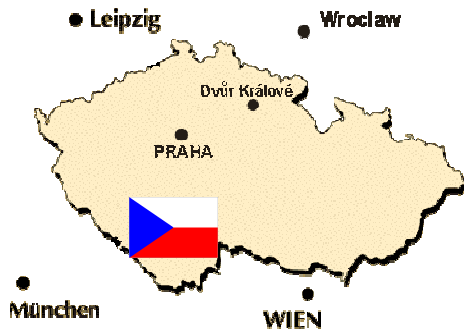


**SUSTAINABILITY OF RESOURCES  
AND READINESS TO FOLLOW  
CIRCULAR ECONOMY  
- AN EXISTENTIAL TASK OF TC  
STARTING BY FIBRES**



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## COMPANY PROFILE

**inoTEX**<sup>®</sup>  
INNOVATION FROM THE SOURCE

**72 years experience in innovation  
for textile wet processing**

**R&D – Technology Transfer –  
Special small-lot productions – Services**

### Key strategy:

**Implementation of tailored R&D into the  
practice by use of own speciality TAA production:**

- **textile chemistry and biotechnology, colouristic**
- **textile testing and analytical lab (EN ISO 17025)**
- **via cleaner production towards sustainability of resources**
- **eco-services and consultancy**

**WE OPERATE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE**



# CIRCULAR ECONOMY

**MOTTO: „LEARNING TO MAKE MORE WITH LESS“**

TC as a manufacturing industry based on the TRANSFORMATION OF RESOURCES – materials, water, energy, chemicals TO THE FINAL PRODUCTS WITH ADDED VALUE (for B2C-fashion and B2B-TT)

**Why we need savings:**

1. resources cost increase
2. strict legislation: energy consumption, C foot print, emissions, water and waste water pollution, coming landfill restriction (Green Deal)
3. rising customers orientation to the envi friendly products – promoted by „brands“ and ecolabels

**!! THREAT:**

Rising population + growing single use consumption + limited fossil resources

**RAW MATERIAL SCARCITY = COLLAPSE OF INNOVATION & MARKETS**

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# WAY FORWARD: THROUGH RADICAL INNOVATION TO INNOVATION

from linear to the circular economy



Cleaner production using the minimized resources

products eco-design based on sustainable resources with possible recycling

systematic orientation to the sustainable, renewable resources

EU: reduction of strong dependence on the imported resources  
(fibres, dyes, chemicals)



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# WAY TOWARDS CIRCULAR ECONOMY

**from the linear: gain – produce – throw away**

**to a complex circular economy model**

**jointly from raw material producers and textile manufacturers**

**via consumers (B2C i B2B)**

**to the waste processors**

**New dimension: New legislation**

**New ways: Bio-economy resp. circular bioeconomy (CBI – KET)**

**New approach: producer + market aim for waste management**

# WAY TOWARDS CIRCULAR ECONOMY

## New technologies for repeated use and also dematerialization:

- „slow fashion“
  - second-hand significant increase
  - production + maintenance complex strategy
  - service life & reactivation of functionality in laundry
  - massive support by emerging technologies
- product marking / tagging to the recycling differentiation



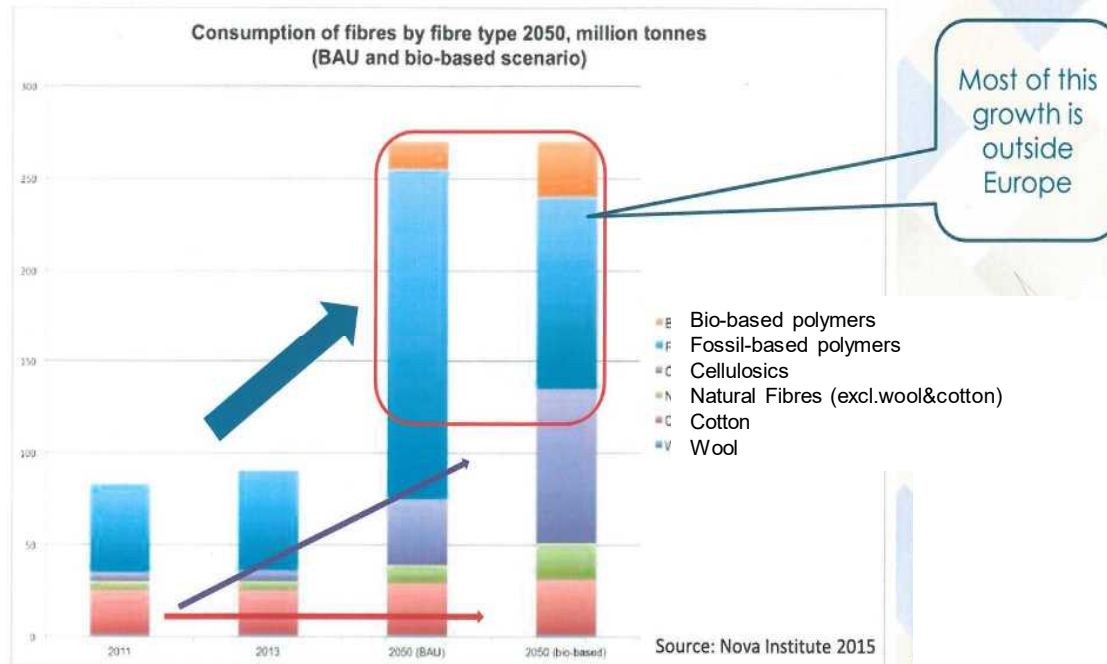
**ETP FTC – Theme III Circular Economy and Resources Efficiency**

**SIRA – 10/2016 [www.textile-platform.eu](http://www.textile-platform.eu)**

# STARTING TOOL - FIBRES

actual consumption about 100 mil.t/year 2017  
steady growth +3%/year since 80<sup>th</sup> of 20.century  
stable consumption increase for future years  
non manageable: fibre demand 240 mil.t in 2050

diversification of actual consumption around 70% synthetic  
and man made fibres mostly based on fossil resources  
about 30 % natural fibres - limitation  
Actually 80% of textile products end at landfill or incineration



# COTTON

consumption in 2018/2019 = 27,5 mil.t – slight decrease of consumption  
production 26,3 mil.t/2018-19 against 27 mil.t/2017-18  
compensation – cotton stocks: (about 19 mil.t/2018 against 23 mil.t/2015)  
large stock in PRC (over 8,2 mil.t)

Source: ICAC 11/2018

**Ecologically un-friendly, expensive crop**  
**Reduction of cultivation area**  
**Decreasing of cultivation area**  
**(irreversible climate changes, soil damage – Aral Sea)**

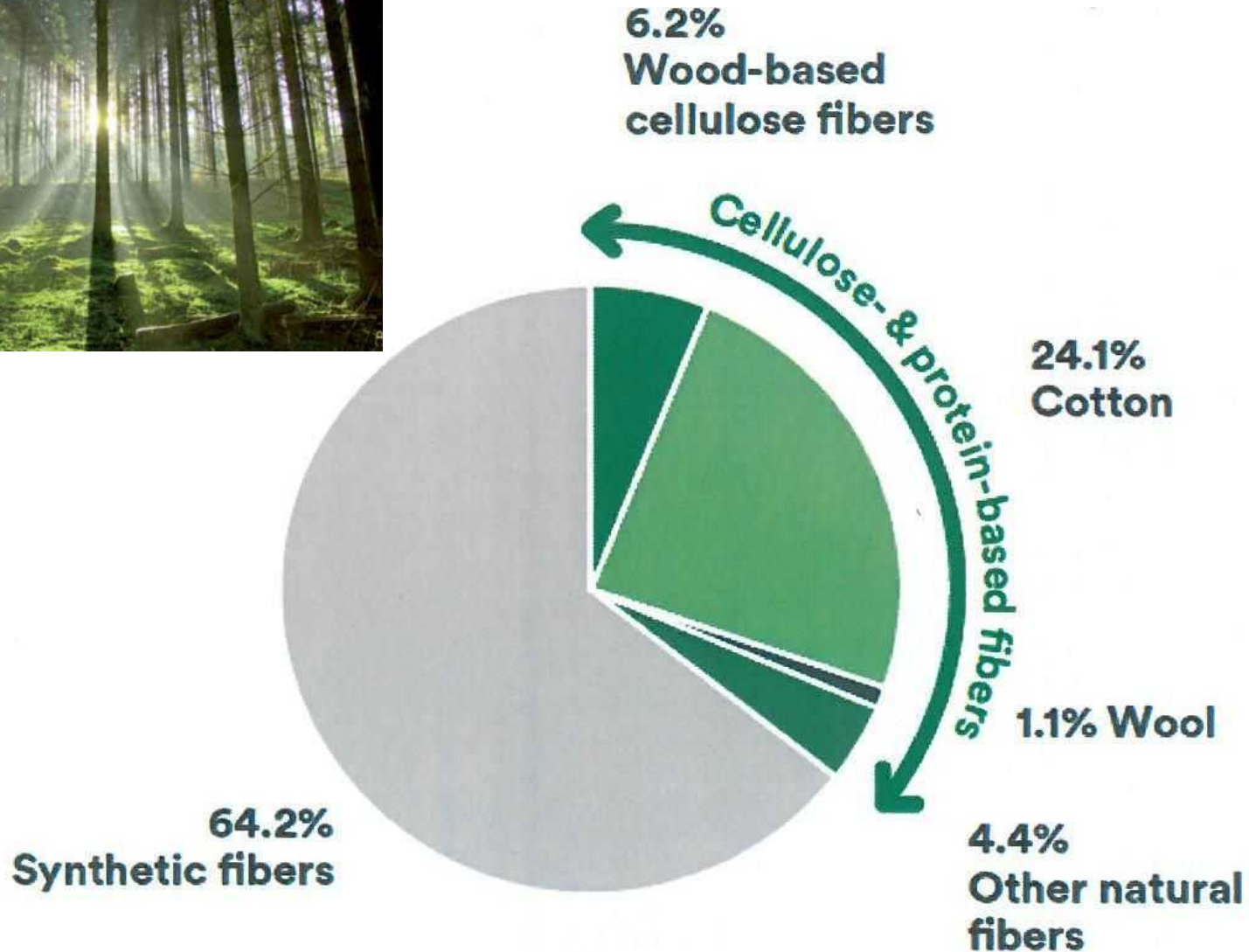


- new competitive biomass-production
- almost full dependence outside EU
- changing governmental policy in production countries (massive growth of textile production to cover local demand of rising population e.g. „Make in India“)

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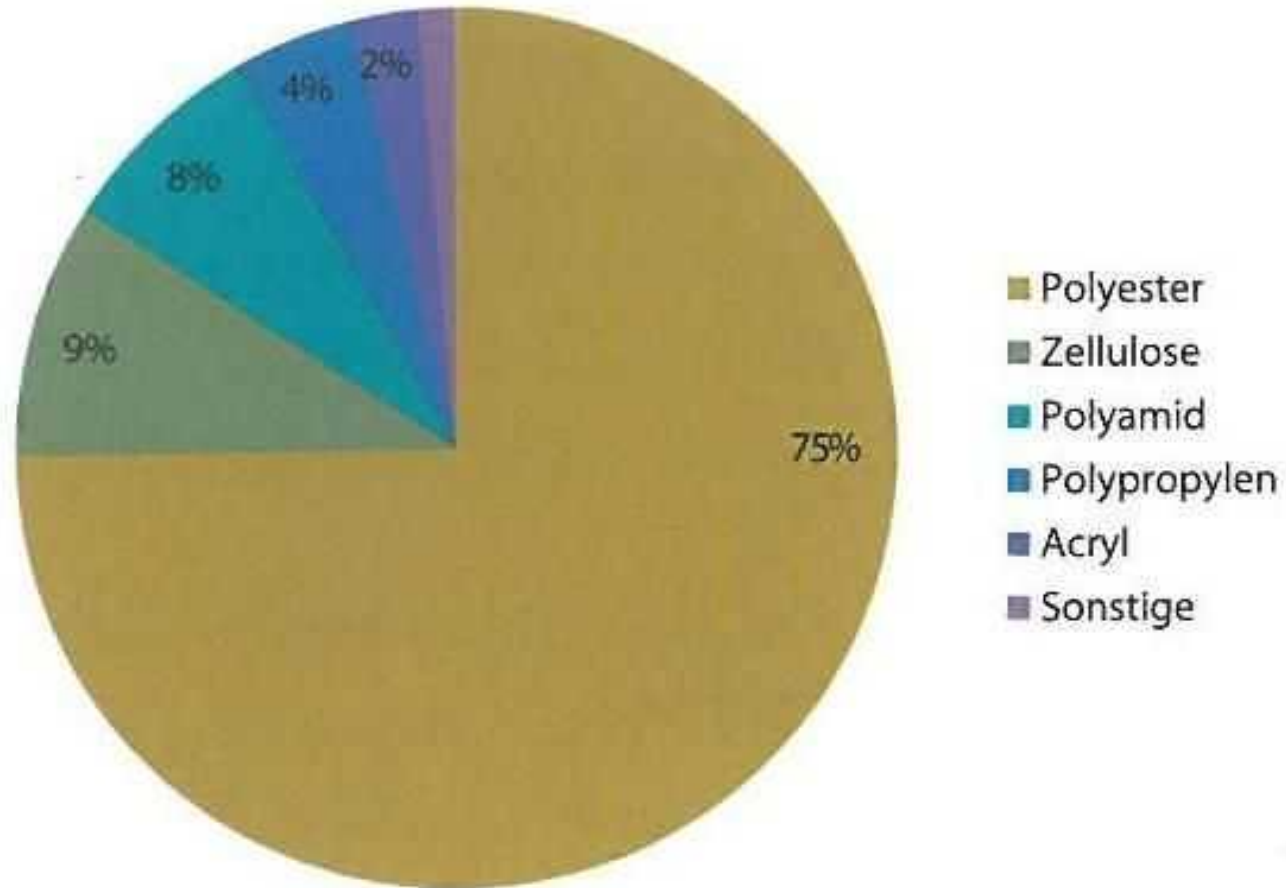
# GLOBAL FIBRE – MARKET – consumption 2017



\*Sources: ICAC, CIRFS, TFY, FEB, Lenzing estimates

# CHEMICAL FIBRES MARKET DIVERSIFICATION

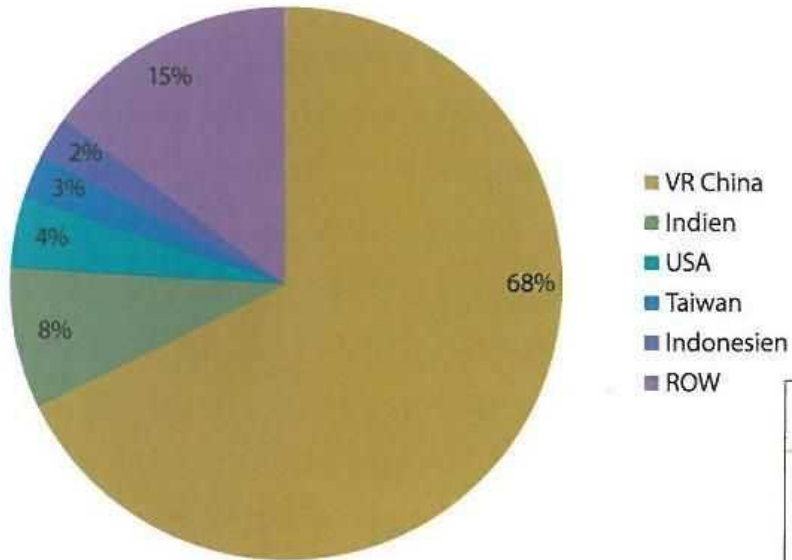
Chemiefasermarkt 2017 – wichtigste Materialien



Source: The Fibre Year, 2018

# CHEMICAL FIBRES PRODUCTION

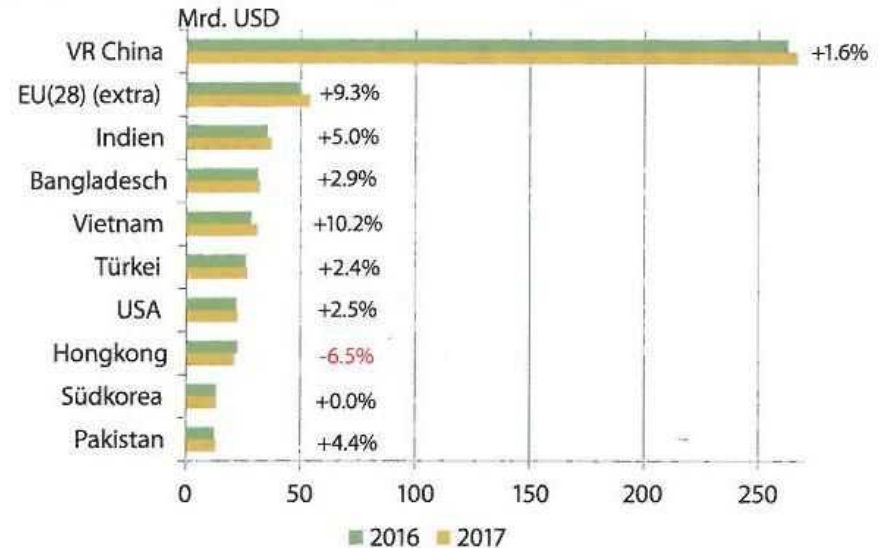
Chemiefasermarkt 2017 – grösste Hersteller



Decisive production outside Europe

Key exporters of TC 2017

Führende Exporteure von Textilien und Bekleidung 2017



Quelle: Nationale Statistische Büros, Zentralbanken, Eurostat, OTEXA, Ministerien

Source: The Fibre Year, 2018

# SUSTAINABILITY OF FIBRE RESOURCES

**FUTURE CONCEPT: CIRCULAR TEXTILES REPLACE THOSE MADE WITH NEW RESOURCES**

- TO COVER EXPECTED FIBRE CONSUMPTION
- TO CUT DEPENDENCE ON LIMITED FOSSIL RESOURCE
- TO MOVE PRODUCTION OF FIBRES BACK TO EUROPE
- CLEAR „LECTURE“ OF SCARCITY SHOWN BY CORONA VIRUS PANDEMY – DIFFICULT AVAILABILITY OF TEXTILES, DISRUPTION OF LOGISTICS)
- TO CREATE A ROBUST TC INNOVATIVE BRANCH FILLING A GREEN DEAL WASTELESS STRATEGY

**ALTERNATIVES: SLOW FASHION, INCREASE OF „SECOND HAND“ MARKET RECYCLING – CLOSE LOOP (rPET-bottles), cellulosic wastes UTILIZATION OF RENEWABLE BIO-BASED RESOURCES REPLACEMENT OF FOSSIL BASED WITH BIO-BASED (Bio-PA, Bio-PBT, PHA) BIOBASED BUILDING BLOCKS LARGE GROUP OF CELLULOSE REGENERATES (FOREST BIOMASS-CSF, SECONDARY AGRI/FOOD WASTES, TEXTILE waste)**



*Ricinus communis*

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# NATURAL BAST FIBRES

## FLAX – OILSEED FLAX – HEMP

**RISING ATTRACTIVENESS – WASTELESS UTILIZATION**

**OILSEED FLAX SEEDS – OMEGA 3 FA – NUTRIENT**

**+ WASTE STALK FIBRE EXTRACTION BOOSTED BY „BIORETTING“  
(ENZYMATIC – TEXAZYM INOTEX)**

**INDUSTRIAL HEMP (*Canabis Sativa*)**

**– CONTENT OF NON HALUCINOGENIC CBD + FIBRE FROM STALK**



**„BIORETTING“ - spraying of stalk on the field (after harvest)  
TEXAZYM SER or**

**- bath processing (circulation loos fibre  
dyeing device) TEXAZYM BRF, DLG**

**Customized enzymes boost the natural field – retting  
process**

**Higher long fibre yield, less shives, shortening of retting  
time, elimination of (dry) climate changes**

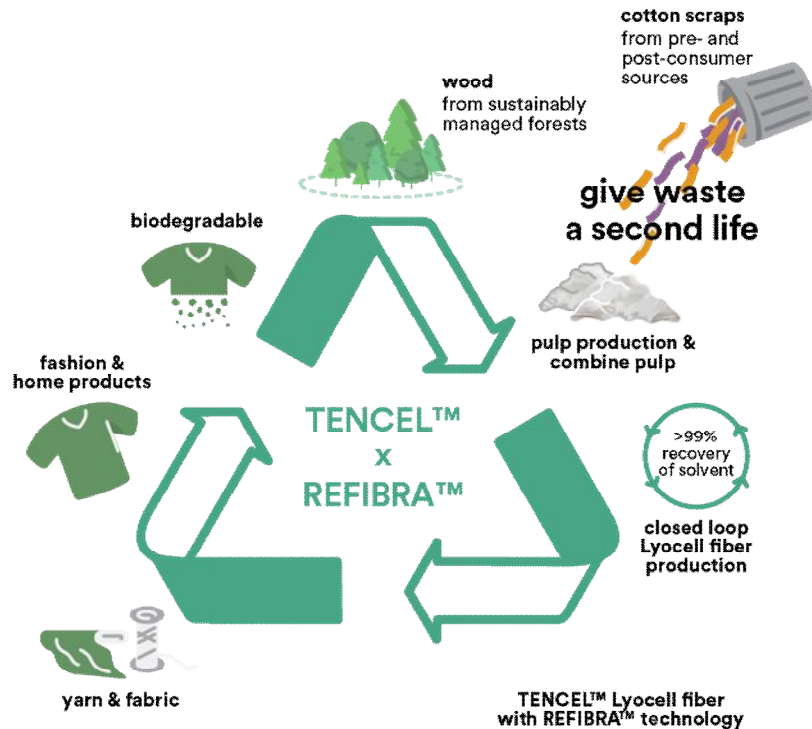
**High-end garment textiles**

**Fibre reinforcement + (bio)resin = (bio)composites**

**Technical textiles – insulation felts (geo, agro, automotive,  
construction)**

# LARGE FAMILY OF CEL REGENERATES

## LENZING – TENCEL, LYOCELL – CE NEW ALTERNATIVES



### ECO VERO™

- eco-responsible viscose
- sustainable wood sourcing – CSF (certified sust. forestry)
- EU-ecolabel certified
- up to 50% lower emissions and water impact

### REFIBRA™

- contains (up to 30%) cotton recycle from garments
- „ECO DENIM“ – TECHTEXTIL 2019 innovation award

### VEOCEL™

- new biodegradable from botanic origin Envi-responsible production process

### VEOCEL LYOCEL QUAT RELEASE – cleaning wet wipes / disinfectant

## KELHEIM FIBERS – DANUFIL cellulose regenerate range from CSF wood

inherently modified – functionalised fibres  
(DANUFIL DEEP DYE, FR, AMB, SA), Spun Dyed

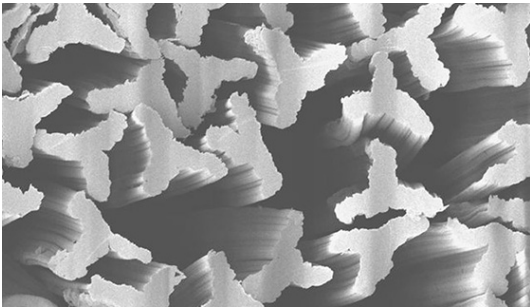
### IN ALL CASES CS<sub>2</sub> FREE, SOLVENT – REUSE

- FULLY BIODEGRADABLE – NO SEA WATER CONTAMINATION WITH MICROFIBERS
- READY FOR REPEATED UTILIZATION (CLOSE LOOP)

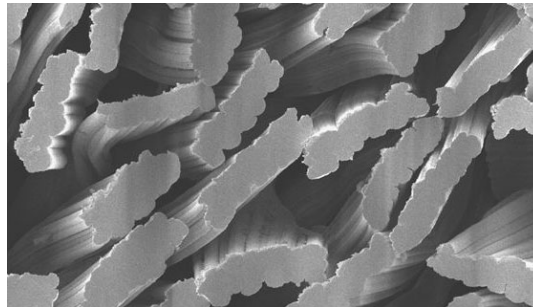


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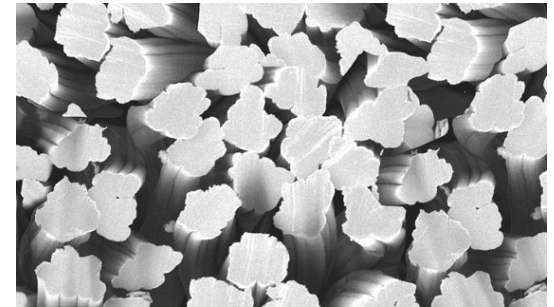
**KELHEIM FIBERS – DANUFIL cellulose regenerate range from CSF wood inherently modified – functionalised fibres (DANUFIL DEEP DYE, FR, AMB, SA), Spun Dyed...)**



Viscosefibre **GALAXY®**  
max absorbency-hygiene



Viscosefibres **VILOFT®**  
fabric consists 70% of air



Viscosefibre **VISETA®**  
cool, silk-like feel

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# EMERGING RENENERATED CELLULOSICS

## RESULTS OF BIOBASED INDUSTRIES (KET) MAINLY „BORN“ IN SCANDINAVIA

**BIOCELSOL (TUT-FI) – combined chemical, machanical and enzymatic treatments**

**Cellulose with high alkali stability and proper viscosity**

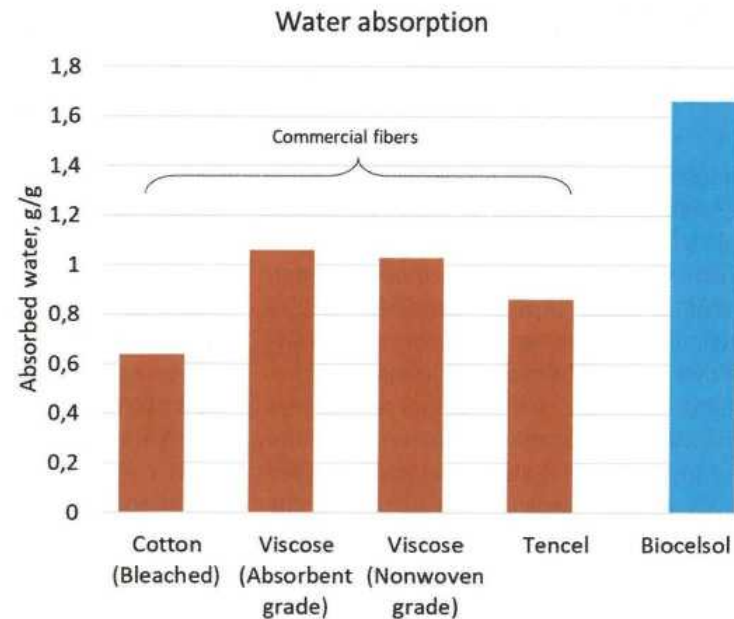
**Novel biotech – converting cellulose into fibres**

**Dissolving grade pulp modified to the alkali soluble form (ZnO/NaOH) by treating with enzymes**

**Excellent water absorptivity – dyeability**

**No bleaching needed**

Water absorption of different fibers



Source: Chemical Fibers International 4/2020



# EMERGING REGENERATED CELLULOSES

**INFINITED FIBER (FI) – CELLULOSE RICH WASTE – OLD TEXTILES**



(instead landfill or burning)

Premium superfibres

**INFINNA™ – LOOKS AND FEEL LIKE COTTON – CARBAMATE F-  
NON-CELLULOSIC PARTS (PET, ELASTANE, DYES) CLEANED OUT  
IN THE PROCESS**

Based on UREA TREATMENT (NO CS<sub>2</sub>) CONFORMS ZDHC, MRSL

Superior dye uptake, Inherently AMB

„NEW COTTON“ (+ AALTO UNI, H&M, Adidas)



**H&M Weakday Jeans made with  
Infinna™ Sold Out in 24h!**

# EMERGING REGENERATED CELLULOSES

IONCELL (FI) – AALTO UNI

## IONCELL

DISSOLVING CELLULOSE OUT OF TEXTILES, CARDBOARD, PULP  
IN IONIC LIQUID (LYOCEL TYPE CEL. MAN MADE FIBER)

Moisture absorbing

BIODEGRADABLE

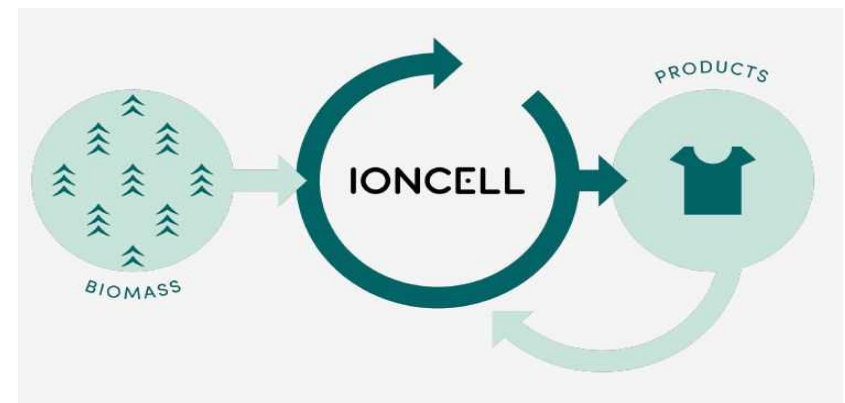
High mechanical strenght even when wet

Dyeable with Re,VAT dyes

- dyes retain in dissolution

Natural crimp

Shiny lustre



# EMERGING REGENERATED CELLULOSES

**SPINNOVA (FI) –**



**NO DISSOLVING, ONLY MECHANICAL REFINING THE PULP  
TRANSFORMING THAT INTO SPINNING READY FIBRE SUSPENSION**

**„0“ HARMFULL CHEMICALS, „0“ DISSOLVING, „0“ REGENERATION**

**Can be upcycled again without dissolving – good/better quality**

**NO need to ad fresh fibres into recycle**

**ANY CELLULOSIC BIOMASS (AGRI WASTE – WHEAT STRAW),**

**Co waste ( = 30% of textile wastes) can be turned into new fibres**

**SPUN DYEING IN MASS – KEMIRA (FI) – AVOID ENVI EXPOSURE,**

**NO WATER/ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SUBSEQUENT DYEING**

**0 CHEMISTRY**

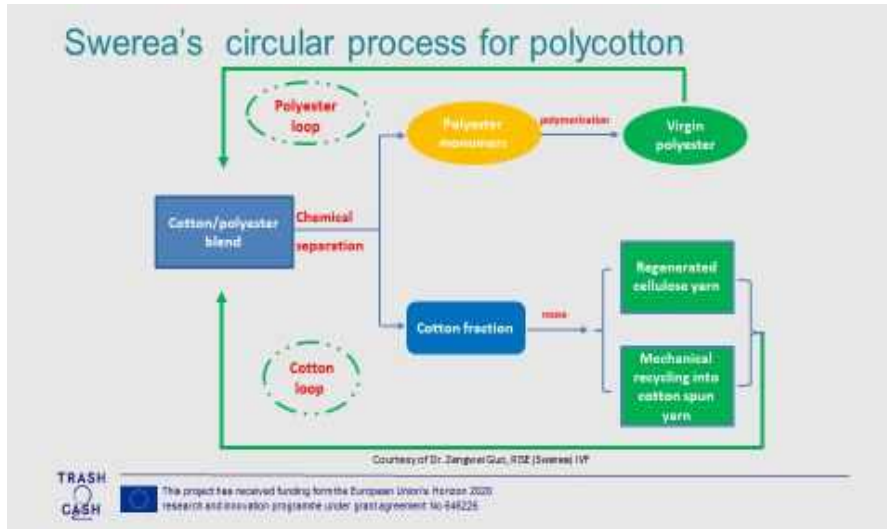
**„BioBased Fibre of the year 2019“**

**„ISPO 2020 Sustainability award“**

# WASTE TEXTILES AS FIBRE RESOURCE

## ACTUAL PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED:

BLENDs of fibres: PES/Co – POLYCOTTON



## RUNNING ACTIVITIES:

- SWEREA (TRASH 2 CASH)
- SAXCELL (NL) – r COTTON
- CARBION (FR) – enzymatic PET degradation (for plastics/foils at this moment)
- SEPARATION OF NON-CEL IN THE REGENERATION PROCESS

COATINGS – need to be separated before textile reprocessing

(swelling additives in the coating film – CENTEXBEL)

FROM LARGE VOLUME – DEFINED TEXTILES (HOSPITAL, ELDERLY SERVICES, HOTEL)

TO THE UNKNOWN MIXED WASTES

IDENTIFICATION OF FIBRE SORTS – by RFID fibres, by conti-analytical way (Near IR)

DEMATERIALIZATION – less input, REFUNCTIONALIZATION IN LAUNDRY

FROM OWNERSHIP TO SHARING (AUTOMOTIVE, PPE-RENTAL)

# CONCLUSIONS

**TO AVOID RISK OF CONVENTIONAL FIBRES SCARCITY  
AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF TEXTILE WASTES:**

- **MANIFOLD EMERGING RECYCLING – REUSE STRATEGIES ARE IN PROGRESS**
- **NEED OF RESTRUCTURALIZATION OF BOTH - TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND MARKET IS EVIDENT TO RETURN THE TEXTILE WASTE BACK INTO THE FIBRE PRODUCTION**
- **BIO-BASED INDUSTRY – ACTUALLY INTEGRATED WITH THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY (BBI TRANSFORMED IN CBI JRI FOR HORIZON EUROPE) PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE RESTRUCTURALIZATION OF FIBRE ASSORTIMENT**
- **BIO-BASED FIBRES PLAY A SGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS MOVEMENT**
- **CELLULOSE REGENERATES - A FUTURE ASSORTIMENT OF RENEWABLE/RECYCLABLE/BIODEGRDABLE FIBERS  
RETURNING THE TEXTILE AND ORGANIC WASTE BACK  
INTO THE EU TEXTILE CHAIN**

**LET'S LEARN TO MAKE GREEN DEAL MAX. EFFICIENT**

# *Thank you for your attention!*

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