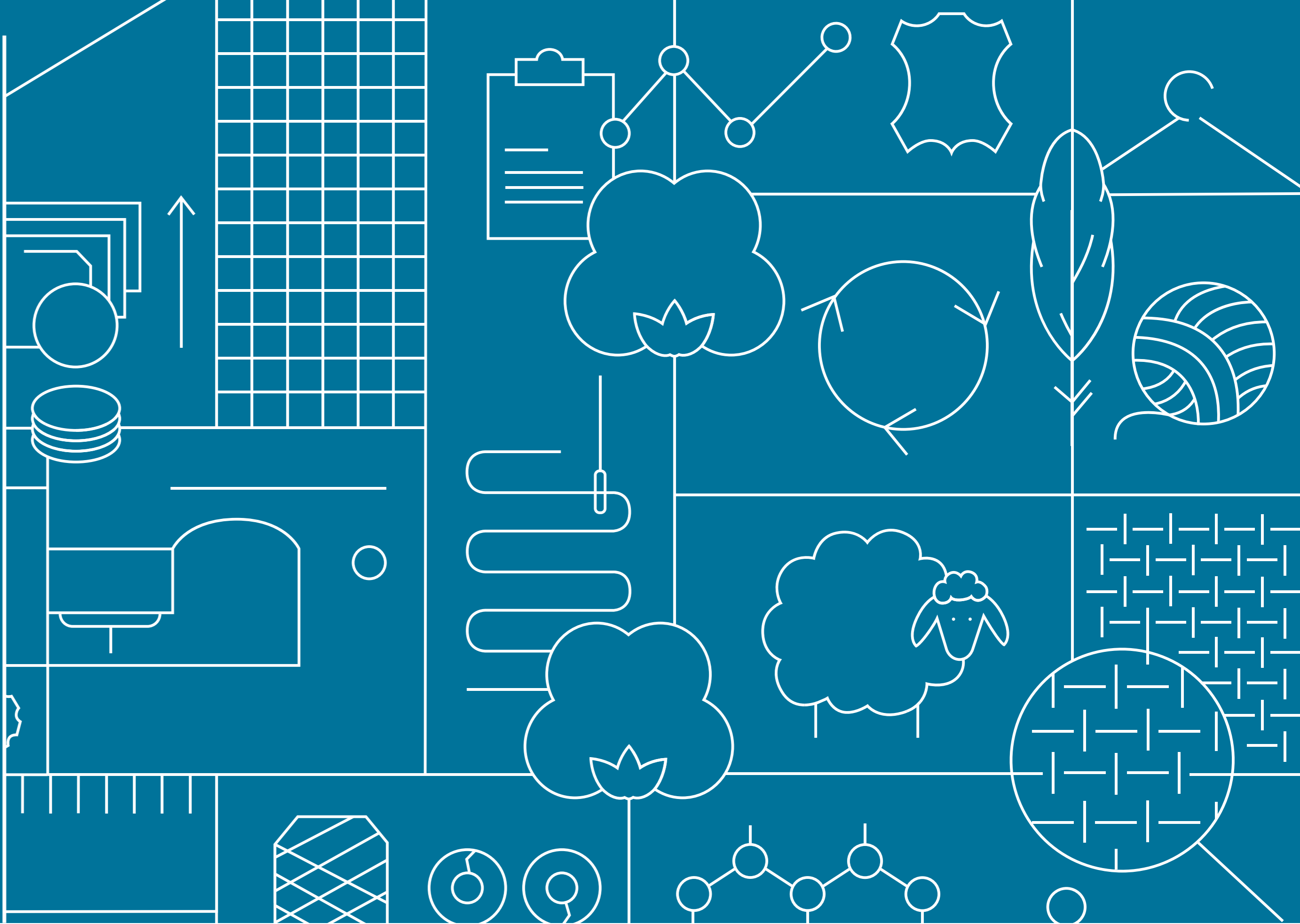


Partnership for Sustainable Textiles

Network and support for social and ecological textile supply chains

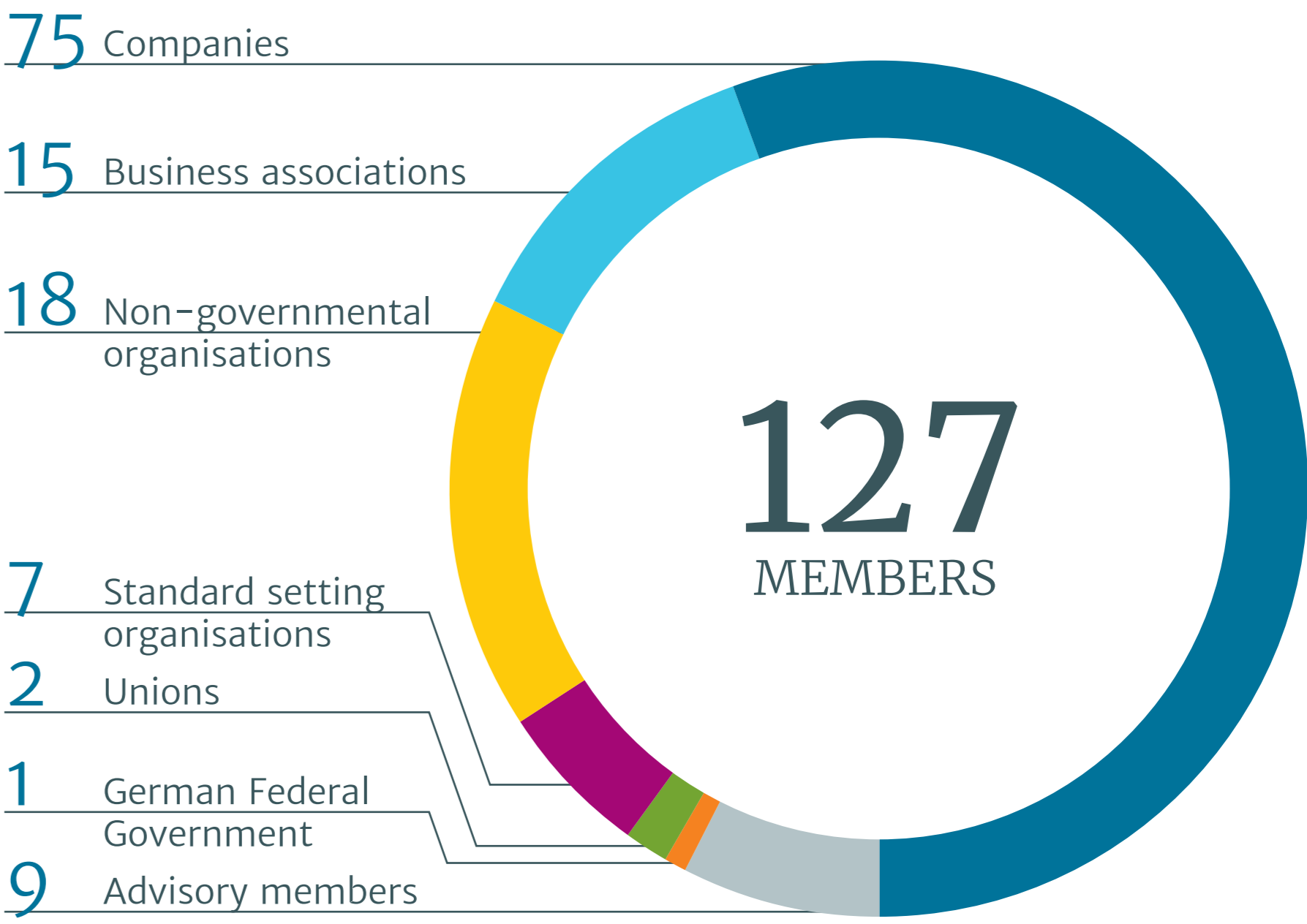


A strong multi-stakeholder initiative



The Partnership for Sustainable Textiles (PST) is a multi-stakeholder initiative committed to a social, ecological 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

with international agreements and guidelines (e.g. OECD, UN, ILO) that define the principles of social, environmental, and economic sustainability and set the framework for corporate responsibility. The PST emphasises the implementation of corporate due diligence and responsible business conduct in Germany, Europe and worldwide.



International cooperation

The PST cooperates with European and international initiatives and organisations to share best practices, harmonise requirements and processes, increase leverage for engagement and avoid duplication.

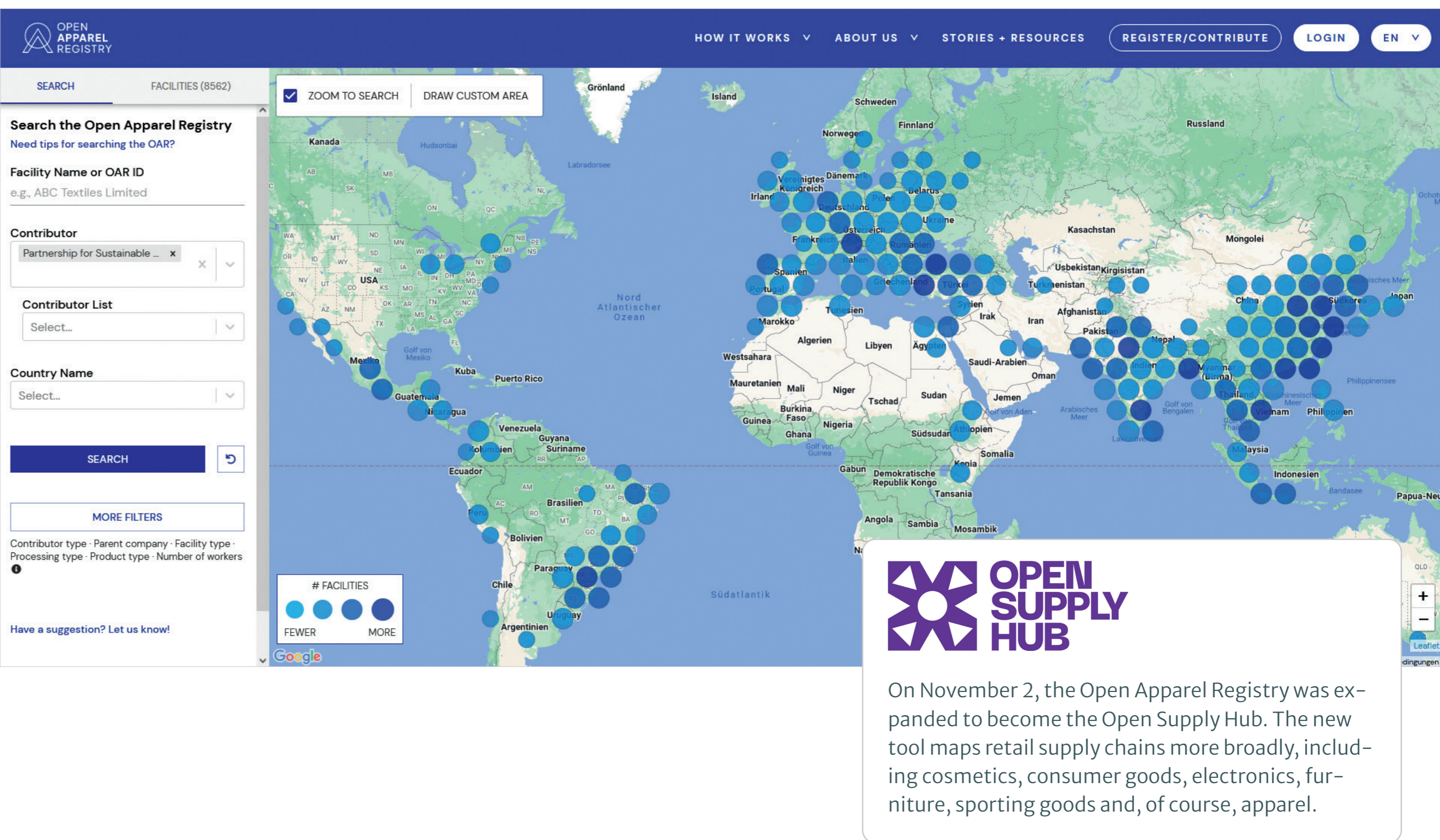
The following organisations are current cooperation partners:

- Sustainable Apparel Coalition
- Textile Exchange
- ZDHC Foundation
- Fair Wear Foundation
- SAICM
- Organic Cotton Accelerator
- ACT Action Collaboration Transformation
- Open Apparel Registry

OAR cooperation & aggregated supplier list

As transparency is a prerequisite for the implementation of due diligence, the Textiles Partnership and the Open Apparel Registry (OAR) started a strategic cooperation in 2020. The OAR is an open-source tool that maps textile production sites around the world and assigns them a unique identification number. The PST has published an aggregated list with a total of around 8.500 production sites from 23 member companies on the OAR platform.

From 2023, it will be mandatory for all PST member companies to publish their tier-1 suppliers via the aggregated list.

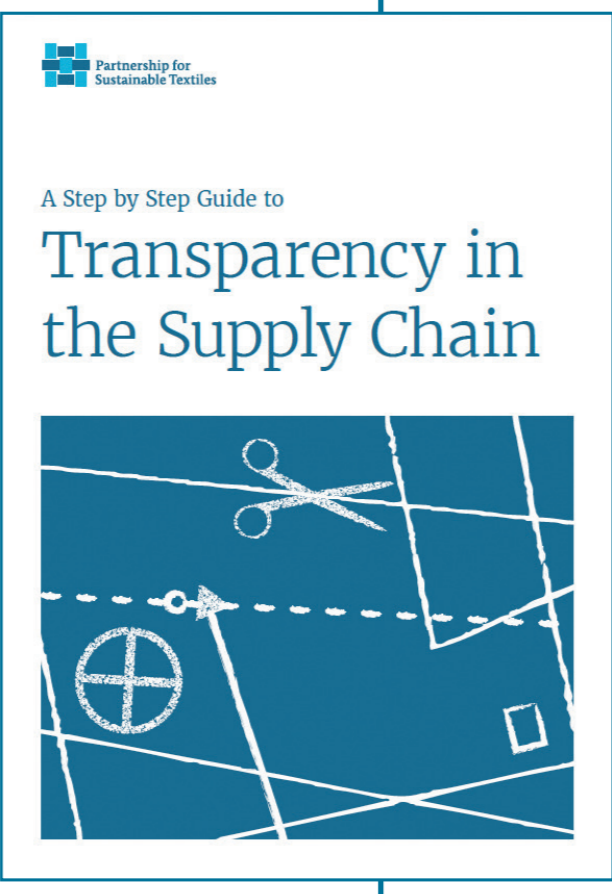


Dialogue & (peer) learning

We offer many guidelines, factsheets and tools covering various topics, for example risk analysis, inclusion, GBVH or living wages. You can download the resources on our website!



Our step-by-step guide supports companies to gradually establish more transparency in their supply chains. It offers necessary information for mapping the supply chain and the associated actors beyond direct business partners. It provides orientation on how to create more external transparency and how to disclose supply chain data.



Working groups and webinars

The PST is a platform for learning and dialogue: Members network within their own 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. A closed member platform makes it possible to share information about upcoming events and topics, to network and to coordinate work in project groups.



Joint action

In Partnership Initiatives and joint projects, members join forces to achieve better results and more impact for people and the environment in production countries.

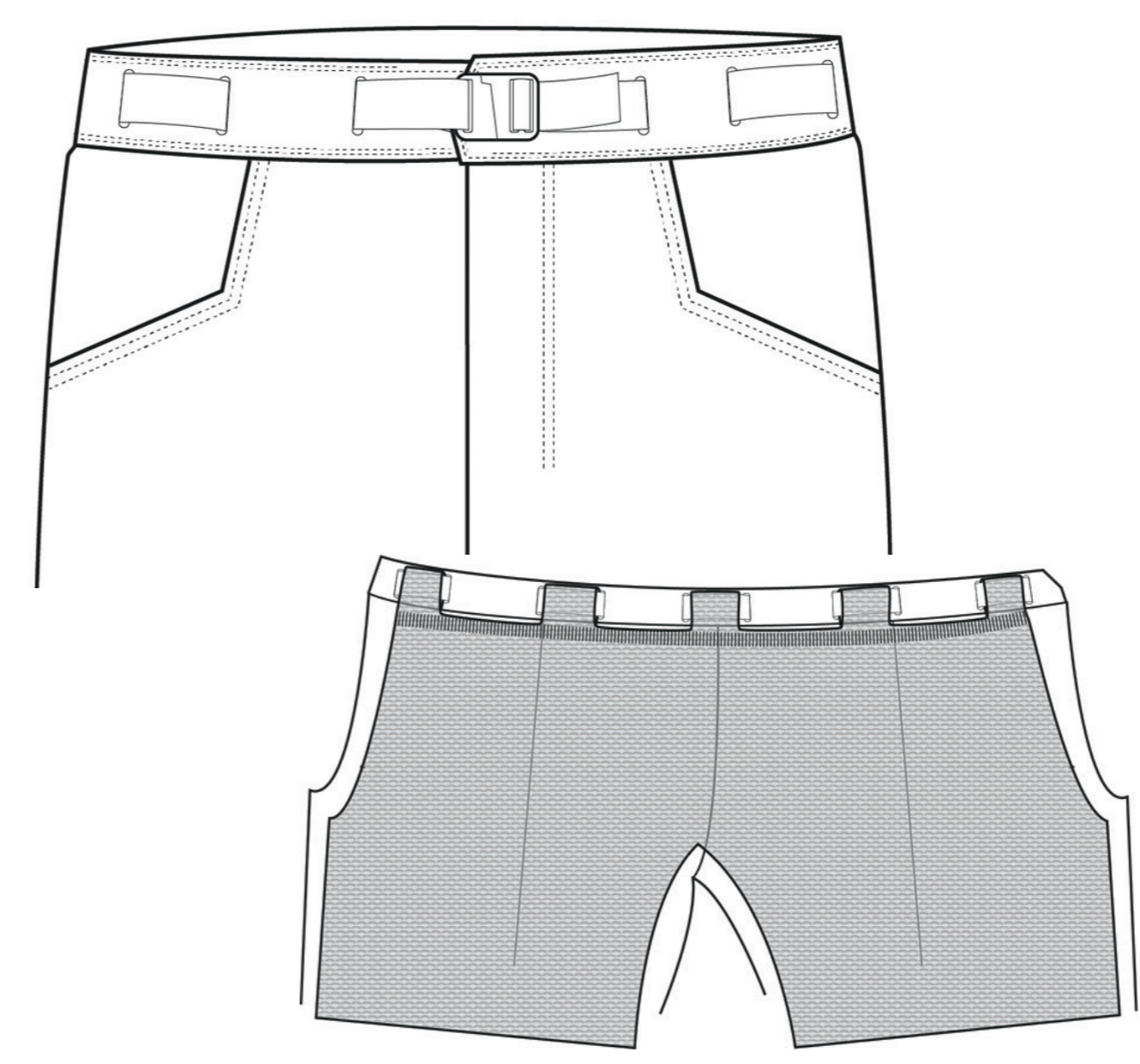
Current projects:

- Living Wage Lab
- Wastewater management
- Effective complaints mechanisms
- Better working conditions for workers in Tamil Nadu
- Organic cotton projects in India

Recyclable product clones

9 PST member companies participated in a project that aimed at creating more sustainable product upgrades. They nominated 10 of their products and had them analysed by the Niederrhein University with regard to recyclability, longevity and material purity.

The project resulted in various creative and innovative solutions: Regarding the backpack from Deuter, for example, the use of materials could be further minimised when unnecessary seams and parts were replaced.



Best practice for modularity

In the case of hiking pants from Ortovox, inner and outer trousers are held together by a belt, but can be easily separated from each other for washing or repairing.



The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is a federally owned enterprise that supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. With several projects, GIZ is committed to sustainable (textile) supply chains. For example, it hosts the secretariat of the Textiles Partnership, the Green Button and the Initiative for Global Solidarity.



The Green Button is the government-run certification label for sustainable textiles. It sets demanding requirements to protect people and the environment in the global production process of textiles. What makes it special: It checks whether companies systematically assume responsibility for compliance with human rights and environmental standards in their textile supply chains. In addition, the Green Button sets requirements for sustainable production processes, which are verified by recognized, credible certification labels.

The certification label is issued by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Independent auditors monitor the fulfillment of and compliance with the requirements.



The Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS) promotes the implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence in global supply chains. It scales and harmonises approaches that have proven their worth. The IGS supports buying and supplying companies in the textile and electronics sector in implementing their shared responsibility for the impact of their business practices on people and the planet. The four areas of action are:

- 1 Models of shared responsibility on e.g. responsible purchasing practices, substitution coal-fired boilers
- 2 Data and Transparency for example by supporting the "Open Supply Hub"
- 3 Responsible Business Hubs: local helpdesks in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Serbia, Vietnam
- 4 Complaints mechanisms; 125,000 workers are to be given access to effective complaints mechanisms, 75,000 of them women. Gender-based violence and discrimination will be given special attention.

Join the Partnership!

- 1 Contact the Partnership Secretariat to schedule a call
- 2 Submit the application form
- 3 The Steering Committee decides on the admission of new members
- 4 Guided onboarding process



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