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2021, open up the field of possibilities !

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"Digitalisation" was **the watchword for all our organisations in 2020**. With this in mind, we organised **more than 30 Webinars** (web conferences) to maintain our services and support you in your projects.

The year just ended has left its mark on everyone's minds. However, **innovation projects** were not stalled during this period. We will reveal **the main points in our next newsletter**.

Keep in mind that all the strongly-growing trees of tomorrow are just the seeds of today. Together, let's continue to plant ideas and harvest great projects.

Innovation, perseverance and our combined talents are the essential **motors of success** for our industry.

On behalf of the entire Techtera team, I send you **my best wishes for health, success and happiness** during this New Year 2021.

They are members



SAERTEX

With nearly 350 million euros in turnover and 1,400 people spread over fifteen production sites on five continents, the **SAERTEX®** group is the **world leader for the manufacture of technical textiles and glass, carbon or aramid fibre systems**.

Its main clients are in the **wind-power, aeronautics, sport and transport sectors**.

In the field of **pipeline sanitation without opening trenches**, the SAERTEX® multiCom® subsidiary is a leader as regards both waste and drinkable waterpipes under pressure.

Website: www.saertex.com



PALO IT

The **PALO IT** company **specialises in innovative technical consultations and software development**. Its ambition is to harness the power of new technologies such as **UX/UI design, software development** and **agile transformation** – for a positive and sustainable impact on the world.

Founded in 2009, PALO IT now represents 480 experts from forty nationalities in twelve offices located in seven countries.

Website: <https://www.palo-it.com/fr/>

Your appointments with the cluster

January 20, 2021 - "Towards industry 4.0" Convention - supported by European clusters - Webinar

Six days dedicated to Industry 4.0 in the textile sector: January 20 and 27, February 10, 17 and 24. **EU-TEXTILE2030**, the European Economic Interest Grouping, which includes Techtera as a partner, joins the **European CLAMTEX project**.

Programme: [here](#)

Registration to the conferences: [here](#)

May 4-7, 2021 – TECHTEXTIL trade fair (Technical textiles) – FRANKFURT – GERMANY

Germany is the **biggest producer and consumer of technical textiles** in Europe. TECHTEXTIL Frankfurt has become the industry's leading trade show with 1,818 exhibitors and 47,000 visitors in 2019; making this event an international showcase for highlighting your know-how among contractors.

Benefit from a presence at the sector's essential event with the support of Techtera, Business France for the French Pavilion and the support of the [Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region](#).

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June 1-3, 2021: JEC WORLD 2021 trade show (Composites) - Parc des expositions - PARIS NORD VILLEPINTE

JEC World is the international trade show **federating the world composites industry**. It provides users with a complete overview of **processes, new materials and dedicated solutions**. This unique event brought together more than 1,300 exhibitors and 43,500 visitors over the three days of the trade fair, giving exhibitors the opportunity to **develop their relationships** and **showcase their know-how** to key-account visitors.

Axelera, Techtera, Plastipolis and Viaméca renew their participation at this show on the **Composites Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes joint stand** with the support of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region.

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Life of the members



Groupe Marck becomes Marck & Balsan

As part of its ongoing drive to improve its products and services, Groupe Marck decided to **simplify and optimise its organisation** to better serve its customers.

For this purpose, the business of all the **group's French subsidiaries have been merged into a single identity**. This allows us to provide a global solution through a single legal

entity.

This merger, effective 1 January 2021, concerns MARCK GROUP, BALSAN, BBA, MARCK, SENTINEL and SOFEXI, which now operate under the name Marck & Balsan.

Website: <https://www.marcketbalsan.fr/en>



AFITEXINOV: a new hydraulic structure

VINCI Construction Terrassement Étanchéité (*Construction Earthwork Air/Watertightness*) asked AFITEXINOV to **work on Strasbourg's western bypass**. **Drainage and earth-retention products** have been installed on one of the **biggest motorway construction sites in France**.

Website: <https://afitex.com/>



Serge Ferrari: canvas acoustic screens for the largest digital cultural complex in Europe

The largest digital cultural complex in Europe: "Les Bassins de Lumière", occupy a former submarine base in Bordeaux. Where you can now experience an immense and immersive artistic performance - all in sound and light. The

scenography is projected onto Serge Ferrari Alphaia Silent AW canvas acoustic screens and reflected on the water.

Overview of the realisation: [here](#)

Website: <https://www.bassins-lumieres.com> - <https://www.sergeferrari.com>



The SCHAPPE TECHNIQUES yarn - soon on Mars!

NASA - the US space agency - has awarded a contract for 6,400 kilograms of thread to Schappe Techniques, the manufacturer of heavy-duty thread, for the heat shield of a rocket going to Mars.

Website: <https://schappe.com>

Calls for projects

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL CALLS FOR PROJECTS

Horizon 2020 Green Deal (Closing: January 26, 2021)

More information: [icj](#)

DIGI BCUBE - Prototyping and technology development in the field of connected medical diagnostics, in the fight against covid-19 (Closing: February 3, 2021)

More information: <https://digibcube.eu/open-calls/>

EUROSTARS (Permanent)

European funding for bilateral projects, in "enlarged" Europe for companies with high R&D performance.

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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