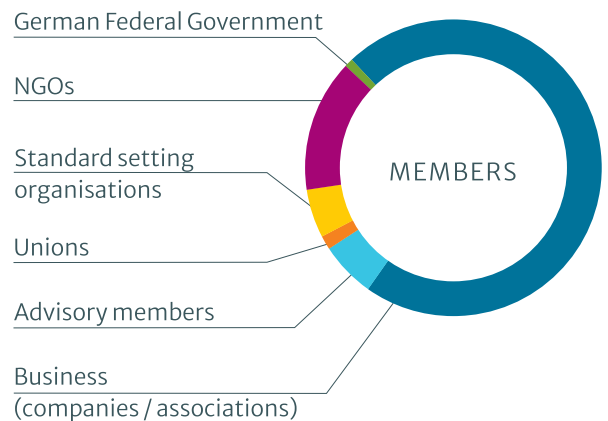


Partnership for Sustainable Textiles

The Partnership for Sustainable Textiles (PST) is committed to a socially, ecologically and corruption-free textile and garment industry – an industry that respects the rights of all workers, that protects the climate and the environment, and operates with integrity and within planetary boundaries. The Textiles Partnership aligns its work on international agreements and guidelines that define the principles of social, environmental, and economic sustainability and set the framework for corporate responsibility. The objectives of the PST concerning social and human rights issues are based in particular on the ILO Conventions, the UN Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. In implementing its goals, the Partnership is strongly oriented towards the recommendations of the OECD. In order to achieve its goals, the PST places a special focus on the implementation of corporate due diligence and responsible business conduct in Germany, Europe and worldwide.

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE

As the textile and garment industry faces complex global challenges, a real transformation requires the participation of all stakeholders. That is why the PST is a vibrant multi-stakeholder initiative with around 130 members from business, civil society, and politics. To increase leverage and efficiency, the Textiles Partnership also cooperates with European and international initiatives and organisations.



OUR TOPICS

The PST is the first point of contact for all those who want or need to actively take on their environmental and human rights due diligence responsibilities throughout the whole supply network. Companies, for example, must analyse and mitigate social, environmental and corruption risks in their supply chains. In doing so, they are supported by civil society organisations/NGOs, trade unions, standard

setting organisations and the German Federal Government. Because certain risks are particularly prevalent in the textile and garment industry (sector risks, see below), these are the topics the members in the Textiles Partnership focus on. In addition, they work on overarching issues such as supply chain transparency, complaints mechanisms, circular economy, natural and man-made fibres.



Freedom of association and collective bargaining



Discrimination, sexual harassment, gender-based violence



Occupational health and safety



Wages and social benefits




Working Time



Child and forced labor



Bribery and corruption



Chemicals and wastewater



Environmental protection and resources



Greenhouse gas emissions



Animal welfare (incl. Muelsing)

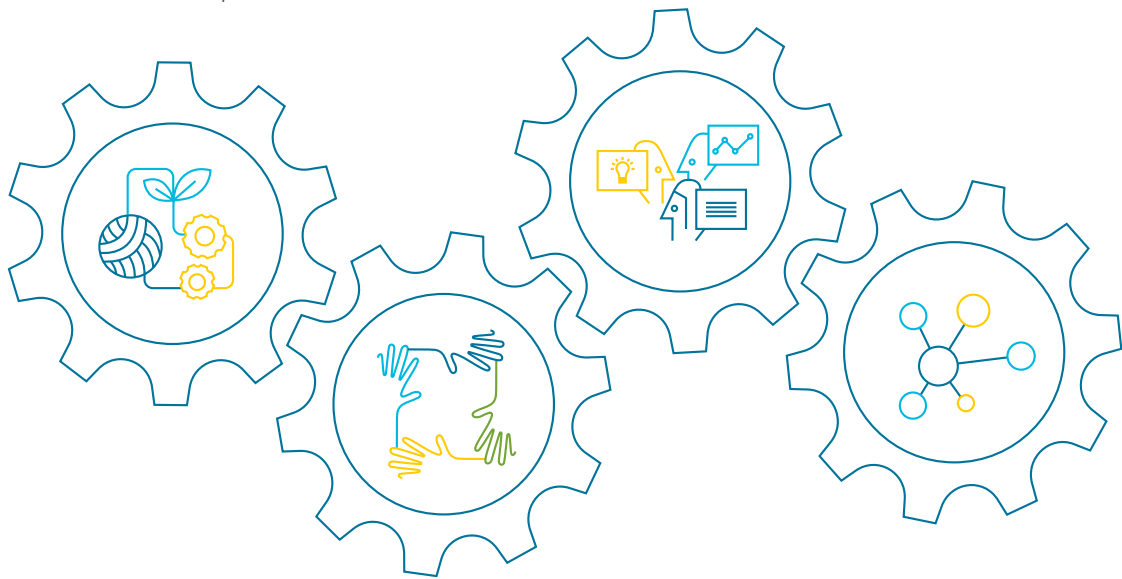
HOW WE WORK

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

The PST has developed an implementation framework and a reporting format for corporate due diligence. All companies – whether small, medium-sized or large – are obliged to show how they execute their corporate due diligence in the course of the so-called Review Process. The goal of this process is to support and encourage companies to take individual responsibility for their supply chain and in doing so to address and mitigate social, environmental and corruption risks.

MUTUAL SUPPORT

The Textiles Partnership is a platform for learning and dialogue: Members network within their and with other stakeholder groups. They share their knowledge and work together on best practices, for example in webinars and workshops, expert and working groups, and with the help of tools and support material. An internal member platform makes it possible to share information about upcoming events and topics, to network and to coordinate work in project groups.



COLLECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

In Partnership Initiatives and joint projects, several members engage directly in production countries, for example for living wages, improved wastewater management, effective complaints mechanisms and improvements in working conditions. Where individual actors reach their limits, members join forces to achieve better results and impact for people and the environment on-site.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS

The PST cooperates with European and international initiatives and organisations to spread best practices, harmonise requirements and processes, increase leverage for engagement and avoid duplication. Currently, there are cooperations with the Sustainable Apparel Coalition, Textile Exchange, Dutch Agreement for Sustainable Garments and Textile, ZDHC Foundation, Fair Wear Foundation, SAICM, Organic Cotton Accelerator, Action Collaboration Transformation and Open Apparel Registry.

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