

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE TEXTILE SECTOR



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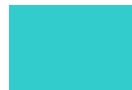


EU textile and clothing sector

- Sustainability a priority for the EU
- European Green Deal
- New Industrial Strategy
- Circular Economy Action Plan

EU textile and clothing sector

- Turnover, number of companies and employment are stabilising
- Textile producers are finding niche markets
- High-end clothing, technical textile for automotive applications, medical textile, agro textile and protective clothing
- SMEs >90% of workforce



Figures for EU sector

- ❖ **€146 billion** in turnover and investments of almost **€5 billion in 2018**
- ❖ **175.000** companies and employment of **1.5 million**
- ❖ **€61 billion** of exports and **€109 billion** of imports in 2019

NUMBERS

EU – Mexico

- EU imported €191 million T & C from Mexico
- EU exported €974 million T & C to Mexico



Textiles and clothing

- Competitiveness strengths
(high quality, new technologies, international leadership, design, creativity)
- Competitiveness challenges
(low profit margins, environmental footprint, international competition, skill gaps)

Textiles and clothing

- Collection rate 25%
(varies between 11% and 75 % among MS)
- Only 1% of material used to produce clothing is recycled into new clothing globally

EU Policies

- New Industrial Strategy: Global competitiveness, making Europe climate-neutral and shaping digital future
- Circular Economy Action Plan: EU Strategy for Textiles



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