

## From zero-waste to numberless possibilities: North-East Romania's Hub for circular textiles

Introduction to the Hub, Interregional Focus Group and Presentations of SMEs

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Gabriela Macoveiu, North-East RDA Conclusion Charlotte Denis, Textile ETP







Online animation activities play a pivotal role in sustaining the engagement of SMEs within the digital ecosystem. To stimulate interaction, a series of 14 intra-consortium webinars, the RegioGreenTex Community Talks, are taking place throughout the duration of the project. The RegioGreenTex Community Talks promote the latest progresses and results of the project, and well as encouraging dialogue and knowledge sharing in the textile sector, focusing on sustainability and the green transition.

The RegioGreenTex Community Talks are organised as part of WP2 (T2.4 Animation of the Ecosystem) and managed by Textile ETP, with the support of Euratex, NE RDA, Ariadne Innovation, OOST NL and Techtera.





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### North-Est Romania Hub building a textiles community focused on zero waste



#### Scope

 foster a zero-waste circular textile value chain in North-East Romania through innovative solutions with potential of multiplication

#### Topical areas of interest

- systemic circular design of products and processes, for the reduction of textile waste (starting from pre-fabrication and during fabrication);
- support activities for the encouragement of textile waste collection (postfabrication, pre-consumer & post-consumer) in view of recycling;
- recycling, reusing and upcycling; design of secondary products.

#### Long term

 the hub aims to address the whole Textile sector of North-East Romania, in line with the regional priorities of smart specialization (including digital processes and circularity)

#### **Partners**

- North-East Regional Development Agency → NE RDA (policymaker – hub coordinator)
- KATTY FASHION S.R.L. → KF (company)
- MAI BINE ASSOCIATION → MBA (NGO)











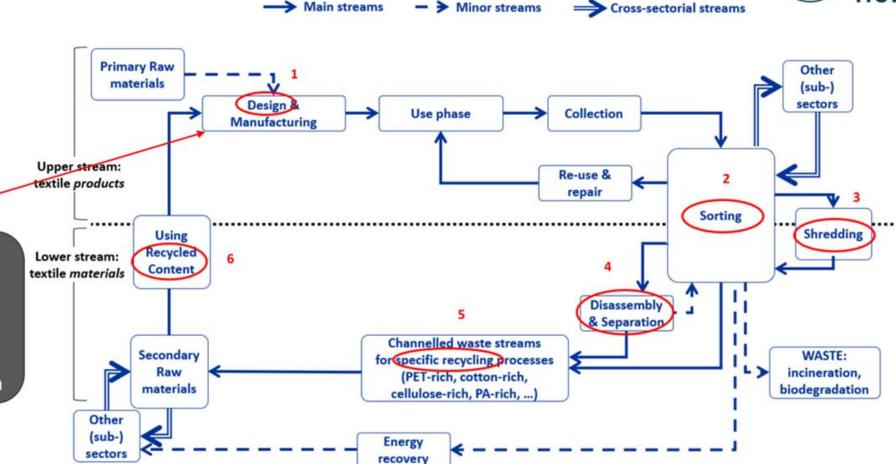


#### North-Est Romania Hub

building a textiles community focused on zero waste

→ Main streams





➤ Minor streams



- Zero waste pre-fabrication
- Pre-consumer services
- Small sizes sorted and sent to recyclers
- B2B match-making platform







#### North-Est Romania Hub

building a textiles community focused on zero waste









1. Test and optimize *systemic design solutions* (for products and processes), *for the reduction of textile* waste – up to zero

Goal → a digital service package for production planning, (customizable) new product technical sheet and specifications regarding the appropriate recycling technologies

- As part of WP5 activity demo-case, the solution developed in WP3 (digital product patch - zero-waste design for clothing patterns) will be tested and adopted to industrial environment on Katty Fashion premises (replicable to the other RegioGreenTex partners that are interested);
- Develop a regional platform to connect the regional textile recycling ecosystem that will later become a digital B2B marketplace for waste recycling (pre-consumer / industrial and commercial waste).



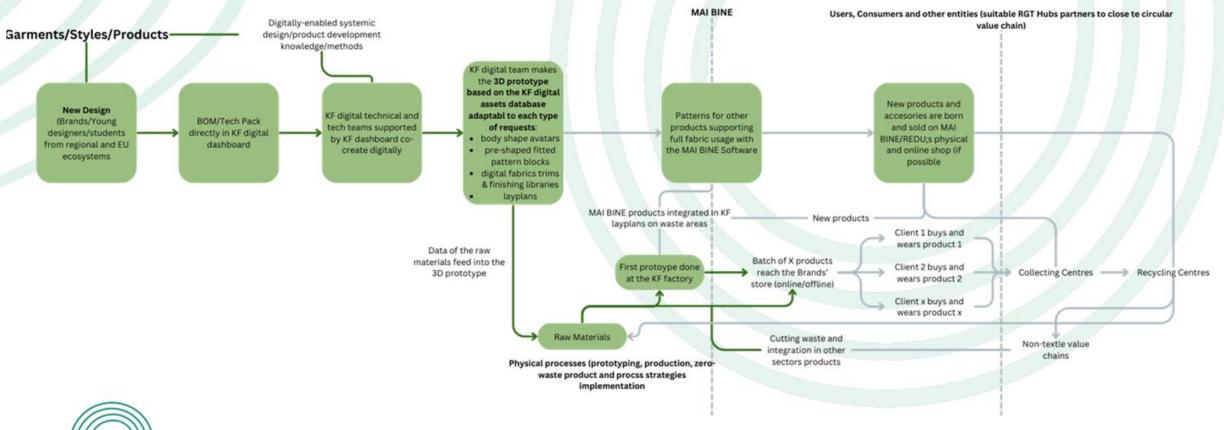




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#### **INVESTEMENT DEMO-CASES**









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#### **ECOSYSTEM ACTIVITIES**

- setting a regional map and database for:
  - innovation capacity for textile waste management;
  - textile waste producers, collectors, and recyclers (via surveys & interviews);
    - → comprehensive flow chart of the regional value chain for textile waste → to highlight crucial points where the NERO GT Hub's partners could provide support and assistance to companies
    - → integrate hub's demo-cases & other regional players within interregional value chains for circular textiles
- promoting RGT results from the other WPs and fostering RGT Hubs cross-fertilization (industrial cases & ecosystem activities)

- design and implement awareness activities on textiles circularity
- promoting NERO GreenTex Hub regionally & inter-regionally
- connect textile waste producers, recyclers and up-cyclers from the hub territory; connect researchers, companies, funders, innovation managers and public authorities from RGT regions;
- seize opportunities for innovation & close-to-market
   projects; facilitate new project partnerships and applications
- laying the ground for collaboration & knowledge sharing within the industry;
- 4helix workshops and consultations;
- · input for policy making















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Elvys Sandu, Mai Bine





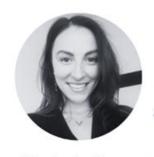
#### Mai bine's team for RegioGreenTex



- Elvys Sandu elvys@maibine.eu
- License and Master's Degree in Fashion Design from the "George Enescu" University of Arts, Iasi
- · President of Mai bine
- co-owner and co-manager of REDU
- 12 years of working experience in the T&C sector
- RGT coordinator from Mai bine's side



- Andreea Sofronea andreea@maibine.eu
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- Product Manager in RGT



- Alexandra Florea alexandraflorea@maibine.eu
- Master's Degree of Chemical Engineering at Twente University, the Netherlands
- · Program Manager at Mai bine
- · LCA and sustainability licensed expert
- 12 years of working experience in the industry sector
- · Product Manager in RGT





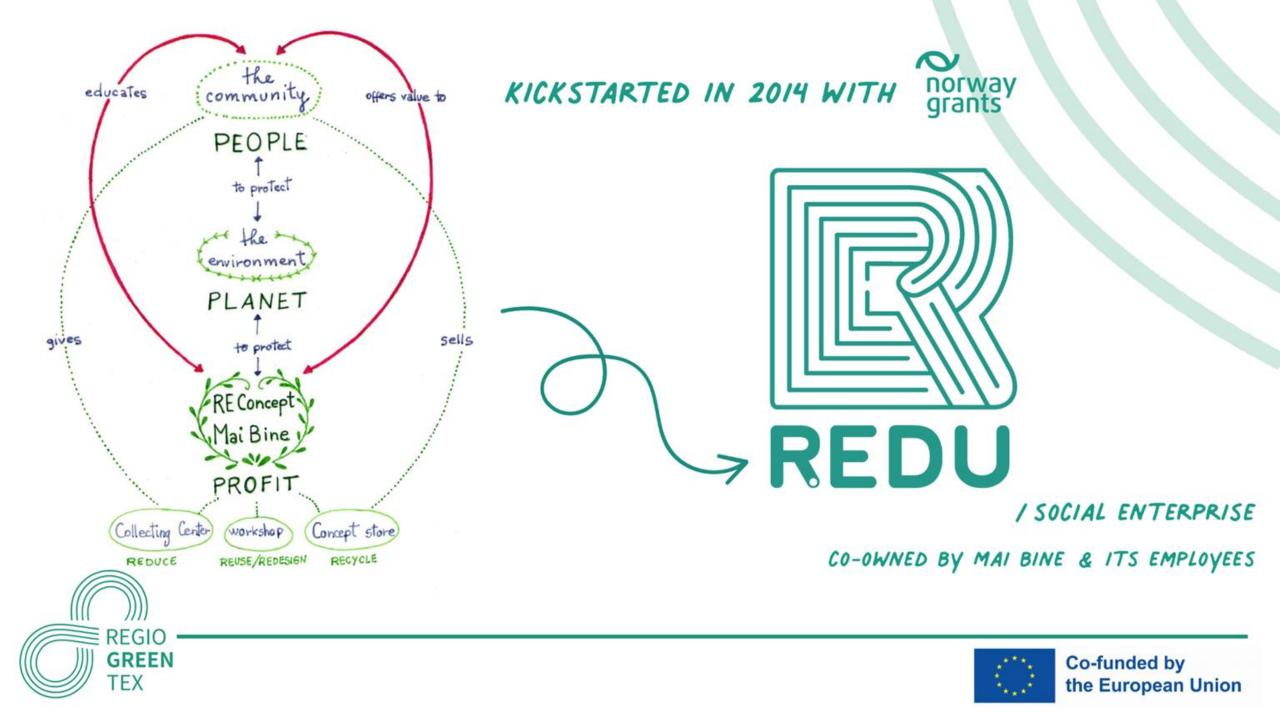


- For the better/Better
- Founded in 2009, Iași Romania
- Grass-roots NGO
- Non-profit and apolitical
- Capacity building for sustainable development













community catalyser

REPAIR & UP-CYCLING WORKSHOPS

.FLASH MOBS, ART INSTALLATIONS AND SCREENING OF MOVIES ABOUT THE IMPACT OF FAST FASHION

SOLIDARITY BAZAARS (CLOTHES SWAPPING)

.FLASH MOBS AND ART INSTALLATIONS

concept store - #Close2ZeroWaste









collecting textile waste from the community

10 YEARS OF EXISTENCE





















a software



an e-commerce plaftorm



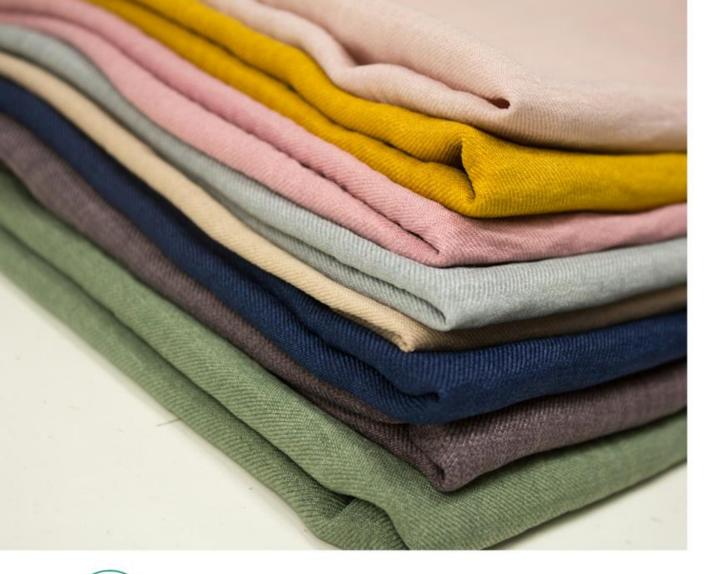


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REDU's cut-offs
Textiles cut with meaning

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Transforming deadstock into resources









**leftover fabrics** that cannot be used for their original purpose. Comming from:

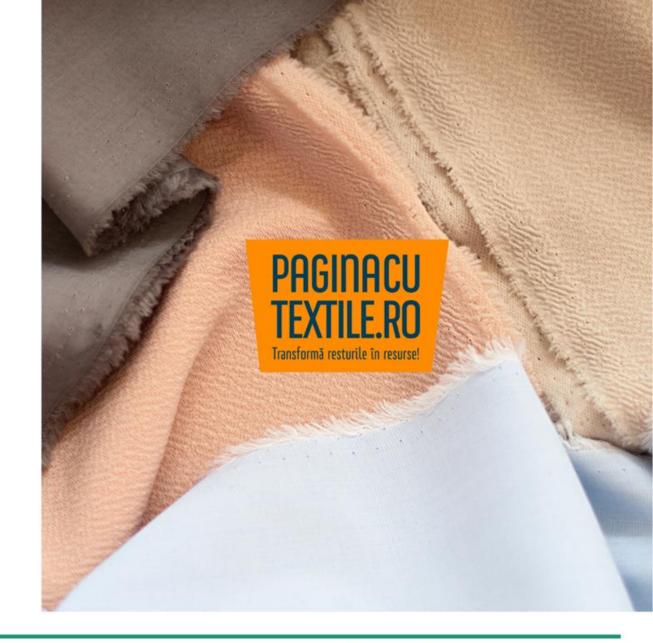
- \* canceled orders
- \* errors in cutting or dyeing
- \* slightly damaged textiles
- \* fashion production, military, home decor, upholstery







- increased demand for deadstock fabric as a "sustainable" sollution
- \* an economically viable option for emerging brands/designers
- \* increased traceability and transparancy
- \* easy access to a wide variety of fabrics already existing in the European market
- \* direct contact with the factories
- \* NE region of Romania has 80+ garment factories
- \* good for the planet?











S Fii parte din revoluția textilă sustenabilă.

## Transformă resturile textile în resurse!

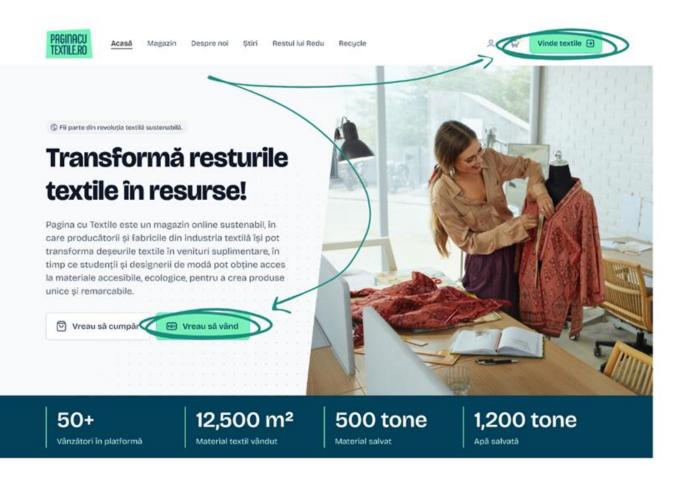


#### The features:

- buying and selling of deadstock
  - information about our second tool,
     Restul lui REDU
- access to a comprehensive list of recyclers, European and worldwide
  - up to date news on EU regulations







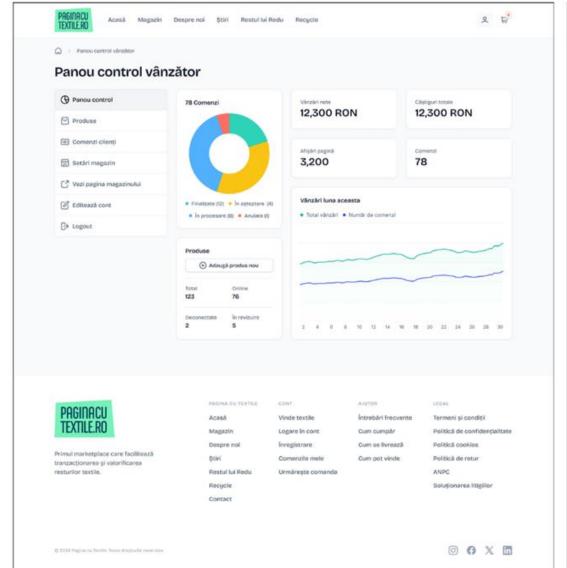


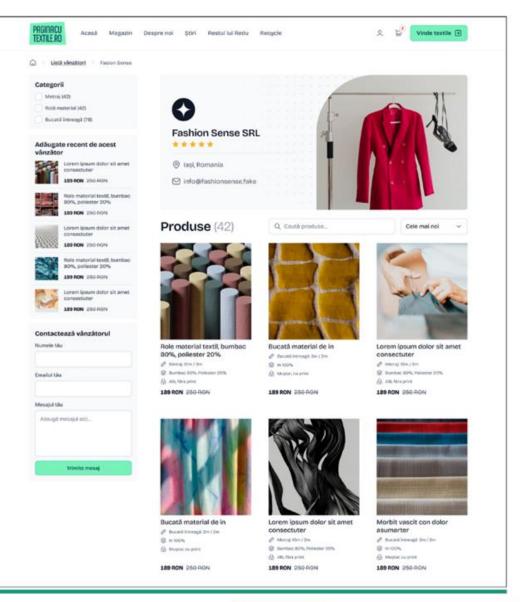
- \* create an account
- # list your leftover fabrics, including sizes, materials, place of manufacture and pricing
- \* sell directly to buyers
- \* stay compliant with upcoming EU regulations





#### seller account



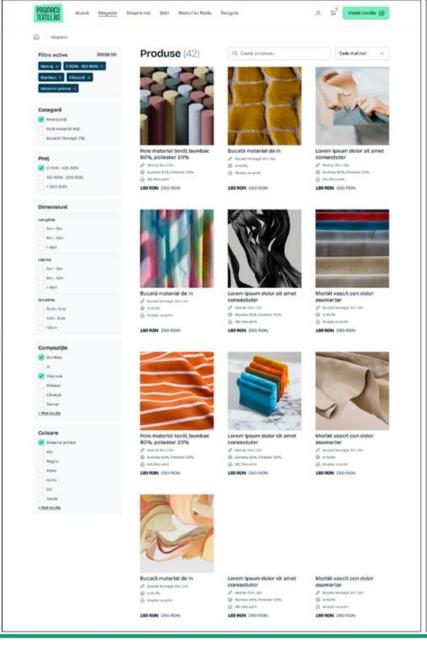


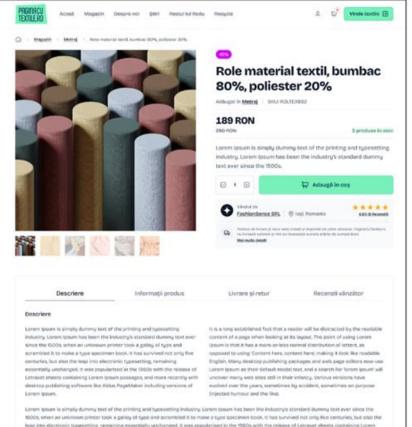






- \* create an account, or not
- browse a variety of available materials.
- **\* buy** directly from sellers
- \* purchase what you need, from entire fabric rolls to smaller quantities.





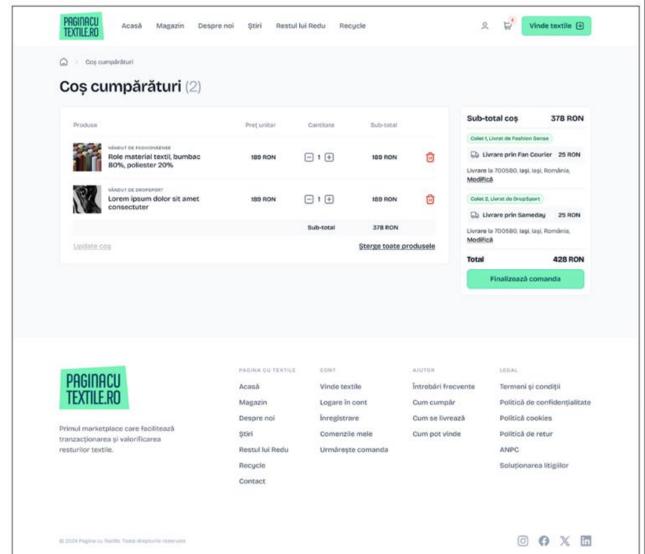


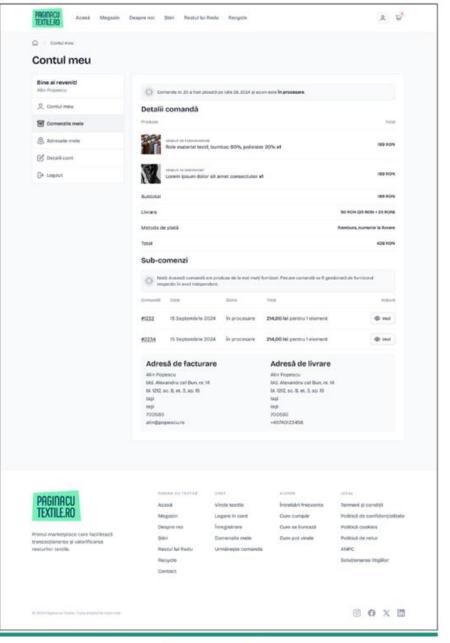
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#### buyer with or w/out account









where
we
are at
the
moment

# PAGINACU TEXTILE.RO Transformat resturile in resursel. CSINICAL STATEMENT OF THE STATEMENT

Primul marketplace care facilitează tranzacționarea și valorificarea resturilor textile.





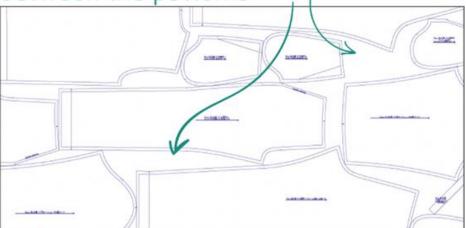


or **pre-consumer leftovers**, refers to any type of leftovers that emerge throughout the value chain but do not reach a consumer.

\* cutting scraps

\* small pieces of fabrics from the spaces in

between the patterns





dumping sites in Dhaka for 14 factories

Sorting of mixed leftovers by piece size behind a factory











- \* data from several factories in China and Bangladesh show postindustrial textile spills averaging at least **25%** of resources used, and in some cases up to **47%**\*.
- \* due to lack of time (waiting, collecting, sorting, washing, assorting) at the moment we only manage to use between 10% to 20% of what we collect
- \* better than recycling













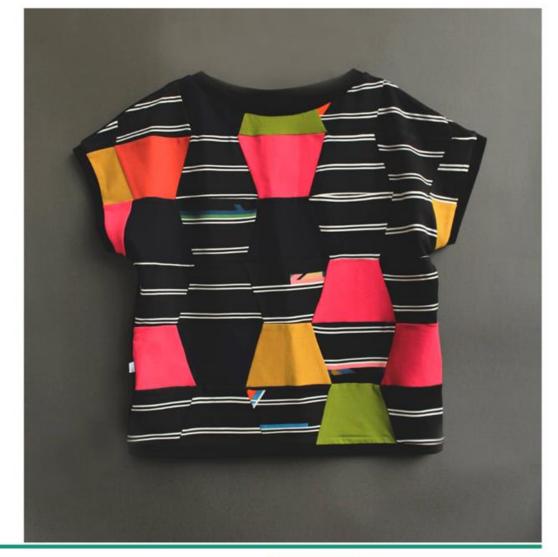
- \* offline digital application installed directly on factory computer
- \* creates **new cutting maps** with REDU or customizable patterns
- \* easy to use UI (user interface)
- \* new products from old scraps





#### where we are at the moment

- ★ first BETA version ready
- ★ log in user interface/upload cutting maps
- \* custom maps to be developed
- \* testing in factory to be scheduled









#### Thank you!

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**HUB** 

WE TURN YOUR

REALITY

Zero pre-consumer waste services

Co-creation services

 ■ Bespoke 3D garment prototyping

Systemic product development

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#### **ABOUT US**

#### Award-Winning Excellence

**2019: C-Voucher Competition** 

2020: Boost-up Transform CLC East EITM Competition

2024: Teaching Factory Deep Tech Winner

#### Innovative & Sustainable

Sustainable business model with a bottom-up AGILE approach

Development of techniques and services for zero pre-consumer waste and smart manufacturing

Unique collaborative approach for design & product development

### Collaborating for a Sustainable Future Working closely with quadruple helix experts in digitalization, bio-

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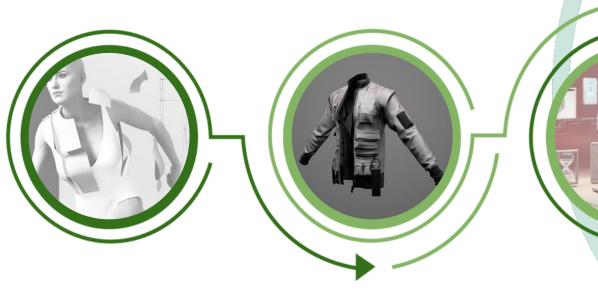
Interconnected EU value chains

Impactful ecosystem and collaborations in a variety of EU projects





## Fashion Factory of the Future



2021

3D Technology **Optimization** 

2022 - 2025

Digital Twins & CPPS/AI&ML

2023 - 2026

CPPS, IIOT & Green, Circular Technologies 2025 - 2030

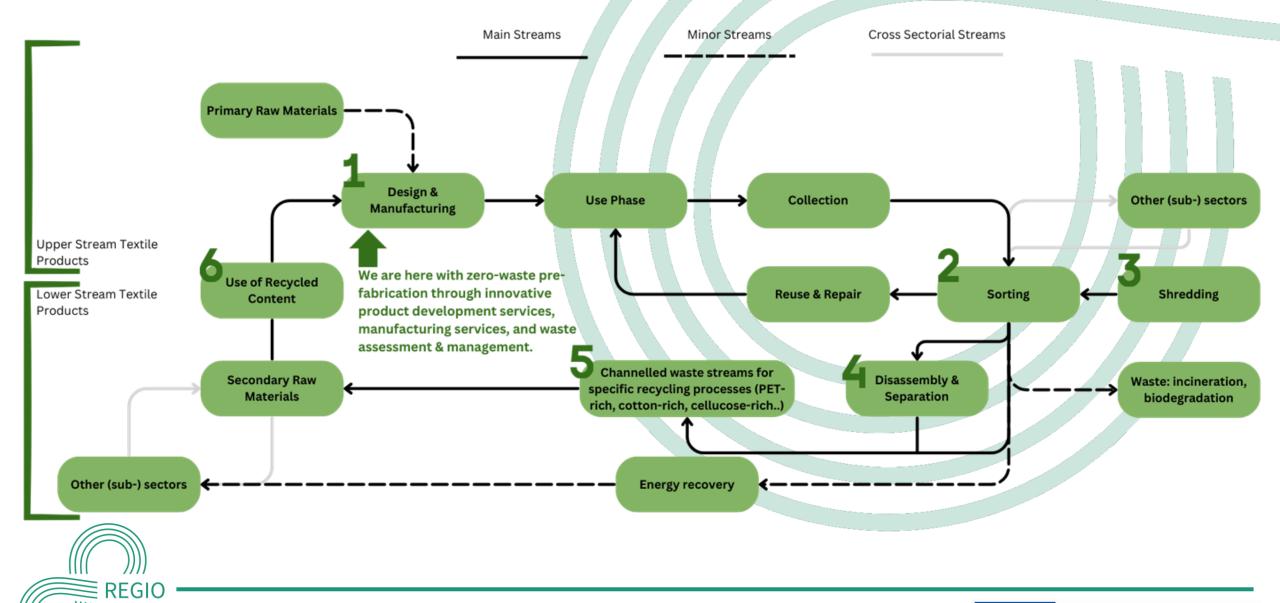
Fashion Factory of the **Future Development** 



2019 - 2020

3D Technology





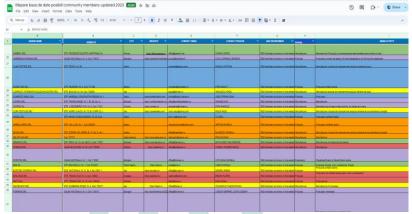
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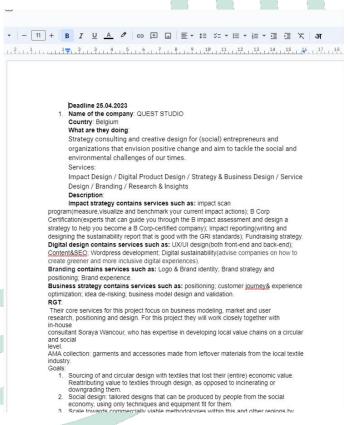
Product development and manufacturing use/waste of resources mapping

## Key regional stakeholders mapping



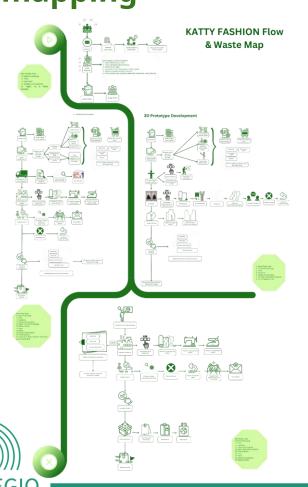
Results of RO stakeholders mapping

#### **Key RegioGreenTex** stakeholders mapping



Results of relevant RGT stakeholders

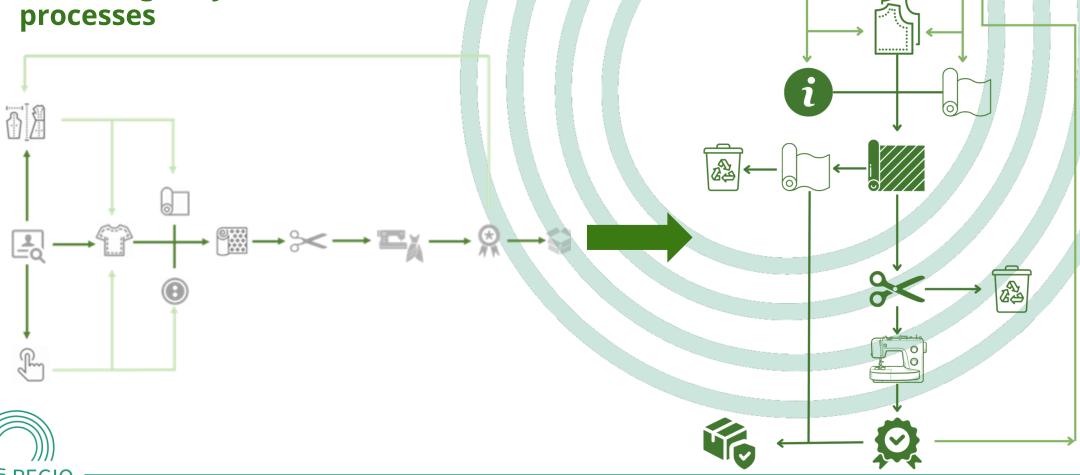






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Innovation of Product development and Manufacturing in the pre- fabrication phase for sustainable transition to Zero-Waste digitally-enabled circular processes



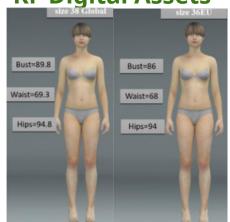




KF systemic digital product development for customized zero waste products

#### KF fitted pattern blocks





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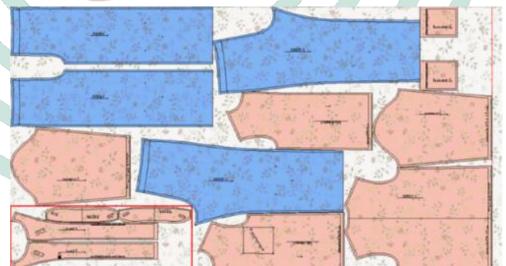




KF Customizable Avatars

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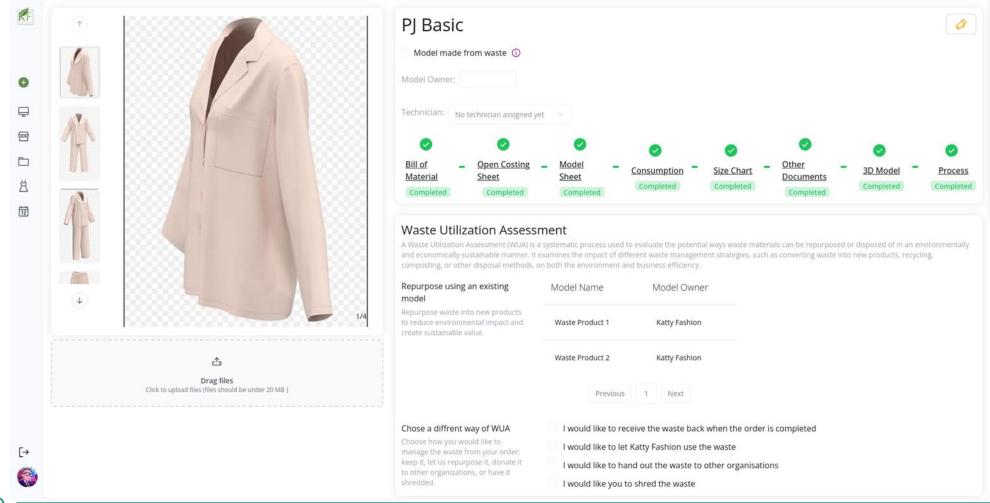








### Katty Fashion digital infrastructure for zero-waste systemic design/product development and waste utilization assessment & management

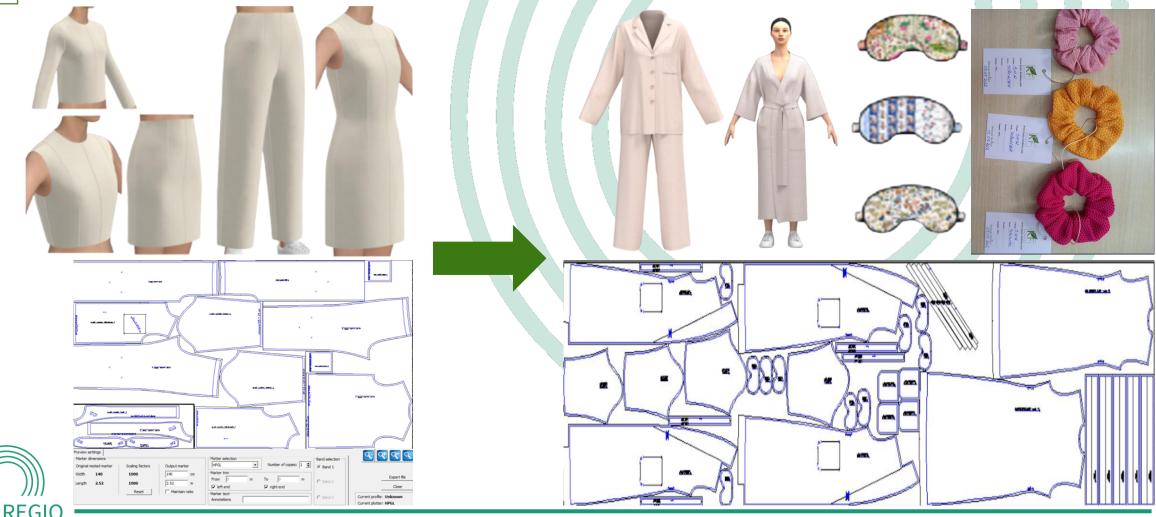








## Digitally-enabled circular zero-waste collaborative design and product development using digital assets



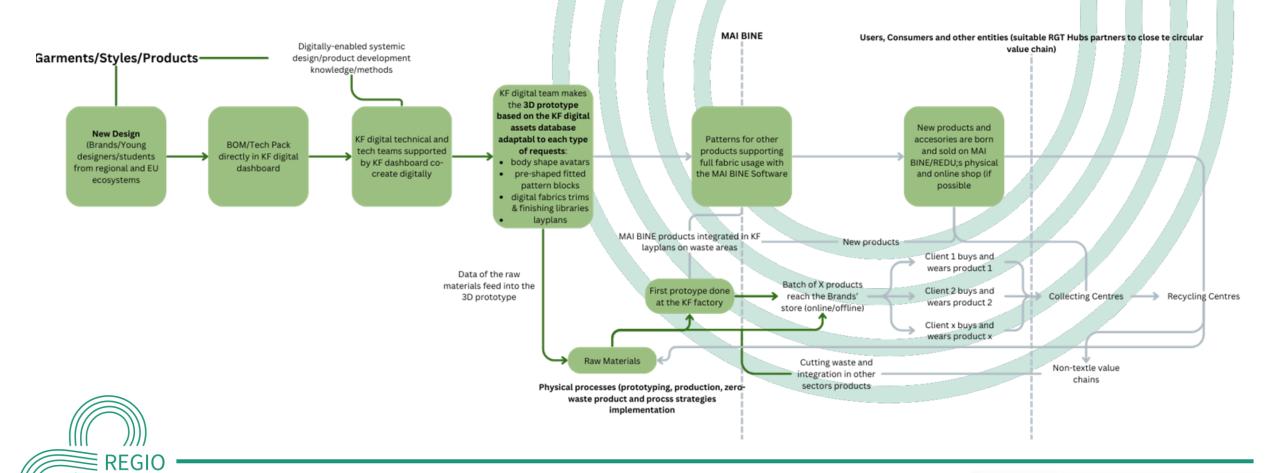






### Digital Collaborative Work Environment for zero-waste circular systemic design/product development & manufacturing







# Policy approach to circular textiles: from European to regional perspectives and back again

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## Q & A





## Thank you

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