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Dear all,

Welcome to this month's newsletter, featuring a selection of sustainable textiles news curated to uplift and inspire you for the month ahead.

How did you celebrate International Zero Waste Day? What is happening near you during [Earth Day](#) and [Fashion Revolution week](#)? This month's edition highlights various events happening in the textile sector and spotlights relevant publications and resources for the month of April.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing contributions and we look forward to sharing your resources in this newsletter, and on our website. Don't hesitate to contact us if there is something you would like to share.

Upcoming Events



Join UNEP on Wednesday 5 June for **World Environment Day**, a UN international day dedicated to environmental awareness and action. This year, the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** will host, with the 2024 campaign theme of "[Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration](#)" focusing on land restoration, desertification prevention, and drought resilience. Launching Sunday 28 April, and continuing through June, the [#GenerationRestoration](#) campaign invites global participation in a wide variety of environmental activities, events and actions. Learn more and participate [here](#).



On Thursday 25 April, the **European Commission** will host a panel at [Hannover Messe](#) on "**The Future of Textile Industry: Competitive, Sustainable, and Circular**" featuring speakers from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Ecopreneur.eu, EURATEX, and the European Commission. The panel will explore the challenges and opportunities arising from the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles, particularly for SMEs in the EU fashion and textiles markets. More information and livestream access [here](#).



As an official side event for the 2024 World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF), the **ASEAN Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ACESP)** and **EU SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component** will co-host the webinar [Circular Fashion: Sustainable Consumption and](#)

[Production Across Textiles, Leather, and Cosmetics](#). The webinar will take place Friday 26 April in Bangkok, Thailand with speakers from industry, intergovernmental organisations and NGOs. The session will explore sustainable strategies in the fashion industry to address resource consumption, waste production, and pollution. Find more details on the event and register [here](#).

 **Contexte : l'affichage environnemental**

  **Emmanuel Macron** @EmmanuelMacron · 14 déc. 2020
Un « score carbone » pour évaluer l'impact environnemental des produits ? J'y suis favorable. Nous pouvons créer ensemble le @YukaApp du carbone !

Objectifs

- 1 Informer le consommateur
- 2 Encourager l'écoconception
- 3 Réduire l'impact environnemental du secteur

   

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ADEME (the French Agency for Ecological Transition) and the **French Ministry of Ecological Transition** held a technical webinar on Friday 8 March to introduce its **textile environmental display system** as the system approaches its final consultation phase before implementation, ADEME and the French government have arranged a series of exchange workshops throughout April. The workshops aim to collect the main questions and

improvement suggestions regarding the system before deployment.

Workshop themes include Physical Durability, Materials, Supplement (Microfibers & Export outside Europe), and others. Find more information and access to the agenda in French [here](#) and the webinar in French [here](#).



The **Fashion Values Showcase**, an official side event in the **Global Fashion Summit** programme will take place on Tuesday 21 May in Copenhagen, Denmark, with speakers including UNEP’s Rachel Arthur, who will be discussing the Sustainable Fashion Communication Playbook. [The Fashion Values Network](#), developed by The Centre for Sustainable Fashion and in collaboration with Kering, IBM and Vogue Business, will celebrate their third year at the Global Fashion Summit For additional details and to RSVP to the event, email

fashionvalues@arts.ac.uk by 28 April 2024.

We want to hear from you!



The "[Fashion Industry Target Consultation](#)" has extended its deadline until **Friday 31 May**. This multi-stakeholder project, led by **UNEP** and the **Global Fashion Agenda**, aims to gather stakeholder insights on key milestones necessary to achieve a net-positive industry. Feedback received until May 31st will contribute to the results presented in the GFA Monitor, expected to be published later in 2024. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in shaping the future of the fashion industry. Learn more and contribute to the consultation [here](#)

(accessible in all 6 official UN languages).

Publications and Resources



The **UN Global Compact Network UK** recently launched a new initiative, [Business Sector Exchange](#), for the fashion sector, with resources on topics such as regenerative fashion, textile transparency, upcoming regulations and reporting, as well as networking opportunities. Discover the program and explore the Business Sector Exchanges engagement activities [here](#).



"**The Future of Synthetics**" report, recently released by [Textile Exchange](#), summarises the current landscape, challenges, and areas for further action in topics including textile-to-textile recycling, biosynthetics, and carbon capture. This report identifies opportunities for replacing the use of virgin synthetics and reducing the industry's reliance on fossil fuel extraction by consolidating data on carbon emissions associated with synthetic fiber use in the textile industry. Read the report [here](#)



The [PESCO-UP \(Polyester/cotton upcycling\)](#) project, an EU-funded project under the Horizon Europe project, led by **VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland**, launched in January 2024 and will continue until January 2028. Over this 48-month-long project, PESCO-UP aims to address industry challenges by establishing recycling

standards and creating a digital marketplace for information exchange. The project's primary activities are to enhance the textile recycling value chain by reducing reliance on virgin materials through strategies such as bridging information gaps, establishing systematic approaches, and ensuring social and technological harmony. Find more information regarding PESCO-UP's project [here](#).

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