



**SECTORIAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE**  
**TEXTILE-CLOTHING**  
**WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013**

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EURATEX and IndustriAll European Trade Union, the European social partners in the textile-clothing sector, seeking to fully play their part and wishing to further improve their sector-based social dialogue from a qualitative point of view, adopted the following work programme for 2013.

The aim of this programme, supported by social partners at national level, is also to improve the interrelation between the autonomous, sector-based social dialogue at European level, and national dialogues as well as European cross-sectoral dialogues.

The programme also comes within the scope of the follow-up to Commission Communication dated October 28, 2010 entitled “*An integrated industrial policy for the globalisation era*” and the series of concrete solutions in two reports published to boost the single market (Single Market Act).

This programme finally intends to respond to the 7 flagships initiatives<sup>1</sup> launched by the European Commission to boost growth and jobs, and especially the EU Communication on “*the agenda for new skills and jobs: A European contribution towards full employment*” adopted on 23/11/2010.

The programme and activities will be structured around a number of sections: trade, industrial and social policy, and the enlargement.

- Following up the textile-clothing issue as part of External trade negotiations (FTA, WTO, GSP)
- Following up the textile-clothing issues linked to the Regulation n° 2001/2011 on Textile Fiber names and related labelling and marking of the Fiber composition of Textile products, entered into force in May 2012
- Following up the Communication dated October 28, 2010, entitled “the Communication on “An integrated industrial policy for the globalisation era” and the single Market Act; Follow-up of the EU initiatives resulting from the Staff Working Documents published by DG Enterprise on Fashion and High-end industries (SWD(2012) 284 final & SWD(2012) 286 final) and the Vice-President Tajani follow-up actions.

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<sup>1</sup> Europe has identified new engines to boost growth and jobs. These areas are addressed by **7 flagship initiatives** (Digital agenda for Europe; Innovation Union; Youth on the move; Resource efficient Europe; An industrial policy for the globalization era; An agenda for new skills and jobs; European platform against poverty). Within each initiative, both the EU and national authorities have to coordinate their efforts so they are mutually reinforcing. Most of these initiatives have been presented by the Commission in 2010.

- Anticipating industrial changes: Social Dialogue- follow-up of the joint project launched by IndustriAll and EURATEX on a "Research/Action program" on a better anticipation / management of the restructuring in the TCL sectors.
  - Education and Vocational Training:
    - EU follow-up joint project EURATEX–IndustriAll-COTANCE on the implementation and functioning of the new EU Skill Council Textile Clothing Leather
    - Possible other joint EU projects to be discussed- General discussion on the continuous adjustment of vocational training and education to improve the strategy for employment.
  - Health and Safety issues
  - Evaluation of the implementation of our current code of conduct at national level
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