



EUROPIAN AND HUNGARIAN TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY – - PRESENT AND FUTURE

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First of all, let me briefly introduce the activity of our institute in the light of the information that served as a basis for the elaboration of the strategy for the Hungarian textile and apparel sector, which will be outlined later.

In order to help position the Hungarian textile and apparel industry within Europe, let me introduce a few data and trends. As reflected by the positive figures, it was expected in 2007 that the downturn of the T/C industry would be reversed despite the decrease in the number of enterprises in the 27 EU member states. This is when the crisis came, and we all know its result. However, it should be noted that the trend of the previous and the coming years can only be made positive again by the implementation of national plans within the framework of international cooperation. The task is to halt and reverse the current negative tendency. The ETP strategy for the period up to 2020 has been elaborated in the light of this, and has set 3 tracks as shown in the figure. Successful application for the TEXPLAT project was the most important achievement in the past few years for the Hungarian Society of Textile Technology and Science and the sector as a whole. The strategic plan being prepared on this basis will largely contribute to the survival and development of our sector. Finally, let me mention a few examples of the areas where we have joined international R&D projects, and the path we need to follow in order to continue to be active partners in European R&D&I programs. Keywords: **European Technology Platform, Hungarian Technology Platform, EU FP7**

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