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Enterprise Europe Network:
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Who are we?
The world’s largest support network for SMEs with international ambitions.

How we can help you? We combine international business expertise with local insights to help you take your innovation into new markets.

What is in it for you? Helping your business grow faster through tailored support, new commercial partnerships and access to finance.

The Enterprise Europe Network is a key instrument in the EU’s strategy to boost growth and jobs. Bringing together around 600 business support organizations from more than 60 countries, we help small companies seize the unparalleled business opportunities in the EU Single Market.

Our Services:
Learn more about what we can do for your company in the following areas for innovative SMEs.

- Support packages
- Technology transfer
- Access to finance
  - Advice on EU law and standards
  - Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)
  - Speak-up on EU law
  - Research funding
  - Going international

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The Textile and Fashion Sector Group is the Network’s expert’s platform for textile and fashion industries that offers tailored support to help SMEs, startups and entrepreneurs to innovate and grow internationally.

From smart textile to design and from more sustainable solutions used in the manufacturing process to regulations over textile in Europe we aim to inform our clients accordingly and about technology transfers options and R&D solutions.

We can support manufacturers, fashion brands, retailers helping them to innovate, discovering new trends, the latest technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, solutions that go from linear to circular economy, optical fibers and 3D printing and European policies to be more competitive.

The Group is committed to bring European fashion smes and textile producers together to enhance opportunities and commercial partnerships finding partners for joint projects, exploring new markets as well as sharing knowledge, ideas, innovation and inspiration.

A small but effective Group consisted of members coming from more than 20 countries. Focused on how to make use of EEN services in favor of their clients in order to help them, the SGT selects and organizes international events namely B2Bs and Company Missions most suitable for client’s needs.

The group collaborates with the European Commission and the Easme Agency according to specific initiatives, programmes and projects. With the support of these entities members of SGT are determined to serve and support their clients’ needs.

How we can help you:
- Finding clients and co-operation partners for your products and processes.
- Finding innovative technological solutions for your product development.
- Promoting your innovative technologies.
- Arranging meetings with potential partners at brokerage events.
- Finding potential partners through company missions.
- Learning about EU programmes and how to apply for grant.
Case event

Fashion Match: the next generation of brokerage events

The annual meeting of the Enterprise Europe Network hosts the Awards Ceremony dedicated to the best practices of the year carried out among all members of the network (over 600 contact points worldwide). For the Sector Groups session, the Textile and Fashion group has been awarded as Best Focused on how to make use of EEN services in favor of their clients. In order to help them, the SG selects and organizes international events namely B2Bs and Company Missions most suitable for client’s needs.

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Practice 2019 by the Enterprise Europe Network, by the EASME (European Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises, European Commission) with the activity: Fashion Match the next generation of brokerage event. The activity consists in having created the Fashion Match format within the Sector Group Textile which includes 2 B2Bs twice a year at two different events: the Modelafabrek Fair Amsterdam in January and Torino Fashion Week in June. The format creates greater visibility, a structured communication for both activities, greater synergy between the members and the bodies involved in the affiliated activities and above all loyalty from companies and brands.

The Format Fashion Match:

Over the past three years the Fashion Match brokerage event developed by the Textile and Fashion Sector Group has become a real success. This approach, based around a common name, a regular date, a shared concept and communication strategy, makes life easier for the organizers, but more importantly helps get the best clients on board! There are many ways other Network events can get inspired by this good practice. So, is this the next generation on Network brokerage events?

What’s new?

Starting from collaboration in 2016 between the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce and Unioncamere Piemonte (Regional Union of the Chambers of commerce of Piedmont Region, Italy) the Textile and Fashion Sector Group developed a unique concept for brokerage events in the fashion industry: Fashion Match.

Every year, the concept is applied at two inspiring international fashion events:
- EU Fashion Match at the Modefabrek Exhibition Fair, January, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- Torino Fashion Match at the Torino Fashion Week, June, Turin (Italy)

The Fashion Match events are addressed to textile manufacturers, innovative and young fashion brands, emerging fashion and textile entrepreneurs who wish to create international partnerships.

What’s new is that we use the same format in two different countries:
- B2B + workshops + exhibition fair or fashion shows
- regular edition: same period for each activity
- same name
- same target of clients

The SG Textile is already planning the 3rd edition of Fashion Match in March, at an exhibition Fair in Turkey with a group member from Istanbul.

What works well?

Partners and clients appreciate this regular format:
- It’s recognisable and clear: people know what they can expect in terms of quality and activities
- It’s regular: takes place twice a year, always the same time so clients already know and save the dates
- It’s easier to communicate: the schedule allows for better coordinated and structured communication
- It supports brand awareness: the repetition of the concept brings more visibility to Network events
- It fosters better quality: we continuously improve client scouting, event management and organisation
- In the last three years the interest has increased:
  - from 90 participants in 2016 to more than 200 in 2019
  - from 10 Network co-organisers in 2016 to 50 in 2019 (in Torino)

How can it improve the impact of the Network?

There are often too many different B2B events in a same sector. This makes it increasingly difficult to recruit companies but also Network partners as co-organizers in certain events. This approach guarantees client loyalty: when clients know exactly what you are offering to them, they feel more comfortable in attending activities you are managing especially if they can be planned well in advance. They also get to know each other and stay connected!

Our blueprint for successful uptake is:
1. Use the same name and format
2. Combine a B2B event with talks and fair or shows during an international event
3. Develop a common communication strategy
4. Invest in communication: we create stories, videos and other promotional materials using client testimonials
5. Create a similar user experience around the event but allowing for customization in each country
6. Make sure there are different clients depending on the location to ensure opportunities for new contacts
Get in touch

Contact your regional representative to see how we can help you:

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Supporting textile and fashion companies /brands/ fashion designers to start international collaborations. She is involved in the organization of matchmaking events within international or local fairs, in collaboration with EEN, addressed to companies looking for international partnerships.

She is involved in the organization of the Torino Fashion Week event, as international coordinator, and in the management of the Torino Fashion Match b2b for the recruitment of international and Local companies and Brands interested in new collaborations.

She attended the Sector Group Textile and Fashion since 2013.

Fatma Sener has a degree in International Business and Communication, with an other bachelor’s degree in International Management. She is advisor at the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce and focus on the textile and fashion industries. Fatma gives often master classes and workshops about international business for the fashion sector. She is well experienced in (international) networking and advising companies. She has very good contacts within clusters of especially in fashion business and other organizations within the Netherlands promoting the textile and fashion industries. She is initiator of several projects for fashion entrepreneurs. In 2013 Fatma initiated with EEN consortium Netherlands the EU Fashion Match; international matchmaking for the fashion industry. In 2017 she was appointed as Vice-Chair of Sector Group Textile and Fashion coordinating the communication tasks of the Sector Group.

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• Helping SMEs find new markets and financial opportunities
• Events
• Marketing activities
All sectors apply
From January 2018 Emilija Androva is involved in the implementation of the economic development programme in Foundation for Management and Industrial Research as project manager. She has been involved in Enterprise Europe Network activities supporting internationalisation efforts and strengthening innovation capacities of SMEs. Responsible for providing innovation and business advisory services to Macedonian SMEs interested in finding new sources of funding and new markets.

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Within the foundation, Emilija is delivering advisory and scale-up services to companies particularly from the following sectors: textile, fashion, creative industries and environment. She has been involved in many events focused on textile and design supporting PR activities, commercial awareness, supply management and networking. In the mention sectors she was working with business profiles and helping in arrangement of Macedonian clients in participation on B2B events. Constantly she is maintaining contacts with the textile cluster, creative fashion designers and organisations that are providing and promoting services for fashion and textile industries. With the enthusiasm she possesses, commitment to achieving success, networking provided by daily work with clients from this sector, Emilija will dedicate her participation in the SectorGroup Textile & Fashion and bring the benefits to the Network clients.

My career to date has always been in the area of international trade and finance, providing business support and advice for innovative SME businesses looking to grow and develop internationally. I have over 12 years’ experience in supporting businesses in the Textile and Fashion sector in the East Midlands, which is a major employer in the region. I am looking forward in my role within EEN to utilise my experience gained in the finance and industrial sectors, working with regional, national and international networks to promote and support this important sector.

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He is helping SMEs for their rapid adaptation to technological innovations, enhancing their efficiency and competitive capacity in order to increase their contribution to the economy. He has experiences in the field of Information Dissemination, Access to Finance, Technology Development, Regional Development and Entrepreneurship Development.

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As head of the Euro Info Centre I was preparing Croatian companies for changes in legislation, and since 2008 as the project manager of Enterprise Europe Network Croatia work on boosting the competitiveness and innovation of SMEs. From 2010-2012 as the coordinator of the project European Network of Ambassadors of female entrepreneurship, I established a network of female ambassadors of entrepreneurship in Croatia that have encouraged other women to start entrepreneurial activity and set up their own businesses.

I am a member of several international groups and monitoring committee for the implementation of projects in Croatia.
My background is business development and I have been working as a business development manager since 2000. Since January 2015 I am member of Enterprise Europe Network in Denmark, situated in Copenhagen, the capital.

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From 2008 to July 2011: Project Manager on Strategic and Business Management of SMEs.
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- Drafting legal documents regarding programs for SMEs support.
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Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency - Head of Finance and HR Sector

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- Identification of the needs of the companies.
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- Preparation of successful, high quality profiles. Ability for effective promotional services. Competency to create proper image for Lithuanian companies which leads to fruitful future collaboration.
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