

# TCLF: WEAVING THE FUTURE.

PASSION. GROWTH. OPPORTUNITIES.  
THESE ARE AT THE CORE OF THE TEXTILE,  
CLOTHING, LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR  
SECTORS IN EUROPE. A WHOLE  
UNIVERSE, MADE OF HISTORY AND  
TRADITION TOGETHER WITH INNOVATION,  
RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY.

WANT TO BE PART  
OF THIS VIBRANT COMMUNITY?

200+ BILLION EUROS  
225,000 COMPANIES  
2.2 MILLION WORKERS

CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE,  
OPEN YOUR MIND!



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# OPEN YOUR MIND

TEXTILE, CLOTHING, LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR  
(TCLF) SECTORS IN THE EU



TEXTILE



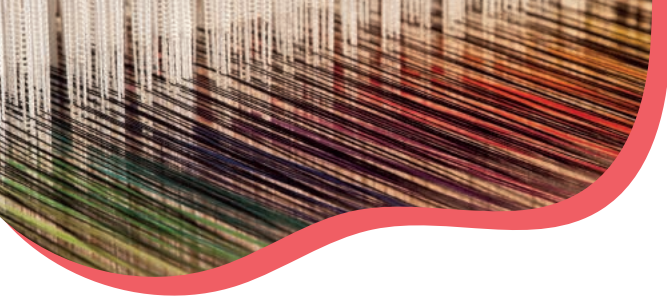
CLOTHING



LEATHER



FOOTWEAR



## WHAT WILL DRIVE THE TCLF SECTORS IN EUROPE IN THE NEXT YEARS?

Let innovation rock the TCLF industries! AI, blockchain, optical fibre and 3D printing. **A brand new experience for companies, workers and consumers. Work with us!**

### 1. Robotics and automation

Automated technologies and robotic systems have brought major disruption to the TCLF industry, with lots of benefits, such as streamlined “just-in-time” production, reduced waste and improved product quality.

### 2. Digitalisation

From radio-frequency ID (RFID) tags to sensors and the Internet of Things, digitalisation is a source of new and thrilling possibilities in the TCLF sectors.

### 3. Better materials and smart products

Research and engineering drive profound changes in the TCLF industries. New technologies lead to new materials, with improved environmental performance and enhanced aesthetics.

**Good for the environment, and good for consumers.**

## Step into an appealing working world and discover new professional paths!

The technological advances and growing demand for sustainable products open the way to brand new employment opportunities in the TCLF industries, not only in manufacturing but also in design, marketing, finance, logistics and retail. That’s why new skills and professional profiles are increasingly being required. **Give it a chance!**

## Sustaining the planet

Brands, manufacturers and producers of raw materials are adopting new sustainable technologies and materials to reduce the environmental burden on our planet. **Join the green revolution!**



## TCLF: heritage empowered by innovation

From a strong tradition, innovation flourishes. Did you know the TCLF sectors have been the first to use modern production methods during the first industrial revolution? Did you know that the same happens today? **Be part of the future!**

## In a safe and thriving working environment

New production techniques such as laser cutters and sewbots are making the work faster and easier. Also, European employers and trade unions have achieved the safest labour market regulations and are more than ever investing in training and skills development. **Good work environment, good jobs!**

## What is “Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills”?

This leaflet is part of a COSME communication campaign of the “**Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills: showcasing careers in the textile / clothing / leather / footwear sectors**”, a European project launched by the **Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)** and the **European Commission** in line with the **New Skills Agenda for Europe**, with the aim of boosting employment and employability and overcome gaps, shortages and mismatches between skills offer and demand in the textile / clothing / leather / footwear sectors (TCLF).