market have proven low environmental footprint along the entire life-cycle	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing consumers with the necessary information about environmental and social impacts of textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing economic operators with the necessary information about environmental and social impacts of textiles along the whole value chain	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting the uptake of circular business models among consumers (e.g. product-as-a-service, leasing, customised design)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creating the conditions to ensure sufficient flow of recycled materials (e.g. acting upon prices, facilitating shipment of waste or supporting industrial symbiosis)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring proper and sustainable functioning of global value chains (e.g. compliance with environmental, human and labour rights)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*If you think that additional factors not listed above should be considered, please specify:*

*200 character(s) maximum*

Providing economic operators with the necessary information about the positive environmental and social impacts of social enterprises active in the resale and recycling of used textiles

*Would the reply above differ, depending on whether it is clothing, home textiles or technical textiles?*

*If yes, please specify:*

*500 character(s) maximum*

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**1.2. Which of the tools listed below should be given priority at EU level to recover from the crisis and promote resilience and sustainability of the textile industry?**

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5, with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Provide technical and business assistance to promote green and digital technological innovation and product development	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Propose regulation and policy frameworks (e.g. for emerging technologies and processes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Set binding requirements at EU level to foster product sustainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Require Member States to implement mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles (and footwear)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Facilitate SMEs short-term access to finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote the development of skills applicable to sustainable textile production (e.g. design, product development)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish measurable mandatory criteria in public procurement through sectorial legislation and monitoring their implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support and encourage the application of economic instruments (e.g. taxation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote voluntary instruments on eco-labelling	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raise awareness among consumers to support the market for sustainable textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*If you think that additional options not listed above should be considered, please specify:*

*200 character(s) maximum*

Targets on collection and re-use/preparing for re-use of textiles by social enterprises Development of skills in used textile management (e.g. repair, sorting out, re-use, upcycling)
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**1.3. In your opinion which of the following technologies will contribute most to support a competitive and sustainable textile sector in the EU?**

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Advanced manufacturing (e.g. computer-aided manufacturing, automatisisation, robotics)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Customisation, production on-demand and virtualisation (e.g. digital twins, bodyscanners, 3D-printers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Automated sorting of textile waste by fibre type and colour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fibre-to-fibre recycling of single fibre type waste (e.g. 100% cotton, 100% polyester etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fibre-to-fibre recycling of fibre blends (e.g. polycotton etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open loop recycling of textiles into high-value non-textile products	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital passport/tagging (e.g. reading of bill of materials, chemical content of products)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Production of innovative technical and smart textiles	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*If you think that additional technologies not listed above should be considered, please specify:*

*200 character(s) maximum*

Social enterprises selling second-hand textiles have developed online platforms (eg. Thriftify and Label Emmaüs) in order to maximise their sales. R&D investments are needed to develop these platforms

**2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE EU TEXTILE SECTOR**

**2.1. Overview – full value chain**

*2.1.1. Which elements of circularity in the value chain do you consider should be tackled as a priority?*

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5, with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion

Designing textile products for durability, ease of repair, ease of disassembly and ease of recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing the environmental impact of textiles production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting slow fashion (e.g. slowing down the rate of clothing consumption)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting circular business models so that products are used longer and more often by one or more consumers until they are no longer fit for use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring repair services and consumers rights to repair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring transparent, traceable, verified consumer and business information (e.g. on material and chemical content, environmental and social aspects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring that no textile products are landfilled/incinerated without ever having been used (e.g. unsold clothes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transforming used clothing/textiles and the fabrics they contain into new clothing ( e.g. remaking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recovering fibres from textile waste and using these to produce new textiles products ( e.g. fibre-to-fibre recycling)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recovering fibres from textile waste and using these to produce other products (e.g. downcycling)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*If you think that additional options not listed above should be considered, please specify:*

*500 character(s) maximum*

Designing textile products for durability, ease of repair and ease of disassembly should be prioritised over designing for recycling  
Impact assessments on new circular business models  
Ensuring repair services and consumers rights to repair involve independent repairers

## 2.2. Raw materials

*2.2.1. Which element of raw material selection do you consider should be prioritised in order to promote sustainability?*

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5 (with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference))

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
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Promoting the utilisation of sustainably sourced/produced fibre types in the EU and globally (e.g. through certification)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making available information on the environmental profile of different fibre types and textile products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Improving the price competitiveness of recycled fibres compared to virgin fibres (e.g. through economic instruments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acting on the inconsistent definitions/ classification of waste/ non-waste/ secondary resources/ end-of-waste between Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing utilisation of secondary resources by ensuring quality/safety/durability of recycled content yarns and fabrics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving knowledge / awareness of designers on the characteristics and functionality of recycled content yarns and fabrics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Acting on the lack of demand from end-consumers (households and public bodies) for recycled content in clothing and textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*If you think that additional elements not listed above should be considered, please specify:*

*200 character(s) maximum*

Promoting the utilisation of natural, unblended and quality fibre types that make products longer lasting

### 2.3. Production processes

*2.3.1. Which of the actions listed below should be given priority to promote more environmentally friendly production processes?*

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5, with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Reducing fibre/fabric waste through more efficient production and confection processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing emissions to water, soil and air from production processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Avoiding/limiting the use of hazardous substances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Using renewable energy and promotion of energy efficiency in production facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting water reuse by production facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing interactions between stakeholders in the production chain to increase sustainability of production processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that further actions not listed above should be considered, please specify:

*200 character(s) maximum*

All of the above requires mandatory EU due diligence rules and full transparency and traceability on material and chemical composition of textile products through the digital product passport

## 2.4. Design of products

2.4.1. *In order to facilitate the transition to a more circular economy, how would you assess the relative importance of the following product features?*

(Select from following options for each feature: very important, important, not very important, not important, no opinion)

	Very important	Important	Not Very important	Not important	I do not know/ no opinion
Technical durability and information on the expected lifetime	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less sensitive to trends, focused more on timeless design	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reparability: Availability of information on product repair	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reparability: Product design facilitating maintenance and repair activities and availability of spare parts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information on the environmental impacts of the product over its whole life-cycle from raw materials to re-use and disposal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reusability: upgradability, modularity, size and shape flexibility	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lower resource demand for care and maintenance (e.g. require less frequent laundering, lower temperature, easy/no iron etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recyclability: ease of disassembly, reduced fibre blends, avoidance of chemicals that hamper recycling, information on material and chemical content	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Avoiding the presence of hazardous substances	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased content of recycled fabrics or fibres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased content of natural and sustainably grown fibres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other features not listed above should be considered, please specify:

*200 character(s) maximum*

Availability of spare parts and fabrics at a reasonable price for consumers and independent repairers  
Standardised sizes to facilitate the resale of second-hand textiles (particularly online)

**2.4.2. How can the environmental impact from microplastics shed from clothing /textiles best be tackled without causing environmental problems in other areas?**

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5 with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Reducing the use of synthetic fibres in textile products in favour of natural fibres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting and developing manufacturing processes able to reduce fibre-shedding from products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capturing microplastics in washing machines/ washer-dryers/ tumble-dryers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing eco-design measures, such as essential requirements per fibre type (e.g. filament, staple fibre) that ensure low shedding rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Labelling products according to their level of microplastics release	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting technologies to separate microplastics from sludge in waste water treatment plants	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research on better understanding of the causes of microplastics emissions and identification and development of technical solutions to tackle the issue.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other actions not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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Set maximum thresholds for the amount of synthetic microfibres released during production, use and end of life, and consider industrial pre-washing and waste-water filtering.

Do you have any other comments about product design?

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Make textiles products longer lasting, with less complex fibre blends (facilitating both re-use and recycling) and with standardised sizes

## 2.5. Consumption Behaviour

*2.5.1. How would you assess the relative importance of the following measures to promote sustainable consumption behaviour at EU level?*

(Select from following options for each measure: very important, important, not very important, not important, no opinion)

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important	I do not know/ no opinion
Provide information for consumers (e.g. on expected lifetime of clothing/ textile products, reparability, care of use, respect of human rights and environmental footprint)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Further promote the EU Ecolabel for textile products and footwear to consumers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide stronger protection of buyers against false and misleading information in environmental claims (greenwashing)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Organise EU-wide awareness campaigns, education and training to promote sustainable textiles use and address overconsumption (e.g. fast fashion)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide/support platforms/websites promoting repair of clothing/textiles	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raise awareness of and incentivise new business models (e.g. for sharing, rental of textiles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve (and increase consumer awareness of) rules on legal and commercial guarantees and shift the burden of proof from consumers towards producers/retailers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage economic incentives to buy sustainable/circular textiles (e.g. through differentiated taxation levels depending on products' resource efficiency)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that further measures not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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Encourage economic incentives to repair or buy second-hand textiles (e.g. through differentiated taxation levels)  
Supporting the development of the second-hand sector through targets

**2.5.2. Which of the following business models contributing to a circular economy do you believe have most potential for economic viability and upscaling?**

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5, with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Selling quality durable products with high personal value (e.g. partially designed by or tailored for the consumer)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take-back and resell of own brand products	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Second-hand retail (of others' products)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Leasing/rental services for consumer (e.g. baby clothing subscriptions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer to Consumer exchanges of products (e.g. wardrobe sharing for accessing/sharing clothing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business to Business leasing/rental services, such as textiles for hospitals, kitchens, hotels.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repair and fitting services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redesign of used textiles/textile waste into new products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other options not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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Take-back and resell of own brand products can threaten repair and re-use  
Leasing/rental can be useful for sporadic usage but should not be promoted for normal usage (risks of rebound effects)

Do you have any other comments about the consumption phase?

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The impact of new business models on the environment should be monitored to avoid the development of monopolies or the triggering of rebound effects.

## 2.6. Post-consumer textiles reuse and recycling

*2.6.1. How would you assess the relative importance of the following challenges to a greater reuse of used textiles? (note that challenges to recycling are considered later)*

(Select from following options for each challenge: very important, important, not very important, not important, no opinion)

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important	I do not know/ no opinion
Lack of separate collection systems for post-consumer textiles and textile waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saturation of global markets for second-hand textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of European businesses' demand for second-hand clothing and textiles	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lack of knowledge among collectors and sorters of global markets for second-hand textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of options for consumers to access second-hand clothing and textiles (e.g. new business models)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lowering quality of new textiles placed on the market	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Falling global prices for second-hand clothing reducing the economic viability of used textile collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that further challenges not listed above are of high importance, please specify:

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Overconsumption and low price of new textiles (leading to the saturation of the market for second-hand textiles)  
Lack of separate and concrete re-use/preparing for re-use targets

**2.6.2. How would you assess the relative importance of the following challenges to *recycling* of post-consumer waste textiles into new textiles in the EU?**

(Select from following options for each challenge: very important, important, not very important, not important, no opinion)

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important
Lack of markets and capacities for textile waste recycling including textile-to-textile recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of targets for reuse and recycling to be implemented at national level	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of traceability of chemical content in textile waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of automated sorting capacity of textile waste by fibre type and colour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of data on the overall fibre composition and fibre blends of textile waste collected in the EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of investments in sorting and recycling technologies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Textile products not designed for ease of disassembly or ease of recycling (e.g. use of complex fibre blends)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lack of new techniques that make it possible to separate material and fibre blends while keeping the value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of economically viable and sustainable chemical recycling technologies especially for fibre blends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of demand for recycled content yarns and fabrics from brands/producers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Insufficient cooperation/exchange of information along the value chain (e.g. between brands, textile manufacturers, recyclers and waste collectors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
High labour costs in Europe for redesign / upcycling/ textile production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
High costs of logistics for waste transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Regulatory/administrative obstacles to the transport of textiles waste across borders	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other obstacles not listed above are important, please specify:

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Targets for re-use should have been suggested in the previous table separately from recycling

Do you have any other comments about enabling factors to promote increased collection, reuse and recycling of post-consumer textiles?

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Support social enterprises active in the collection, the sorting and the re-use of textiles through granting them regular financial support (through GPP, EPR, national/regional/local budgets, etc.).  
Encourage consumers to repair their products or buy second-hand with vouchers or ecocheques.  
Encourage new cooperation between social enterprises, retailers, brands in new circular activities

### 3. GLOBAL COMPLIANCE, DUE DILIGENCE AND TRANSPARENCY

#### 3.1. Which of the following aspects are in your opinion more effective to promote sustainability (including fair wage, decent working conditions and labour and human rights) across the value chain?

(Select from following options for each: very important, important, not very important, not important, no opinion)

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important	I do not know/ no opinion
Better integration of social sustainability into EU Green Public Procurement criteria for textiles and setting targets for green public procurement of textiles in Member States	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better integration of social sustainability into the EU Ecolabel textiles products and footwear and increased promotion of the EU Ecolabel amongst consumers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion of harmonized certifications of sustainably produced textiles including compliance with UN's guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Public private partnerships that engage in improving sustainability, including labour- and human rights across the value chain	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraging European brands /producers to engage in Voluntary Agreements on taking greater responsibility for upstream working conditions, labour rights, job security etc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring better enforcement of the Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) chapters of free trade agreements with third countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Developing specific guidance on textiles to supplement the EU horizontal due diligence rules in the upcoming <a href="#">sustainable corporate governance initiative</a> covering environmental protection, human and labour rights	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legislation ensuring that textiles placed on European markets have been produced under minimum standards for human rights and labour rights	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monitoring businesses compliance with OECD Due Diligence Guidance applicable to textiles	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

EU external action and development funding directed to projects on social inclusions, environmental awareness, etc	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exchange and promotion of best practice between brands, producers and recyclers across global value chains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring consistency on definitions of waste/non-waste with respect to used textile collection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other actions not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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“Ensuring consistency on definitions of waste/non-waste with respect to used textile collection” is important, provided that the solutions do not produce barriers to the re-use of textiles while making sure that sham re-use is prevented. There should be simple ways for textile re-users to demonstrate that what they sell is reusable.

### 3.2. Which of the following instruments should be given priority to ensure that imported textiles materials and products comply with EU’s legislative requirements?

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5 with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Guidance in EU’s legislative requirements placed upon imported goods, including free trade agreements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Customs controls - market surveillance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic incentives for compliance with sustainability standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Application of tracing technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooperation with online marketplaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other instruments not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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Severe sanctions in cases where products are not compliant with EU's legislative requirements (prohibition to operate, heavy fines and prison sentences)

**3.3. Which of the actions listed below should be given priority to ensure that separately collected post-consumer textiles in the EU are processed and treated with due diligence to the waste hierarchy, environmental protection, human and labour rights and decent working conditions abroad?**

(Please rate the choices below from 1 to 5 with 1 denoting low preference and 5 denoting high preference)

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know/ no opinion
Requirement for Member States to report on the processing and eventual destination of separately collected post-consumer textiles and textile waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establishment of a third party verified code of conduct for actors collecting and processing post-consumer textiles including verification of appropriate treatment of textiles exported to third countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specify obligations for exporters to ensure and verify that textile waste exported to third countries are managed in an environmentally sound manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing specific guidance on textiles for collectors and processors of post-consumer textiles including environmental compliance and social conditions downstream as supplementary to the EU horizontal due diligence rules in the upcoming sustainable corporate governance initiative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establishing a voluntary agreement with the post-consumer textiles industry on environmentally and socially responsible collection and processing of post-consumer textiles including downstream elements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic incentives for compliance by collectors and processors with sustainability standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and training in due diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of EU level criteria to differentiate between used or second hand clothes and textile waste.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you think that other actions not listed above should be considered, please specify:

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## Optional Additional Comments

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If you wish to add further information, comments or suggestions (relevant to the scope of this Public Consultation), please do so here:

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RREUSE calls for an inclusive EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles which promotes the role of social enterprises — operators in the social economy whose primary objective is to have a social, societal or environmental impact over profit – and concretely implement the waste hierarchy. Social enterprises active in the collection, management, sorting and resale of post-consumer textiles provide circular and sustainable solutions that should be safeguarded and promoted. Respecting the structure of the Consultation on an EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles, and to create policies that are truly sustainable and trigger the development of local, green and inclusive jobs in the EU, RREUSE recommends the following:

1. TEXTILES, A KEY SECTOR OF THE EU ECONOMY AND KEY ENABLER FOR THE RECOVERY
  - Safeguard and reinforce role of social enterprises
  - Mainstream repair and second-hand textiles
  - Integrate social enterprises in new circular business models
  - Ensure Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) implements waste hierarchy and integrates social enterprises
    - Develop skills in post-consumer textiles management
    - Develop new technologies for re-use of textiles
  
2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE EU TEXTILE SECTOR
  - Implement waste hierarchy
  - Develop re-use and preparing for re-use targets
  - Make right to repair textiles as inclusive as possible
  - Promote usage of natural, durable, unblended fabrics
  - Give information on expected lifetime
  - Make recyclability compatible with reusability
  - Make re-using and repairing more accessible (financially and technically)
  - Develop separate collection that prioritises and facilitates re-use
  
3. GLOBAL COMPLIANCE, DUE DILIGENCE AND TRANSPARENCY
  - Promote consistent definition of end-of-waste that facilitates re-use
  - Make sanctions for non-compliance more coercive
  - Control and measure (rather than limit) export of post-consumer textiles

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