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A look back at the Techtera General Meeting and the Entry of New Administrators! By Corinne FARACE, Techtera's Executive Officer

The Techtera General Meeting was held on April 9 in a webinar (web conference); a format which was very successful, with more than 60 participants.

It was an opportunity to review **the actions carried out throughout 2019** ([see our 2019 activity report](#)) and to **present the prospects for this very special year 2020**.

During the General Meeting, members were able to approve the annual accounts of our Innovation Cluster and ratify **the appointment of the seven structures below as administrators**, in order to strengthen action in favour of the textile sector:

- **Group - "Large industrial firms":**
 - [Chomarat](#) - Mr. Philippe SANIAL
- **Group - "Small & Medium-sized manufacturers":**
 - [Ourdissage Encollage d'Amplepuis](#) - Mr. Xavier BASSET-CHERCOT
 - [Science et Surface](#) - Mrs. Céline BRUNON
- **Group - "Training & Research units":**
 - [Axel'One](#) - Mr. Didier BONNET
 - [Institut Carnot Ingénierie@Lyon](#) - Mr. Jérôme CHEVALIER - Suppléant : Mr. Lilian MARTINEZ
- **Group - "Professional unions & Associations":**
 - [Pôle Textile Alsace](#) - Mrs. Catherine AUBERTIN
 - [Cluster Outdoor Sports Valley](#) (OSV)– Mr. Benjamin THALLER

The areas of expertise and the diversity of know-how of these seven administrators will be major assets for the development of the Techtera services portfolio.

Meet the new administrators ... in the next newsletter.

Focus

Techtera maintains its services and project dynamism !

For several weeks, the textile industry has been mobilised to respond to shortage of products for protection from COVID-19. The current situation must not overshadow the rest of our activities. Thus, although Techtera is involved in various work groups alongside the DGA (Directorate General of Armaments), our Innovation Cluster **continues its involvement and support for projects**; thereby responding to the needs of the textile sector while continuing to prepare the future.

As part of this, Techtera, with the active participation of the Scientific and Technological Commission (STC), maintains **its work of innovative project approval**. Since the start of confinement, thanks to the responsiveness of the STC and our Innovation Cluster, **seven projects have been approved**.

The next STC date is already fixed! It will take place on **June 24, 2020**. The Innovation Cluster's support is a key factor in the successful search for funding.

Also, **the public authorities are still maintaining calls for projects and support for innovation among manufacturers**.

So, do not hesitate to call on the services of Techtera as regards organising work groups and submitting innovative projects.

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Our Services

Techtera still remains at your service during this time of confinement!

The evolution of the health situation in Europe and the new measures taken by the French government oblige everyone to adapt and manage events in the best possible way.

In this context, **the Techtera innovation cluster has decided to maintain its activity by spending 100% in telework**. Your contacts are therefore available, exactly as before, and you can reach them by phone or email.

The Techtera General Meeting of April 9, 2020 did take place, in the form of a webinar.

However, **postponement of the various events** we had planned for the next few weeks has been inevitable. You can refer to our calendar to identify the events concerned, and we invite you to regularly consult our [events page](#) and keep up to date with our forthcoming activities.

They are members



TENTHOREY

Tenthorey is a **weaving firm**, founded in 1906. The company designs and manufactures **fabrics based on silk, linen, wool and cotton**; as well as a whole **collection of personalised shopping bags, holdalls and cotton bags**.

The firm sells textile products, certified as coming from approved "100% fair-trade cotton" sources. The spinning and weaving machines use green energy: hydroelectricity.

Its annual production represents more than **5 million metres of fabric**, which is aimed at **the fashion, high-end dressmaking and furnishings markets**.

At the end of 2019, **the machine stock at the Tenthorey factory was renewed**; with six new weaving looms to meet production needs and energy-saving objectives.

Today, Tenthorey is still one of the leaders in the profession, and ranks among the initiators in the textile revival.

Website: <http://tenthorey.com/>



IPC

IPC is the **Industrial Technical Centre**, whose expertise is dedicated to **plastic and composite innovation in France**. Since 2016, the profession has new resources for supporting firms, especially tiny firms and small to medium enterprises, whatever the process used. This is thanks to an involvement established to finance R&D, innovation, and technology & skills transfer.

Thanks to its rigorous and open methods, and working with experts and manufacturers, IPC is building a General Research Programme (GRP) around resourcing projects, joint projects and communal actions **designed for the needs of manufacturers**; in order to identify products and processes of the future. IPC has a national dimension and is represented throughout the country. IPC develops partnerships with numerous technical and scientific bodies.

Website: <https://ct-ipc.com/>

They are also members:

[CETI](#) | [APV](#) | [ASTRA SAS](#) | [SFLY](#) | [OUTDOOR SPORTS VALLEY](#) | [EUROPROTECT](#) | [FONTANILLE SCOP](#) |

Your appointments with the cluster

June 30, 2020: Innovation workshop; Sustainable Development - Recycling and Recovery of Flexible Textile Materials – Pôle Textile Alsace
- 25 Rue Alfred Werner – 68100 MULHOUSE/ Webinar

Techtera and “Pôle Textile Alsace” join forces to organise an innovation workshop about: Sustainable Development - Recycling and Recovery of Flexible Textile Materials. Techtera and the Alsace Textile Cluster join forces to organise an Innovation Workshop on the theme of “Sustainable Development - recycling and upgrading flexible textile materials”.

We invite you **to apply to present an innovation** during this day (20 minutes of presentation); then to work in groups **during a creativity session on “how to construct a joint project”** with the textile firms present.

All types of flexible textile materials can be involved. There may be ideas applicable starting from fibres/yarns, textile surfaces or finished products, whatever their composition.

Several proposals could be made for the same entity. Applications from laboratories and startups are also welcome.

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September 15-17, 2020: Première Vision trade show, Silkies and Jacquards Made in France - Parc des exposition – Paris Nord Villepinte

Techtera, the innovation cluster dedicated to the French textile sector, with help from UNITEX, supports firms in the sector at the PREMIÈRE VISION PARIS trade show, from September 15 to 17, 2020 in Paris Nord Villepinte.

PREMIÈRE VISION is an international event that brings together **six major trades involved in materials and services for fashion**. Nearly 60,000 visitors are expected during these three days, and nearly 2,000 exhibitors.

Having their own stand at the show, firms will also benefit **from representation on the joint stand “Tissus Soieries et Jacquards de France”** in order to maximise their visibility.

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October, 2020: Innovation workshop; Sustainable Development – Recycling - Techtera – 91b chemin des Mouilles – 69 130 ECULLY et ITECH - 87 Chemin des Mouilles – 69134 ECULLY

This day, co-organised by Techtera, Ciridd, UNITEX and the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region aims to **promote sustainable development and the circular economy within the textile sector**. Participants may attend:

- **Round tables** with major textile-sector players involved in sustainable development, coming from the Region and other parts of France
- **Presentations of public aids** available for firms wishing to move towards more sustainable production

- **Workshop to think about innovation possibilities;** and then embark on a joint project
- **B2B meetings:** firstly, for contacts between providers of eco-responsible solutions and manufacturers; secondly, for contacts between designers and manufacturers proposing production offcuts.

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October 28-29, 2020: Performance Days trade fair, textiles for the sports sector - MUNICH – GERMANY

For the first time, Techtera is supporting textile firms at the "Performance Days" trade fair, dedicated to textile applications for the sports sector. This specialist trade fair attaches particular importance to innovative and/or eco-responsible products and processes. Today, it is an unmissable event bringing together the entire industry value chain: brands, producers, designers, buyers and materials specialists.

Our Cluster also offers a specific tailor-made service for firms wishing to participate in the trade fair, but on the Techtera stand only (product exhibition, possibility of using the stand as a meeting place).

November 17, 2020: Industry of the Future thematic day – "How to respond to the challenge of mass personalisation in industry of the future?" - Ecole des Mines, 158 Cours Fauriel - 42023 SAINT ETIENNE

Whatever the field of activity, customers - whether corporate or individual - **increasingly demand personalised products. How can we be more agile in responding to this demand while maintaining the same production volume?**

To inform you, to help you think and move forward on this subject, Techtera, in partnership with **clusters working on industry of the future**, invites you to participate in the thematic day

"How should we respond to the challenge of mass personalisation in industry of the future?".

Presentations from solution providers and testimonies of manufacturers, who have already embarked on this path, will allow you to **grasp this challenge of Industry 4.0**.

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January 12-15, 2021 - Heimtextil trade fair and « French Savoir-Faire » presentation forum – FRANKFURT – GERMANY

For the next edition of the Heimtextil trade fair, Techtera is supporting textile companies **at the largest international textile fair devoted to home textiles**.

Companies will also benefit from dedicated communication, such as publication of the company on the "French savoir-faire" presentation catalogue, press publications, an approach to brands and business partners, etc.

In addition to support for exhibiting French companies, Techtera organise **the "French savoir-faire" Forum**, dedicated to promoting French textile know-how where various products will be on show.

This space, whose scenography will be based on companies' flagship and innovative products, aims to provide **a double presence for companies already exhibiting**. It will give

a new perspective to products while capturing visitors, who will be redirected to companies' stand to discuss in more detail.

For companies **unable to get a stand or want to test the show**, this forum could be used to highlight **flagship products** and as a **place for meetings**. Companies can participate in the show as a visitor, so at a lower cost, while benefiting from an innovative and creative exhibition space.

This action is supported by the **Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region**.

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Postponed events

VDMA International conference - Smart production technologies for high performance materials - Techtera – 91b chemin des Mouilles – 69 130 ECULLY (**scheduled from 26-27 Mai, 2020, postponed later**)

Collective mission in germany dedicated to Smart Textiles and Wear It Show – BERLIN – GERMANY (**scheduled from 10-12 June, 2020, postponed in June 2021**)

JEC WORLD 2020, worldwide exhibition dedicated to composites - Parc des expositions – PARIS NORD VILLEPINTE – France (**scheduled from 12-14 Mai, 2020, cancelled**)

Life of the members

Techtera members mobilise for the production of masks



The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region has ordered 9 million masks in washable fabrics from several firms in the region.

This public order for 9 million masks - an investment amounting to €30 million - has been placed with regional enterprises.

In Ardèche, **Chamatex**, specialising in technical textiles, now produces 100,000 masks per week. It hopes to double this capacity by the end of May, thanks to its network of customers and suppliers in the sports industry – notably Salomon.

Porcher Industries, also a manufacturer of technical textiles, which employs 2,000 people in five factories in the region, can make one million masks per week. The group will supply four of the nine million masks ordered by the Region. **Boldoduc** in the Rhône, **AJBiais** in the Loire have also used their production tools to supply these masks in fabrics.

When the crisis is over, the establishment of a new mask production sector in Auvergne Rhône-Alpes is envisaged, by pooling everyone's skills.

Other members involved in the production of masks: Thuasne - Sigvaris - Les Tissages de Charlieu

Calls for projects

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL CALLS FOR PROJECTS

SME instrument (EIC Accelerator Pilot) : Horizon 2020 (Closing : may 19, octobre 7, 2020)

More information : <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>

EUROSTARS (Permanent).

More information: <https://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/about-eurostars>

Financements BPI-ACCIO (Permanent)

More information: <http://www.bpifrance.fr>

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CART'TEX

Call for applications for the CART'TEX chart (reserved for TECHTERA members)

Textile companies wishing to join "CART'TEX", the chart of textile skills created by TECHTERA, can make themselves known to Bruno MOUGIN.

The CART'TEX database is the daily tool of the cluster for managing the search for partners for all projects, and for the response to business opportunities.

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