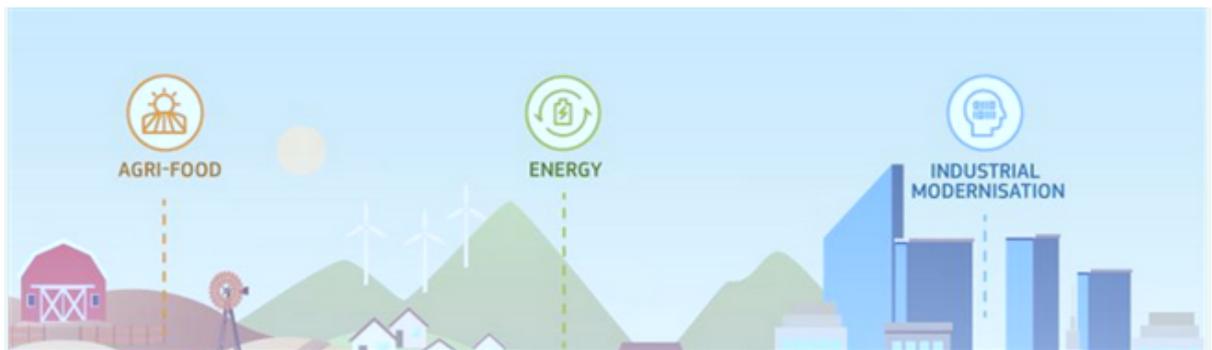


# Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms Monitoring Progress Report

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## Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnership Monitoring Progress Report

This report is presented to the relevant Working/Steering Committee.

The report is updated every six months.

### Confidentiality:

The management report (section I) and progress report (section II) will be made available to the public via your Partnership's web page.

The part on self-assessment is confidential.

Based on the monitoring results, the European Commission will decide on the following term's support.

### \* Reporting period

July - December 2020

### \* Please select the name of your partnership

Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation

**\* Start date of your partnership**

November 2016

**\* Partnership's webpage**<http://www.textile-platform.eu/regiotex-regional-investment/>**I. Management report**

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**\* Please provide the executive summary and the objectives of your partnership**

2I. Management report Please provide the executive summary of the objectives of your partnership 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-sectoral collaborations and strategic clusters

**\* Please provide the list of leading regions**

Valencia region (Spain)  
North-East region (Romania)

**\* Please provide the list of participating regions.**

*If possible, please follow this format: "Name of the region in English (Country abbreviation), NUTS code".  
e.g.: Lapland (FI), FI1D7*

Valencia, Catalonia , Spain  
Campania, Emilia Romagna, Lombardy & Piedmont, Italy Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France  
Hradec Kralove region, Czech Republic  
Lodzkie region, Poland  
Norte, Portugal  
North-East region, Romania  
Västra Götaland, Sweden  
West-Flanders, Belgium

**Please provide the list of interested regions or other entities** (other than national /regional authorities)

Puglia & Tuscany, Italy  
Baden Wurttemberg, Germany  
European Textile Technology Platform (Textile ETP) EURATEX  
Textranet  
EU-TEXTILE2030 association

Please provide an overview of the **working areas** of your partnership

	Working area	Region in charge	Involved regions	Other actors
1	Sustainability & circular economy	Catalonia	rest	European Textile Technology Platform (Textile ETP) EURATEX Textranet EU-TEXTILE2030 association
2	2 Digitalisation & industry 4.0	Emilia Romagna	rest	European Textile Technology Platform (Textile ETP) EURATEX Textranet EU-TEXTILE2030 association
3	Technical & smart textiles	Norte PT	rest	European Textile Technology Platform (Textile ETP) EURATEX Textranet EU-TEXTILE2030 association
4	Design and creativity-based innovation	Lombardy	rest	European Textile Technology Platform (Textile ETP) EURATEX Textranet EU-TEXTILE2030 association
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Please provide information regarding past meetings, workshops and dissemination activities (six months prior to filling out the survey)

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	Call for expression of interest for COVID-19 response and recovery interregional partnerships	August-October	on-line	
2	Several webinars and calls	July-December	on-line	
3	Future of REGIOTEX. Strategy.	November	on-line	Valencia and North-East Regions
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Please provide information regarding planned future meetings, workshops and dissemination activities

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	Event-planning currently on hold due to COVID, ongoing online collaboration			
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## II. Progress report

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### Innovative results

Please describe innovative results and achievements that could be attributed to the partnership (specific examples of results vs. objectives)

Essentially, the more important result is the creation of a new way to collaborate between the regional members and other stakeholders of the partnership.

As a result several concrete project and initiatives have been taken incl. European projects such as SmartX, GALACTICA and TEX4IM.

In late 2019 the European textile innovation clusters association EU-TEXTILE2030 was founded by 7 clusters from the RegioTex partner regions.

What is really important in this period has been the fact of the strong involvement of the partners in open a frame to rethink strategically the new REGIOTEX working plan. In this sense, we opened 2 working groups in order to prepare 2 proposals to apply to Call for expression of interest for COVID-19 response and recovery interregional partnerships from DG REGIO. One on the group was led by EAST-NORTH REGION (RO) and the other group was lead by NORTH REGION (PT).

Tangible short- and medium-term socio-economic impacts achieved or expected (specific examples)

A stronger and more strategic policy support to maintain and strengthen textile innovation ecosystems in the partnership regions through investments in collective organisations and infrastructures such as clusters, research and technology transfer centres, higher education and VET schools.

The INTERREGIONAL INNOVATIVE INVESTMENTS is a great opportunity that is going to be explored deeply by REGIOTEX as one of the more interesting tools to launch new collaborative interregional projects.

### Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

Additional results obtained from working with other partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms (specific examples)

There are some current work on hemp fibers to be finalized by the working technical work. But, the more important milestone in this period has been the GREEN DEAL call. In with many partners of REGIOTEX were very active in preparing and submitting proposals.

Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs), etcetera) in the Partnership activities (specific examples)

The T/C industry represented through European, national and regional associations is fully aligned and actively involved in the work of the partnership.

Evaluation of whether the level of inter-regional cooperation is sufficient to potentially provide practical and relevant socio-economic impacts (specific examples)

Inter-regional cooperation has definitely been stimulated by the partnership, especially in instances when EU funding programmes could be used to launch joint projects. Some interregional collaboration supported through INTERREG schemes was also intensified, COSME and H2020.

## **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

There has been two lines in this sense;

- A) Different on-line events related with matchmaking thought the participation in on going EU PROJECTS, specially in those under the CLUSTER EXCELLENCE and CLUSTER GO INTERNATIONAL from COSME PROGRAMM.
- B) The preparation of the call to apply for the new partnership pilot action from DG REGIO.

Involvement of regions/countries from outside of EU28 Countries. (Number of participants from non-EU countries (specify their contribution))

NO

Advancement and promotion of the Partnership through publications and other communication/outreach activities (number of outreach activities that resulted from the partnership)

Continuous promotion through the communication channels of the regional partners and the EU-level associations and networks

Activities and projects with partnerships working under other S3 Thematic Platforms (AgriFood, Energy and Industrial Modernisation)

NO

## Your Partnership and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The EU has a strong position when it comes to sustainable development and is also fully committed to be a frontrunner in implementing the UN's 2030 Agenda, together with its member countries and regions. Many interregional partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms contribute strongly to the attainment of these 17 goals.

**Please indicate to which Sustainable Development Goals and to what extent your thematic Partnership contributes?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition & promote sustainable agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives & promote well-being for all at all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 5. Achieve gender equality & empower all women and girls	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment & decent work for all	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation & foster innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 11. Make cities & human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption & production patterns	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 16. Promote peaceful & inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>