



## EUROPEAN CLUSTER MATCHMAKING EVENT – Cooperation seminar on Creative industries

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## TTA-TEXTILE CLUSTER: KEY FIGURES

Textile Trade Association – Textile cluster is a non-profit NGO established in 2003, whose primary goal is improving companies' competitiveness, thus registering world trends and changes in the global market.

- **85 members companies**
- **Horizontal and vertical integrated;**
- **Members structure:**

Garment producers;  
Transport companies;  
Agent, logistic and service companies;  
Textile machines representatives;  
Accessories representatives;  
IT and consultant companies;  
Public and private universities;

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Promotion and match making
- Seminars and trainings
- Project partnership and implementation



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## APPAREL INDUSTRY: KEY FIGURES

- The textile sector is the 2nd biggest industrial sector of the country after metallurgy. It employs 35 000 people, or almost 1/3 of employees in the manufacturing industry.
- The textile-clothing industry accounts for 2.4% of GDP and 17% of industrial GDP.
- 800 companies in the textile-clothing industry actively involved in various levels of production.
- Clothing exports amounted to more than 500 million euros in 2016 (about 12% of total exports).
- Most companies work CM or CMT and 15% of them can offer a "full package".

Size	Number of companies	%
>250	21	2,6%
50 - 249	77	9,6%
10 - 49	151	18,9%
1 - 9	551	68,9%
Total	800	100%



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# NETWORKS



**Partnership-building** between companies, knowledge institutions and local authorities in purpose to match business opportunities.

**Cross-regional cooperation** intensify cluster and business network collaboration across borders. C2C-partnership between clusters in the region and wider.



IPA Cross-Border Programme  
CCI Number 2007CB16IPO007

EASAM - The Executive Agency for  
Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

COS-EINET-2017-3-04: European  
incubation network(s) for creativity-  
driven innovation **deadline 19 October**



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**LOOKING FOR PARTNERS:** COS-EINET-2017-3-04: European incubation network(s) for creativity-driven innovation

The Call is targeting at two distinctive sectors:

Topic 1: ***Fashion Tech*** is to support trans-national network(s) of business incubators and accelerators providing business support to SMEs and start-ups ***focusing on:***

- ***intersection of Fashion and technology, and***
- ***products and materials; design development and production; and retail and marketing.***

Topic 2: ***Tourism focusing on CClIs (Cultural and Creative Industries) driven innovation.***

**Eligible applicants:** non-profit organizations (private or public); business incubators, accelerators, labs, universities or educational institutions, research centres and other relevant business support organizations which provide business support to SMEs and start-ups),

**Eligible consortia:** is the network submitting the application. Consortia must be composed of at least four legal entities from at least three different EU Member States and/or COSME participating countries

**Deadline** for electronic submission is **19 October 2017** at 17.00 hours (Brussels time)

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# LET'S GO NETWORKING



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