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European Green Deal

Climate change and environmental degradation are existential threats to the world. The European Green Deal aims to create the transition to a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy.

An economy that emits no net greenhouse gases by 2050, that decouples its growth from its use of resources, and an economy that does not abandon people or regions. (1)

Measures

- Climate
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Industry
- Environment & Oceans
- Transport
- Finance & Regional Development
- Research & Innovation

EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles

The EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles addresses the production and consumption of textiles, whilst recognising the importance of the textiles sector. It implements the commitments of the European Green Deal, the new circular economy action plan and the industrial strategy.

Objectives

The strategy aims to create a greener, more competitive sector that is more resistant to global shocks. The Commission's 2030 Vision for Textiles is that

- all textile products placed on the EU market are durable, repairable and recyclable, to a great extent made of recycled fibres, free of hazardous substances, produced in respect of social rights and the environment
- "fast fashion is out of fashion" and consumers benefit longer from high quality affordable textiles
- profitable re-use and repair services widely available
- the textiles sector is competitive, resilient and innovative with producers taking responsibility for their products along the value chain with sufficient capacities for recycling and minimal incineration and landfilling

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS by OEKO-TEX® responses to the upcoming EU-wide Human Rights Due Diligence Directive and the German Supply Chain Act

Evaluation and certification for business enterprises on implemented Responsible business

The RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS by OEKO-TEX® is a tool that evaluates and supports the efforts of a business enterprise on implementing due diligence measures in regards to human rights and environmental criteria in their own business operations, their direct suppliers and extended textile and leather supply chain. It addresses Brands, Brand Groups, Retailers and Traders of the textile and leather industry and provides proof of due diligence measure integration into management processes through a third party certification.

(1) <https://echa.europa.eu/de/-/group-assessment-of-bisphenols-identifies-need-for-restriction>
(2) https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/textiles-strategy_en