



SECTORIAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE  
TEXTILE-CLOTHING

**DRAFT WORK PROGRAM FOR 2012**

EURATEX and the ETUF:TCL, 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 2012.

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 "the Communication on *"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 is 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 Textile Fiber names and related labelling and marking of the Fiber composition of Textile products adopted in 2011 (full implementation 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 and the results of the survey and the future Communication on the Fashion Industry conducted by DG Enterprise to be published in 2012.

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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 ETUF:TCL and EUIRATEX, in collaboration with COTANCE, on a " Research/Action program" on a better anticipation/management of the restructuring in the TCL sectors. First RT: February 2007