



**Goals:** The overall objective of the Partnership Initiative (PI) is to establish sustainable wastewater management in the textile supply chain. This is achieved by harmonising approaches and demands towards producers, by shared awareness raising and by building up support materials and setting up a joint monitoring structure. In specific, guidance material on conducting plausibility checks on wastewater analyses is being developed and industry-specific wastewater guidelines are revised.

**Time frame:** July 2020 until June 2022

**Current partners:** adidas, ALDI Nord, ALDI SÜD, Bluesign Technologies, Brands Fashion, Bundesverband der Deutschen Sportartikel Industrie (BSI), F3 Fashion Cube, German Environment Agency (UBA), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Gesamtverband Textil und Mode, KiK, Oeko-Tex, Takko, Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC).



### What makes this Partnership Initiative unique?

The synergy of expertise in the companies on one hand and the guidance by standard organizations on the other hand are characteristic of the PI. The mutually reinforcing modules allow for the targeted approach of addressing the sector risk of waste water in textile supply chains.

### How does the Partnership Initiative work?

The PI focuses on the development of a plausibility check, which is integrated by means of suitable information templates and targeted training for suppliers and brands. In addition, the PI will develop appropriate guidance and orientation for the implementation of sustainable wastewater management, and establish dialogue and exchange formats between producers, brands & retailers and universities.

