

# Partnership Initiatives

## In a nutshell

### What are Partnership Initiatives?

Partnership Initiatives (PI) are large-scaled, co-organised initiatives of members of the Textiles Partnership. In order to reach the Partnership's aims, private companies, non-governmental organisations (NGO), standards organisations, trade unions and the German Federal Government work hand in hand. ***The initiatives aim at improving the general framework conditions in producing countries.*** To reach this goal, local suppliers, trade unions, and NGO are also involved in the process. This combination of innovation, capital, and resources, as well as the knowledge and the expertise of the members provide new opportunities for positive developments in textile supply chains. To design and implement PI the members of the Textiles Partnership collaborate with international and local partners.

### Which costs arise?

***The costs to implement a PI are shared by the participating members.*** The amount of costs varies according to the initiative. ***The total costs for implementing a PI will be calculated as early as possible.*** For this purpose, concrete financial contributions and/or in-kind contributions will be defined. This makes the costs for participation predictable and allows the members who would like to participate in an initiative to plan properly. The calculated budget reflects personal contributions and financial expenses.

The contributions are ideally staggered in a manner that takes into account the different resources of the Textiles Partnership members (e.g. by stakeholder groups or the size of the company) and enables broad participation.

### What are the benefits of a PI?

PI enable its members to improve the environmental and social standards in producing countries effectively and efficiently. For example, through joint participation in a PI, the training of national trainers can be improved while saving costs at the same time by benefitting from synergies. In addition to that, the participation in a PI can be mentioned in the individual roadmap. By linking PI with roadmaps, the participation in a PI can be approved for the individual aims.

PI can create systemic effects in producing countries, which are only made possible through the joint commitment of many members.

***The joint engagement of the members can often achieve far more than isolated approaches.*** Furthermore, PI promote the continuous exchange of ideas between the stakeholder groups and provide pragmatic solutions for specific challenges. Hence, PI reflect the effectiveness of the Textiles Partnership inwards and outwards.

### Help Desk at the Textiles Partnership Secretariat

Here, members of the Textiles Partnership get information about PI as well as support by conceptualizing and financing a PI.

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# Advantages of a Partnership Initiative

## Why it is beneficial to participate in a Partnership Initiative

Together we can achieve more than individually, this is the reason for joining a Partnership Initiative. Our Partnership Initiatives aim at improving the framework conditions in

producing countries directly. The participation in a Partnership Initiative does not only bring many advantages for the local people, but also for you:

set a positive  
development  
impulse

cooperate with  
various actors

save costs by  
using synergies

support local  
engagement

use the partner's  
strengths

increase visibility  
and range

support the Textiles  
Partnership's aims

develop integrated  
solutions

build long-term  
relationships

realise large  
projects trough  
joint financing

test ideas for  
initiatives in  
pre-modules

reach individual  
aims