Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation

Thematic Partnership

S3P- Industrial modernisation

Start Date (December 2016)

MONITORING PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period: from (December 2017) to June 2018

This Report is presented to the relevant Working/Steering Committee. It contains three parts:

I. Management Report prepared by the Lead Region(s)
II. Progress Report prepared by the Lead Region(s)
III. Previous versions of the Progress Report; i.e., part II of past reporting periods

The report is a “cumulative” report, i.e. it is updated annually and covers the entire period of the Partnership.

Confidentiality: the documents will be made available to the public via the Partnership's web page except for chapter II.E. Self evaluation.

Based on the monitoring results, the European Commission will decide on the following year’s support.
Executive summary (max. 250 words):

The key objective of the Smart Specialisation Platform for industrial modernisation (S3P-Industrial Modernisation) is to coordinate the efforts of all EU regions committed to working together for developing a pipeline of investment projects in smart specialisation areas through interregional cooperation.

The Platform will be co-developed by the regions with an active participation of the industry, and by related business organisations like cluster organisations, which will have a key role to better connect regional authorities with industrial interests and needs.

The aim of the thematic platforms is to foster inter-regional collaboration around smart specialisation priorities and modernisation along global value chains.

S3 thematic platforms are to foster European regions in developing interregional cooperation based on their Smart Specialisation priorities. The ultimate aim is to create an investment pipeline of mature projects in new growth areas across the EU.

The industrial modernization of the textile industry relies on the development of new cross-sectoral industrial value chains by multiple stakeholder to achieve lasting improvements. These include collaborations to advance standards, adoption of new technologies, development of emerging industries and cross-sector partnerships. By 2025 the textiles and clothing industry, including fibre-based materials, clothing, home and technical textiles, will be a strategic EU industry sector providing innovative and competitive products enabling personalised and attractive solutions. It will operate according to a globalised and efficient circular economic model that maximises the use of local resources, exploits advanced manufacturing techniques and engages in cross-sectorial collaborations and strategic clusters.
I. Management Report prepared by the Thematic Platform/Lead Region(s)

I.A. Partnership Action Fact Sheet

- **Partnership** Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation
- **Partnership’s web-page:** [http://www.textile-platform.eu/regiotex-regional-investment](http://www.textile-platform.eu/regiotex-regional-investment)
- **And the RegioTex LinkedIn group** [https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13541301](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13541301)

- **S3 Thematic Platform** Industrial Modernisation
- **Objectives:** Related to e.g. sustainability, Industry 4.0, sector diversification and design- and creativity.

- **Lead Region(s):** list of regions/countries
  - Valencia, Spain
  - North East, Romania

- **Other partner regions:** list of regions/countries
  - Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France
  - Norte, Portugal
  - Lodzkie, Poland
  - Campania, Italy
  - Catalonia, Spain
  - Piedmont, Italy
  - Emilia Romagna, Italy
  - Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic
  - West Flanders, Belgium
  - Lombardy, Italy
  - Vastra Gotalands Ian, Sweden

- **Intentions to join:** list of regions/countries
  - The following regions have formally expressed interest to participate as an observer:
    - Baden Wurttemberg
    - Puglia
    - Tuscany

- **Other participants (other than regions):** (Institution Name, Country, Town)
  - EURATEX, Brussels, Belgium
  - Textile ETP, Brussels, Belgium

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- **European Commission Coordinator:** (name, e-mail)

- **Any other relevant information:**

I.B. Thematic Working Areas
• Thematic Working Areas (if any, please list of WAs, region(s) in charge of it, names and affiliations of involved regional/national authorities, and other actors)

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<td>April, 2018</td>
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<td>2nd Thematic workshops (industry 4.0/ creativity) supported by ReConfirm</td>
<td>5 April, 2018</td>
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<td>Coordination workshop or involved Italian regions (Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia Romagna, Tuscany, Campania)</td>
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<td>EURATEX Convention &quot;Regional cooperation for industrial modernization in the European Textile and Clothing sector&quot;</td>
<td>24th October 2018</td>
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II. Progress Report prepared by the Lead Region(s) of the partnership, describing results achieved during this period, in no more than 3 pages (the report is “cumulative”). All items listed in Sections A, B, and C, below, must be addressed.

Additional documentation such as extended technical reports and/or proceedings of workshops may be provided separately as an annex to this report (and should be referenced in the report).

II.A. Innovative results

- Innovative results and achievements that could be attributed to the Partnership. (Specific examples of Results vs. Objectives)
  - Represent a critical mass of textile regions in Europe
  - Development of a common strategy & procedures
  - Mapping of competences & needs
  - Establishment of a governance structure & political links
  - Definition of strategic themes

- Tangible short- and medium-term socio-economic impacts achieved or expected. (Specific examples)
  
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II.B. Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

- Additional results obtained from working with other partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms. (Specific examples)
  
  The COSME proposal TEX4IM has been successfully evaluated and now is under Grant Agreement preparation stage.

  TEX4IM project aims at establishing a stable and durable cross-regional platform of cooperation among main TC actors, namely sector clusters, able to boost industrial competitiveness and investment in the EU via cooperation and networking for smart specialisation investments (ESCP-S3). TEX4IM goals reflect the objectives of the ESCP-S3, as the collaboration of enterprises of TC sector, especially SMEs, will be ensured by the cross-region cooperation of TC clusters. These operates according to the triple helix approach, so that the interaction with technology centres across regions is implicit. The cooperation with other sectoral silos will be the driving concept of TEX4IM actions and investment projects that will be generated at the end for the industrial modernisation and the improvement of business environment.

  The partners involved in the project are the following:
  - OTIR2020 TFC- Italy, Tuscany (Coordinator)
  - ASTRICO NE- Romania
  - ATEVAL- Spain
  - CTTM- Portugal
  - CLUTEX- Czech Republic
  - POINTEX- Italy, Piedmont
  - SM-Sweden
  - UP-TEX- France

  The proposal presented in Interreg Europe Call: Project Acronym: RegioTex

  The RegioTex project aims to provide appropriate policy instruments for the next programming period in order to boost textile innovation capacities and to rise European SME’s competitiveness at a global level.

  Through the activities carried out within the project, RegioTex intends to bring together all 4Q members from the regional textile innovation ecosystems from EU’s foremost textile regions in a joint effort to develop and
implement strategies that will facilitate and accelerate the emerging industrial modernisation led by manufacturing SMEs. The project will directly contribute to the advancement of the Textile Innovation partnership under the S3P on Industrial Modernisation to which all participating regions are committed. The key objectives of RegioTexare: To help regional authorities to improve their policies and programmes to fully harness the potential of textile innovation for industrial modernisation, based on integration of manufacturing value chains and development of new ones; To facilitate peer-to-peer learning, active collaboration and join investment between the stakeholders of Europe’s leading textile regions. To develop and strengthen regional textile innovation ecosystems across Europe.

The partners involved in the project are the following:
- North east regional development Agency - Romania (Coordinator)
- ATEVAL- Spain
- IVACE- Spain
- CITEVE- Portugal
- CTPT- Czech Republic
- NTT- Italy
- University of Boras-Sweden
- EURATEX- Belgium
- provincial Development Agency West Flanders- Belgium

- Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, etcetera) in the Partnership activities. (Specific examples)
  Formalise collaboration between RegioTex with EURATEX and TEXTILE ETP

- Evaluation of whether the level of inter-regional cooperation is sufficient to potentially provide practical and relevant socio-economic impacts. (Specific examples)
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II.C. New activities

- Involvement of regions from EU13 Member States in the Partnership, in particular with respect to scoping, mapping and/or matchmaking. In addition, justification should be provided if no EU13 regions are involved.

  In May was presented a proposal of a Pilot Action to the European Parliament
  REGIOTEX working group has identified 4 thematic areas in order to boost the innovation capacity of the textile sector in the regions involved:
  (1) Sustainability (efficiency of resources and circular economy);
  (2) Industry 4.0 and new digital business models;
  (3) Sectoral diversification (technical and intelligent textiles);
  (4) Innovation based on design and creativity.

  Throughout the presented project, REGIOTEX 2020 PILOT ACTION, specific actions will be carried out in the thematic areas identified as priorities for innovation, connecting SMEs, public administrations, research centers and end users, with the main objective to:

  1) Identify the VALUE CHAIN OF THE TEXTILE SECTOR AT EUROPEAN LEVEL, based on the individual analysis of each of the participating textile regions.
  2) Design a new interregional innovative open space among the industrial textile regions of Europe that helps the European textile SME’s increase their competitiveness.
  3) Create a INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATIVE TEXTILE PLATFORM integrated by both main industrial actors and a group of MP’s that serves as a major platform for the exploration and discussion of the close challenges of the European Textile industry

  With the implementation of REGIOTEX 2020 PILOT ACTION, the following objectives will be achieved:
  - A real and effective coordination of the interests of the textile sector of the European Regions
  - A synchronization in the joint investment plans aimed at interregional text infrastructures

  The project is in line with:
  - INTELLIGENT SPECIALIZATION PLATFORM, promoted by DG Region, DG grow and The Join Research Center
- The Regiotex project
- The RIS3 of each region
- The European Textil Platform

- Involvement of regions/countries from outside of EU28 Countries. *(Number of participants from non-EU countries. Specify their contribution)*
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- Advancement and promotion of the Partnership through publications and other communication/outreach activities. *(Number of outreach activities that resulted from the Partnership. A complete list with references and web-links should be given in an annex)*
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- Activities and projects with partnerships working under other S3 Thematic Platforms *(Agri-Food, Energy and Industrial Modernisation)*.
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