



## Editorial

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### The TECHTERA CLUSTER receives the GOLD LABEL FOR EXCELLENCE



Techtera has won the “**Cluster Management Excellence Label - GOLD**”.

This European certification was awarded as part of the European Cluster Excellence Initiative, and is supported by the European Commission.

The Gold Label acknowledges Techtera’s high level of excellence in the management of its missions, and confirms that the cluster is successfully engaged in a process of continuous improvement.

Techtera is the first European textile innovation cluster to win the Gold Label.

To date, only 69 of the 2,000 European clusters have obtained Gold certification.

The **Cluster Management Excellence Label - GOLD** was granted to Techtera on January 14, 2016, and is valid for two years.

## Focus

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### Completion of the Ecolastane project and dissemination

The European ECOLASTANE project was completed on February 29.

Three years of research were needed to create a laboratory prototype process for manufacturing biobased polyester and polyurethane textile yarns.

As partner and client of this laboratory programme, TECHTERA is co-owner of the results generated by the project.

Last February 18, with the aim of disseminating the most important results, the cluster organised a workshop to publicise the outcome of the ECOLASTANE project throughout Europe.

With six countries represented, more than thirty companies present, and a well-organised brainstorming session, eight ideas were generated for new projects to apply these results.

It is now time to start exploiting ECOLASTANE and turn these laboratory results into industrial processes and markets...

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## They are members

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### **Moulinage du Solier** (Textile Mill)



Moulinage du Solier

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Thanks to its thirty years of experience in transforming and designing technical yarn, the Moulinage du Solier (*textile mill*) can provide special solutions and complex designs in technical textile yarn (yarns manufactured to order).

With its yarn manufacturing processes, the company can transform all types of synthetic or natural yarn, according to specifications or design.

The Moulinage du Solier also has the prototype machines needed for creation and research into new products. In 2015, it invested 30% of its income in new machinery.

New: a pilot line for functional yarns ("smart" textiles) and nanotechnology developments.

In project: several new yarns for the end of 2016, early 2017, and several research projects with major aerospace groups.

Next trade fair: Techtextil Frankfurt 2017

Find out more: [www.moulinagedusolier.com/](http://www.moulinagedusolier.com/)

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