

Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles

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European consumption of textiles has the **fourth highest impact** on the environment and climate change,

after food, housing and mobility.



It is one of the **top three** pressures on water and land use, and the **top five** in terms of raw material use and greenhouse gas emissions in the EU.



The textiles, clothing and leather manufacturing sector **employs around 1.7 million Europeans**

and is a key asset to stimulate local jobs and business opportunities.

Textile waste: Reduce, Reuse, Re<u>cycle</u>



The proposed new EU rules on waste will support the separate collection of textile waste, which becomes mandatory in the EU in 2025. They will create:

- Mandatory and harmonised Extended Producer Responsibility for textiles across all Member States with eco-modulation of fees
- Rules to **manage textile waste in line with the waste hierarchy:** used clothes to be directed as a priority to re-use; more textile waste to be recycled
- Incentives for producers to increase the circularity of products by
- design, innovate and boost circular economy business models
- **Local jobs and larger markets for used textiles** and secondary raw materials
- **Cost-saving opportunities for citizens** moving from fast fashion to timeless fashion

The Commission's 2030 Vision for Textiles



- All textile products placed on the EU market are:
 - durable, repairable and recyclable
 - to a great extent made of recycled fibres
 - free of hazardous substances
 - produced respecting social rights

"Fast fashion is out of fashion" - consumers benefit longer from **high quality textiles**

Profitable **re-use and repair services** are widely available

In a **competitive, resilient and innovative textile sector** producers take responsibility for their products along the value chain

Circular rather than throw-away clothes have become the norm, with sufficient capacities for recycling and minimal incineration and landfilling

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