



# Newsletter n. 1

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## SiT Sustainability in TCLF



Welcome to the first SiT newsletter! We're excited to share our project's early activities and updates with you. In this edition, you'll find information about our project aims and an introduction of our team.

## SiT project overview

The project SiT : sustainability in TCFL ( textiles, clothing, leather and footwear) is part of the Erasmus+ Innovation Alliance funding programme and will run until 31 January 2027. It focusses on sustainability and innovation in the textile industry, promoting innovation in education, training and the textile, clothing, leather and footwear sector, and in particular on the potential of the green transition and the development of new training modules in educational institutions to address green skills gaps.



The project will respond to the latest EU policies in education, training and economic development equipping young people and the TCLF workforce with green skills, entrepreneurship, and soft skills needed to navigate in the labour market transformed by green transition

SiT promotes the transformative, innovative, and collaborative power of open source aiming at enabling circular business model innovation, considering related technological and social innovations.

It will work with HE and c-VET organisations, enterprises and stakeholders from the socioeconomic environment: establishing “knowledge triangles” in each project country, based on the collaboration among education, research and business.

### **Our problem:**

- The textile sector’s (incl. clothing, footwear, home textiles, and technical textiles) environmental and climate footprint is high, with textiles consumption accounting for the fourth highest negative impact on the environment and climate change in the EU.

### **Need:**

- Specialised workforce with specific sustainability skills

### **Our Reply:**

- Analysis of the emerging occupations, skills gaps for the green transformation of the TCLF sector
- Development of specific training modules focusing on the green competences for different educational levels based on learner centred, active learning, problem and practice based learning, also promoting mobility opportunities for learners.
- Testing of 2 training curricula: Bio textile technician and Recycling manager
- Promote the development of a supportive ecosystem for the green transformation of the MSMEs in the TCLF sector and start-ups, in the form of an interactive platform and local hub based on the creation of local stakeholders network for green solutions.



## The partnership

The SiT project will involve 15 partners from 8 EU countries: Germany, Italy, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovakia. , the consortium is made up of organisations from VET, c-VET, HE and business representatives in order to create a bridge between education and labour market.

VET Providers	HE/Research	Business Representatives
ICEP 	EKA 	ITKAM 
<u>FPEmpresa</u> 	VUS 	VDMD 
AKMI 		CCIB 
NPG 		PCCI 
IRECOOP 		OECON 
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## SiT KICK OFF MEETING IN LEIPZIG – LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT 21-22 FEBRUARY 2024



The first face-to-face meeting of the European project SiT – Sustainability in TCLF took place on 21-22th of February at the premises of IHK in Leipzig (Germany).

The meeting provided an opportunity to meet each other face to face and reflect on the first project phase and strategize for the upcoming crucial activities.. Afterwards, an analysis of the green skills required by companies in the textile, clothing, leather and footwear sector was carried out, together with a study of emerging professions with advanced knowledge in sustainability.

In short, the kick-off was collaborative and informative start. With clear objectives and discussions, the project is off to a promising beginning, paving the way for sustainable advancements ahead.

They will meet each 6 months to take stock of the progress of the project and plan the activities.

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Enjoy learning more about the project!**