



## EuroBoosTEX Newsletter

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#### **EUROBOOSTEX PROJECT**

EuroBoosTEX, made up 5 partners from 4 countries, is a European partnership that aims to accelerate the dual green and digital transition of European textile SMEs and boost their international competitiveness. EuroBoosTEX Joint European initiative in support of the textile industry for European recovery through digital and ecological transition has started with its kick-off meeting held in Valencia on September 15th and 16th2022. The project will run until September 2025. EuroBoosTEX has received funding from SMP programme under Grant Agreement 101074671.

The project has a total budget of 1.4 million euros and 1.050 million euros are directly targeted to support EU textile SMEs.

EuroBoosTEX will launch 3 calls for proposals in the project lifetime. Individual voucher will be offered to develop resilience plans and innovate with new-to-firm products or services and boost projects in consortia to uptake green and digital technologies.

Nearly 50 textile SMEs in the EU can benefit from individual services and participate in consortia and international projects.

The Scope of the 1st call was to identify and bring to market new-to-firm products and/or services to make SMEs more resilient against value chain disruptions.

It was launched on April 3rd 2023 with deadline on June 7th 2023.

After the evaluation, the consortium selected 10 candidates from 21 eligible proposals for the first call "Individual Innovate boost grant": 3 from France, 3 from Spain, 2 from Italy, 1 from Denmark and 1 from Slovenia.

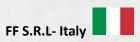
### WINNERS OF THE 1ST CALL "INDIVIDUAL INNOVATE BOOST GRANT"

#### 10 firms selected for their innovative projects



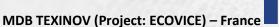
EuroBoosTEX has selected 10 firms for the first "Innovate Boost" individual grant call from 21 eligible proposals.

#### **Discover the 10 winning projects:**



The company specialises in technical textiles, traditional weaving, calendering, special finishes, laminating and more. It plans to develop an innovative process for manufacturing textile products based on broom fibres, covering various stages such as harvesting, maceration, retting and spinning. Broom fibres offer a viable substitute for traditional fibres such as wool and cotton, with a lower environmental impact and a readily available resource.



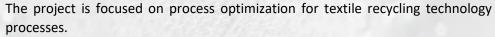




Texinov is an expert in warp knitting technology. The aim of the project is to industrialise and market an eco-responsible solution for protecting vines against spring frost. This solution consists of a multilayer textile system, with different non-woven layers with thermal insulation properties, assembled with a knitted structure.



Textile Change ApS (Project: RecTexWas) – Denmark





BIPIER S.R.L (Project: SOCKWELL) – Italy



Bipier is a mechanical company specialising in devices for the tights and socks sector. The aim of the project is to develop an artificial intelligence device to identify in real time, during the ironing phase, socks with defects, mainly holes, in order to avoid further processing of parts that will have to be scrapped at a later stage of production.



#### Texfire (Project: Bioprepeg) - Spain



The project involves the design and development of a 100% biobased thermoplastic prepreg for the composites industry. The aim is to develop the first prototype on a laboratory-scale loom in order to determine the composite's suitability for processing. This will involve creating consolidated sheets in order to assess their appearance after consolidation.



#### POLISILK (Project: RecycledPPyarn) - Spain



POLISILK, S.A. has developed special yarns with high UV resistance for outdoor use, to be woven into sun protection fabrics for parasols, sun sails, outdoor furniture, etc. The aim of this project is to provide a recycled multifilament yarn, obtained by chemical and mechanical recycling, with the properties required for filter fabrics.



#### TITERA, d.o.o. (Project: DigiTEXlabel) - Slovenia



The aim of the project is to replace care labels, which are often cut off after purchase because they are uncomfortable or unreadable after several washes, with a digital, NFC or RFID label on the textile or paper product.



#### GammaO (Project: RAINFOREST) - France



GammaO use heat bonding for manufacturing and plan to implement a specialized ERP system for garment traceability and repair management. The selected manufacturing technology is heat-bonding, and a proof of concept of a waterproof running jacket using this process will be carried out as part of this project.



#### RBX Créations – France



RBX Créations is a French SME which develops innovative materials from agricultural biomass under the trademark Iroony® for textile applications. The aim is to develop a patented method based on hemp combined with other plants to produce cellulose that can be spun into versatile, high-performance textile fibres for a variety of application. The goal is to contribute to both reduce the environmental impact of the textile sector and encourage sustainable farming practices.



#### Finish (Project: EcoDye) – Spain



The project consists of developing the application of the different natural dyes, as well as their mordants, and optimizing their operating conditions which provides the same properties in terms of color fixation and low degradation of the same in washing tests and resistance to light as a dye synthetic.



EuroBoosTEX is therefore funding the 10 SMEs to the tune of €15,000 for a total of €150,000 to launch new products on the market.

This financial support aims to promote cohesion and strengthen resilience and recovery within the European Union by helping SMEs to develop new products.

#### **INNOVATE BOOST GRANT IN CONSORTIA – CALL 2**



From 6 September to 8 November 2023, a second call will be launched. The funding granted will be aimed at supporting the adoption of processes and technologies by SMEs to ensure greater sustainability and/or connectivity in their value chain.

A sum of €60,000 per project in a consortium of 2 SMEs, i.e. €30,000 per SME, will be allocated to the winners.

The target audience of the EuroBoosTEX call for proposals are innovative textile SMEs or start-ups and advanced manufacturing SMEs that will support textile companies in their transition to digital technology. SMEs, to be eligible, must be established or have a branch office in one of the 27 EU Member States.

#### Consortia composition must take one of the following forms:

- A consortium consisting of two textile SMEs.
- A consortium that includes one Textile SME and one Advanced Manufacturing SME.

#### The date of submission:

- Opening date for the proposal submission: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Closing date for the proposal submission: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 17h CEST

A presentation of the call will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September during the InfoDay from 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

#### **EVENTS**

#### Do not miss the InfoDay event the 20 september 2023



EuroBoosTEX is organising an InfoDay & Matchmaking event on 20 September!

It will bring together leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts from the European textile sector for a day of inspiring talks, panel discussions and networking opportunities.

This year's event will bring together several experts to share their ideas and knowledge on best practice and results achieved in relation to the digital passport for textiles.

To understand and start working on the digital product passport, the Euroboostex InfoDay & Matchmaking is the event not to be missed.

This event is an opportunity to explore the latest trends, meet like-minded people and gain practical knowledge that you can apply to your work or personal life.

Register now to reserve your place and join us for an unforgettable experience!

#### Agenda of the InfoDay:

- From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.: 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar Digital Product Passport for textiles: Best practices and results achieved *by CITEVE*
- From 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.: Infoday Presentation of the Call: Innovate Boost Grant In Consortia
- From 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.: Workshop Tools for ideas generation
- From 12.30 p.m. to 18 p.m.: Online Matchmaking event, whith B2B meetings of 30 min to find partners for the boost grant in consortia.

Inscription: <u>here</u>

# DID YOU MISS THE FOLLOWING EVENT/STUDY? YOU HAVE A SECOND CHANCE TO DISCOVER IT!

Third webinar: here

Textile resilience strategy

Second webinar: here

Why Smart Textiles are not a dumb idea?

Sustainability in the training of new fashion and textile designers

The EuroBoosTEX market study: here

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