

## Project ENTeR

### A series of seminars on circular economy and recycling of textile waste



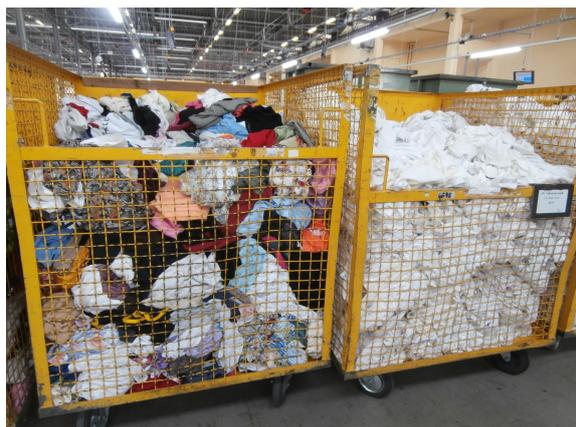
Between April and June 2018, a series of seminars and excursions on the subject of circular economy and recycling of textile waste were organized within the framework of the ENTeR project, both for the project partners and for the professional public. Each of the project partners held one of these events to present interesting examples of practice, educational activities, and the results of research projects from their regions. Seminars and workshops were in some regions complemented by visits to textile waste processing companies. The aim of these meetings was to facilitate the exchange of experience on textile waste management and recycling among project partners, representatives of textile companies, waste processors, government representatives, and research and education institutions.

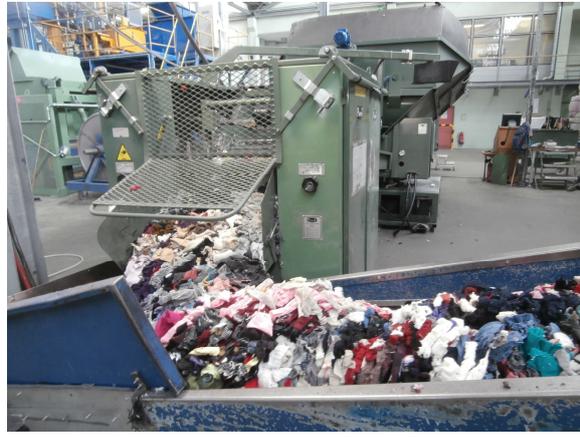
The workshop organized by the Czech Technology Platform for Textile (ČTPT) in Prague (April 5, 2018) presented, for example, the results of the survey on the current state of textile waste management in the Czech Republic, the circular economy as one of the priorities discussed at the level of the European Technology Platform, topics on handling of end-of-life leasing laundry in industrial laundries and the results of a research project on the complex use of fiber flax and hemp fibers.

Another meeting was held in Lodz, Poland, and was organized by the Instytut Włókiennictwa. Seminar on “Expert network on textile recycling – ENTeR” was held during the TECHCONFEX fair; the presentations have introduced the Polish enterprises dealing with the processing of textile waste. See <http://techconfex.pl/program-targow-techconfex-2018/> . The next day, the project partners have visited the Dywilan S.A. company.

At the beginning of May, the project partners met in Gallarate, Italy, where the association UNIVA has organized a workshop on circular economy and textile recycling. Italian companies have presented their practical experiences and pilot cases on this subject. On the second day, CENTROCOT has organised in Busto Arsizio the first meeting of the ENTeR project Interregional Advisory Board, followed by an afternoon excursion to material library in Milan (Material Connexion Italia), which captures samples of approx. 5000 different materials.

At the end of May, the German institute STFI has organized a seminar in Chemnitz. The program included a presentation of results of the survey on current state of textile waste recycling in Saxony. On the second day, the participants from project partners have visited the SOEX company which deals with the processing of textile waste.





The meeting in Chemnitz took place in parallel with the international trade fair "mtex +" during which INOTEX presented the ENTeR project on its stand and discussed its objectives and the achieved results with the visitors.



The last meeting from the series of events was a two-day seminar organized by the project partner INNOVATEXT in Budapest. During the seminar, Hungarian companies and educational institutions have introduced results of their activities on creative or industrial use of textile waste, as well as waste legislation or wastewater from the textile industry. More information about this workshop on <http://innovatext.hu/en/hir/press-release-international-workshop-about-textile-waste-hungary> .

### *ENTeR – Expert Network on Textile Recycling*

*The transnational project ENTeR funded by Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE programme focuses on waste reduction in textile industry and its use. Within the project will be established the virtual centre (the on-line platform) which will accelerate cooperation between the involved textile territories, promoting a joint offer of innovative services by the main local research centres and business associations focused to processing and recovery of textile waste. The aim is to demonstrate the benefit of an operational collaborative model among research and business partners, based on an online tool and shared skills focused on waste eco design and resource efficiency.*

More about the project on the web [www.interreg-central.eu/enter](http://www.interreg-central.eu/enter)