



Europe's Green Transition in the Textile Sector

Webinar Series on upcoming legislation under the EU Green Deal and the EU Textile Strategy

Background

In December 2019, the European Commission published its European Green Deal, the European Union's new growth strategy. The overall goal is to make the EU climate neutral by 2050 and to transform the EU into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy. The European Green Deal covers all sectors of the economy, including textiles and fashion. The Circular Economy Action Plan was published in March 2020, followed by the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles in March 2022. The new strategy sets out a vision and concrete actions to ensure that: "By 2030 textile products placed on the EU market are long lived and recyclable, to a great extent made of recycled fibres, free of hazardous substances and produced in respect of social rights and the environment."

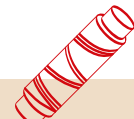
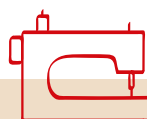
Under these roadmaps, the EU Commission has put forward several far-reaching regulatory proposals. Some have already entered dialogue negotiations between the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the Council of the European Union, and many are expected to enter into force from 2025 and 2026. Introducing far-reaching new design requirements, greenwashing regulation, rules to prevent overproduction and overconsumption, and rules to handle textile waste more responsibly, these initiatives will change the rules for production, consumption, sale and disposal of textiles completely.

You want to know more about the legislative framework under the EU Green Deal and how it could initiate change and affect your business? Join us for a six-month webinar series on upcoming legislation under the EU Green Deal and the EU Textile Strategy!

What to expect?

- An introduction to the wider EU policy landscape including the EU Green Deal and the EU Textile Strategy and how upcoming legislations relate to international obligations.
- Deep dives into specific EU regulatory initiatives, including the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) as well as the Waste Shipment Regulation, the Eco-design for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), the Regulation to prohibit products made using forced labour on the internal market of the EU, the Directive on Green Claims as well as the Directive Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition.
- A better understanding of specific regulatory initiatives that will transform the textile and apparel sector in the coming years and how these initiatives will likely impact companies and global supply chains.
- An update on the status of the different legislative proposals.

Intended audience	Brands, retailers and their suppliers from the textile and garment sector, standard organizations, and certification schemes as well anyone interested in knowing and learning more about policy developments at EU level, impacting the textile sector. The webinar series is open to the public.
With whom	Experts from think tanks, consultancies, law firms, policy making or public authorities, and civil society
When	September 2023 to March 2024





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Webinar series: overview

- 1** **21 September 2023**
10.00 am – 12.00 pm CEST / 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm IST
Upcoming EU-legislation, the textile sector and a deep dive into the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

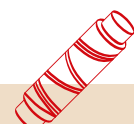
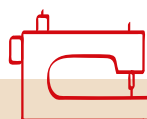
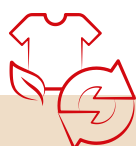
Europe's green transition: Regulatory initiatives under the EU Textile Strategy and the EU Green Deal will change the way the textile sector operates. This session will set the scene for the upcoming webinars, provide context on policy developments, and delve into one of the initiatives at the heart of the Green Transition: The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) and its implications for the textile sector, both for brands and retailers as well as for suppliers.

- 2** **23 October 2023**
10.00 am – 11:30 pm CEST / 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm IST
New reporting requirements and standards: The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

With the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) on the horizon, companies are preparing for the new reporting standard. The new requirements will allow for consistent and comparable reporting that will help both companies to unify their reporting obligations and the public to easily understand and compare sustainability efforts. The webinar will focus on the perspectives of brands, reporting experts and suppliers, we will also critically examine the potential pitfalls of burden sharing between brands, retailers, and suppliers.

- 3** **15 November 2023**
10.00 am – 11:30 pm CEST / 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm IST (In Cooperation with GIZ FABRIC)
Stricter waste regulation and extended producer responsibility for textiles

The new Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) and the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) will change the way the EU handles textiles waste. The proposed policies on waste aim to make waste management more efficient in the EU, treating waste as a resource and moving towards a circular economy. While the Waste Shipment Regulation aims to ensure that the EU does no longer exports its waste problems to third countries, the core of the proposal for a new Waste Framework Directive is the introduction of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for textiles. This session will provide an overview of the current state and content of the proposals and discuss their potential impact for brands, retailers, and suppliers alike





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4**31 January 2024****10.00 am – 11:30 pm CEST / 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm IST (In Cooperation with GIZ FABRIC)**

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation: A Game-changer for the textiles sector?

The proposal for a new Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) is at the heart of the EU's Green Deal and has been termed a game changer for the textile sector and its green transition. The proposal establishes a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for specific product groups, including textiles, to improve their circularity, energy performance and other aspects of environmental sustainability. The Digital Product Passport for textiles will play a key role in this regulation, increasing transparency and unlocking circularity potential. The webinar will provide an overview of the scope of the proposed regulation and requirements for brands, suppliers, and other stakeholders in the sector, as well as give an update on the status of the policy proposal.

5**28 February 2024****10.00 am – 11:30 pm CEST / 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm IST (In Cooperation with GIZ FABRIC)**

A future without modern slavery: EU-legislation and upcoming requirements for the textiles sector

With the European Commission's proposal for a Regulation to prohibit products made with forced labour on the EU market, the EU plans to ban all products made under such conditions for domestic consumption, export and import. The regulation will have wide-ranging impact as it covers all companies and products, regardless of size or sector in which they operate. In this session we will hence look at the potential impact of this Forced Labour Ban on the textile sector and how companies can begin to prepare for the upcoming obligations in their supply chains.

6**March 2024****10.00 am – 11:30 pm / CEST 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm IST**

Tackling greenwashing: The Directive to Empower Consumers for the Green Transition and the Green Claims Directive

Currently, there is no comprehensive EU framework to tackle false or misleading environmental claims. To fill this gap and combat greenwashing, the EU Commission proposed two directives: The Directive to Empower Consumers for the Green Transition and the Green Claims Directive, aiming to ensure that green claims are reliable and verifiable across the EU, and enabling consumers to make informed and sustainable purchasing decisions. The session will examine the proposed directives in detail and discuss their implications for stakeholders in the textile sector.

