

The RegioTex Initiative



State-of-Play June 2018

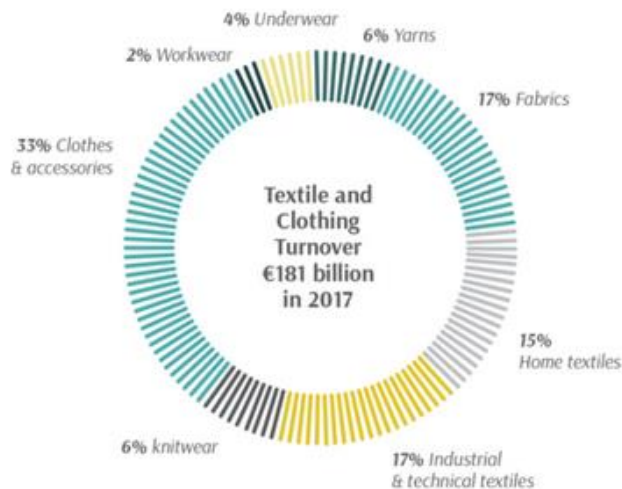
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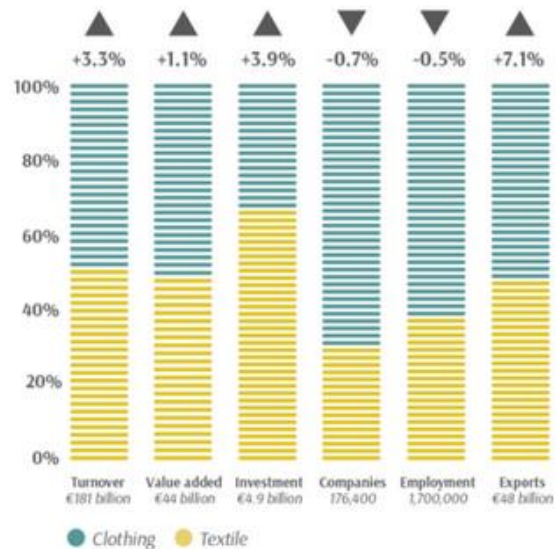
A Strategic Growing Industry

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

Breakdown of EU production by sub-sectors



The EU Textile and Clothing sector in 2017



**(Digital) Innovation, Skills, Creativity & Internationalisation
will propel this industry to new heights in Europe**



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OBJECTIVES



Why RegioTex?

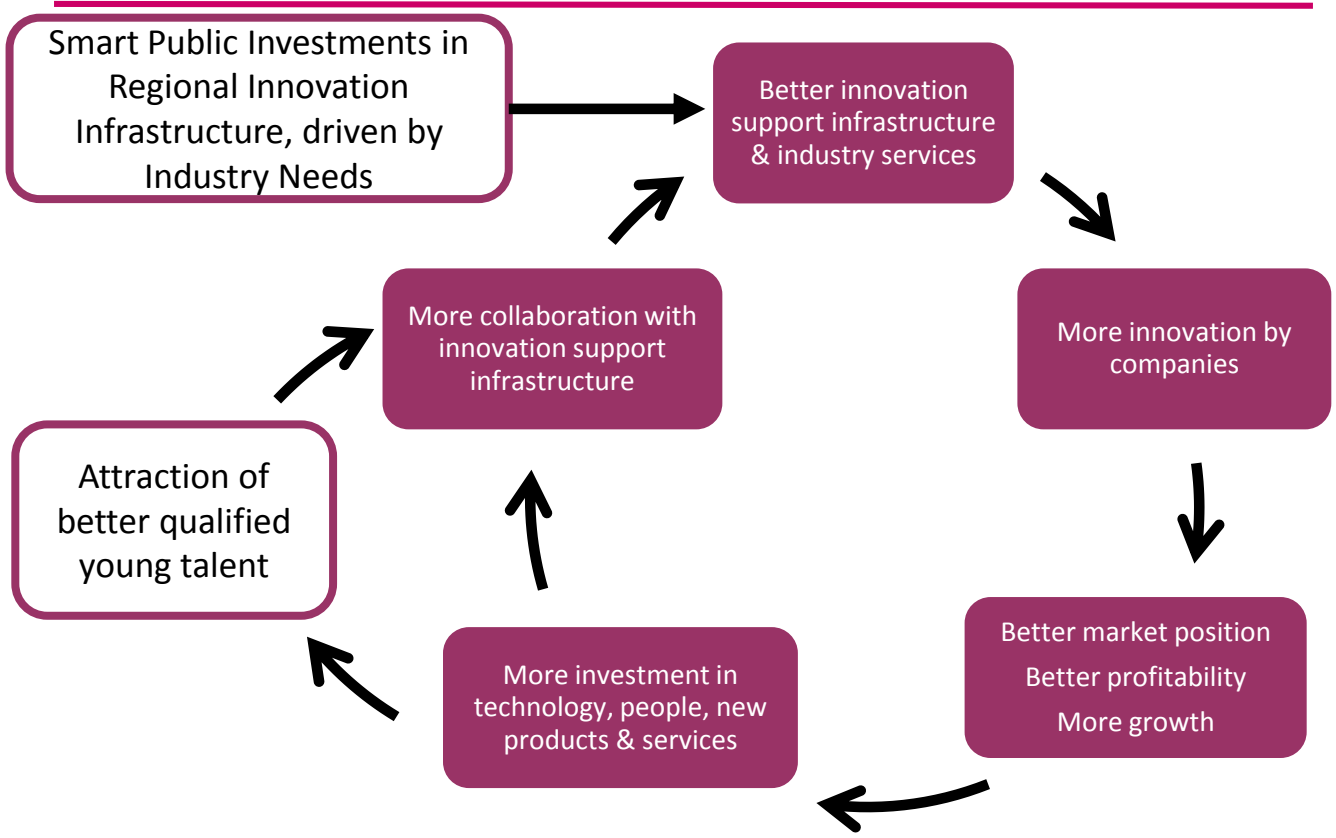


To enable Textile & Clothing SME's to invest more in innovation, to become more competitive and create high-value added jobs we need:

- More and stronger textile innovation clusters across Europe
- More investment in open textile technology infrastructure (technology centres, pilot plants, design and maker labs)
- More innovation business support services (coaching, technology scouting, financing, IPR, business start-up & incubation)
- Better exploitation of Smart Specialisation policies and related structural funds

Regional competences and infrastructures are the key to SME innovation in the T/C sector. Therefore EURATEX and the Textile ETP have launched RegioTex.

OBJECTIVE: Creating a Virtuous Innovation Circle in Every Textile Region in Europe





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HISTORY & STATE OF PLAY



RegioTex History 2015-16



03/2016
Stakeholders
Workshop

12/2015
Explorative
meeting

07/2015
Call for
expression of
interest

04/2016
Public launch
conference

10/2016 EC event Attracting
investment and upgrading
skills in textile,... industries:
Good Practices in European
Regions

06/2016
Formal invitations
to regions to join
RegioTex

11/2016 Kick-off
Event of S3 Platform
on Industrial
Modernisation
Barcelona

12/2016 1st Support
Group meeting in
Brussels



Textile Innovation
as thematic area
of S3P Industrial
Modernisation

Thematic Platforms

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Thematic Areas

- ADMA Energy
- Bio-economy
- Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing
- High Performance Production through 3D-Printing
- Medical technology
- New nano-enabled Products
- Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation
- SME integration to Industry 4.0
- Sport

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Thematic Areas

The following are current Thematic Areas, already proposed by different regional partnerships.

The first 5 were developed under 2014's **Vanguard Initiative** and are now part of the Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation.

Regions interested in joining any of these partnerships should directly contact the representative of the Thematic Area's leading region.



Advanced manufacturing



Non-food Biomass



Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing



3D-Printing



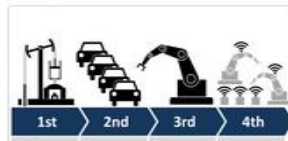
New Nano-Enabled Products



Textile Innovation



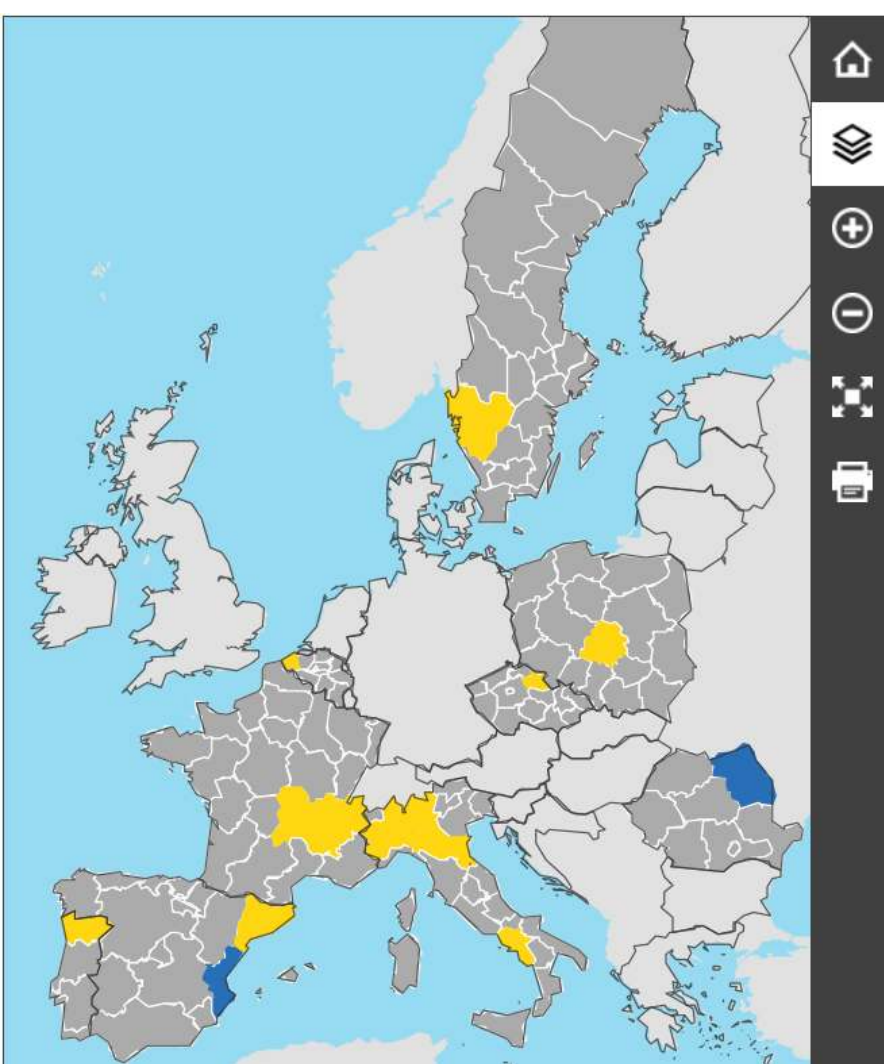
Medical technology



SMEs to the Industry 4.0

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Legend



Leading regions:

Valencia (ES)

North-East Romania (RO)



Participating regions

Campania (IT)

Lombardy (IT)

Piedmont (IT)

Emilia Romagna (IT)

Catalonia (ES)

Norte (PT)

Hradec Kralove Region (CZ)

West Flanders (BE)

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (FR)

Västra Götalands län (SE)

Lodzkie (PL)

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- Critical mass of textile regions in Europe
- Common strategy & procedures
- Mapping of competences & needs
- Governance structure & political links
- Launch of strategic projects



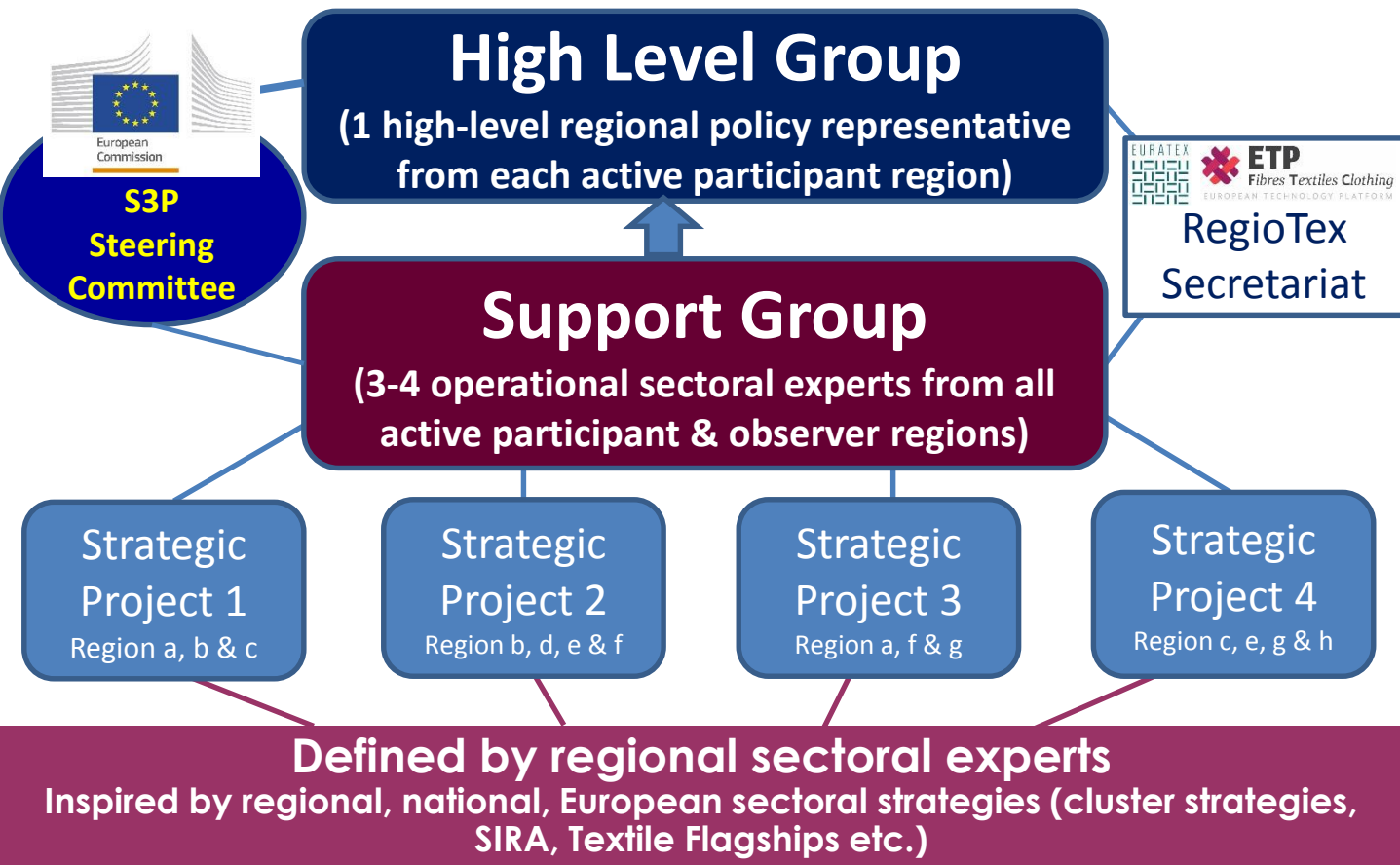


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GOVERNANCE & STRATEGIC PROJECTS



RegioTex Governance & Working Structure



1st HLG MEETING – June 2017, Brussels



34 participants from 13 regions

Strategic Projects

approved at 1st High Level Group meeting

Sustainability (resource-efficiency and circular economy)

Industry4.0 and new digital business models

Sector diversification (Technical & smart textiles)

Design- and creativity-based innovation

Regional involvement in SP's

	Auvergne Rhône- Alpes	Baden Württem- berg (obs.)	Catalonia	Emilia Romagna	Hradec Kralove	Lodzkie	Lombardy	NE Romania	Norte	Piemonte	Valencia	Västra Göta- land	West- Flander s
Thematic Projects													
Sustainability (resource- efficiency and circular economy)	P		L		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P (*)
Industry4.0 and new digital business models	L	P	P	L	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Sector diversification (Technical & smart textiles)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	L	L		P	
Design- and creativity- based innovation	P		P	P		L	L	P	P	P	L	P	



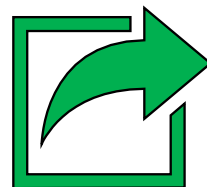
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NEXT STEPS



RegioTex – Objectives 2018

- EU Funding for support structure
- Finalise thematic strategies + investment plans
- Input to Smart Specialisation strategies post-2020
- Formalise collaboration RegioTex – EURATEX – Textile ETP
- Strengthen RegioTex management team



RegioTex Activities 2018

Action	Timing
2 nd Thematic workshops (industry 4.0/creativity), Milan	April 2018
3 rd Meeting of EC S3P Steering Committee , Lapland	April 2018
4 th Support Group Meeting , Brussels	11 July
2 nd HLG Meeting , Brussels	Sept. 2018
Thematic workshops – all 4 themes	Sept-Nov 18



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