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WINTEX | Weaving innovation among academia and industry in the Tunisian textile sector

European Higher Education Institutions of Technology collaborate to implement and promote innovation in textiles in the South-Mediterranean area via knowledge and technology transfer.

WINTEX is a European collaboration initiative financed within the Erasmus+ programme. This **Capacity-building project** supports the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education in Partner Countries, addressing Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in particular belonging to **Tunisia**.

Coordinated by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), the **WINTEX consortium** is made up by **thirteen (13) partners** coming from six (6) countries and involving different entities: public higher education institutions, companies and non-profit organisations, research and training centres and business associations. This mixture of institutions with different profiles, capacities and complementary competences guarantees a **transversal representation and involvement** of all relevant stakeholders of the **Textile & Clothing sector**.

WINTEX project **aims to fill the gap** in the area of **specialized services** for the textile sector, with the establishment of three innovation textile centers located at the participating **Higher Education Institutions in Tunisia**. These centers will play the role of focal points for the textile sector and relevant stakeholders **to bloom innovations and promoting entrepreneurship**.

The three universities of Tunisia – University of Sfax, University of Monastir and the Higher Institute of Technological Studies of Ksar Hellal-ISET are the main beneficiaries of the capacity building activities, meanwhile the seven European partners – UNIWA (Greece), CRE.THI.DEV. (Greece), CIAPE (Italy), TUIASI (Romania) AEI Tèxtils (Spain) and CEDECS (France) contribute with their expertise in setting up, equipping and operating advanced textile centres and prior involvement in similar projects to the successful accomplishment of the project goals. In addition, keyorganisations able to link academia and research with the local textile industry – one cluster (MFC-Pôle), one association (Association of Tunisian Textile Researchers-ATCTex) and a research center (CRNS) – complete the partnership.

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13 partners from 6 countries:

[AEI TÈXTILS - The Catalan technical textiles' cluster](#), Spain

[Association of Tunisian Textile Researchers-ATCTex](#), Tunisia

[CEDECS](#), France

[CIAPE](#), Italy

[CRE.THI.DEV](#), Greece

[CRNS](#), Tunisia

[Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi](#), Romania

[Higher Institute of Technological Studies of Ksar Hellal-ISET](#), Tunisia

[MFC-Pôle](#), Tunisia

[University of Monastir](#), Tunisia

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