



SmartX

Innovation Hub

introducing new **Strategy** **Co-Creation** **Sessions**

to produce a European Innovation Strategy for
Advanced Technical Textiles for the Protection,
Defence and Aerospace Markets

About the Strategy Co-Creation Sessions

The purpose of the Strategy Co-Creation Sessions initiative is to **create a European Innovation Strategy for Advanced Technical Textiles** across these three strategic **end markets**, which will be aligned with an **Industrial Policy Strategy** developed in parallel under leadership of EURATEX.

The initiative aims to give the European high-performance textile ecosystem a strong collective voice and ensure that EU industrial and innovation policies and programmes provide support to the high-performance technical textile sector.

Textile ETP's SmartX Innovation Hub provides a structured space where industry, research, clusters and public stakeholders can meet, identify innovation opportunities and initiate collaborative projects.

Why now?

The timing of this initiative is critical. Europe is in a period of profound geopolitical and industrial transformation.

Growing security challenges, disrupted supply chains and increasing dependency on non-EU suppliers are coinciding with structural changes in Europe's industrial base.

This impacts the European technical textile industry which suffer from fierce non-European competition and stagnating end markets in areas like automotive, industrial and construction.

At the same time, demand is accelerating for advanced, high-performance textile solutions in protection, defence and aerospace sectors that are central to Europe's resilience, safety and strategic autonomy.

Our **3** strategic end markets

The Strategy will focus on three strategic end markets.

In each end markets, we will look at the different market applications, their unique requirements, opportunities, and research priorities.

PERSONAL & CIVIL
PROTECTION
(WORKWEAR &
PPE SYSTEMS)

DEFENCE
TEXTILE &
SYSTEMS

AERONAUTICS
& SPACE
APPLICATIONS

Objectives & Expected & Outcomes

Defining a **shared Strategic Innovation Agenda** for advanced textiles in protection, defence and aerospace

Identifying priority technologies, industrial capability vulnerabilities and gaps and cross-sector **innovation opportunities**.

Improving access to and understanding of relevant **EU funding instruments**.

Creating **strategic alignment** between innovation opportunities, industrial capacity and end market needs including. **public procurement**.

Increasing the **visibility** of the advanced technical textile sector in innovation policy and strategy discussions.

Expected 2026 Timeline

February

First
co-creation session
webinar

March

Strategy session at
Textile ETP on Tour
in Lombardy, Italy

April

Second
co-creation session
webinar

April

Presentation of
the first version of
the Strategy at an
invitation-only
event at TechTextil,
Germany

Spring-Summer

Validation
workshop and
finalisation of
the strategy

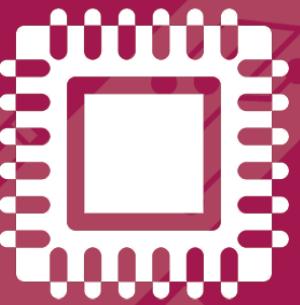
September

Presentation of the
final innovation and
industrial policy
Strategy in Brussels,
Belgium

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How to join & collaborate

EU-based companies, technology and research organisations can directly sign up to the **SmartX Innovation Hub**, where 3 annual subscription levels are offered, depending on number of company experts involved.



Expert

- ✓ 1 person

€750/year

€675/year
for ETP Associate members

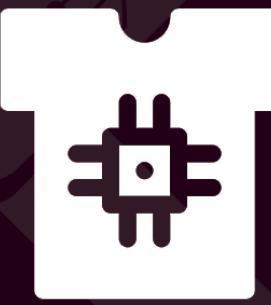


Team

- ✓ 3 persons

€1250/year

€1100/year
for ETP Associate members

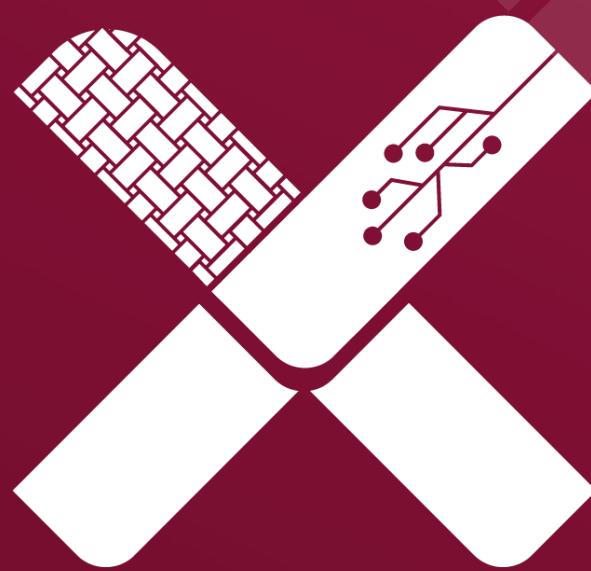


Corporate

- ✓ Unlimited

€2000/year

€1700/year
for ETP Associate members



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