



Post-consumer textile circularity in the Baltic countries

current status and recommendations
for the future



Nordic Council
of Ministers



PROJECT 2018–2020

- Highlighted the **Nordic-Baltic region as a textile ecosystem**
- Improved **data and understanding of the state of the art** in post-consumer textile management in the region
- Strengthened the **connection and knowledge transfer between the Nordic and Baltic countries**

2025 NORDIC-BALTIC PROJECT GOALS

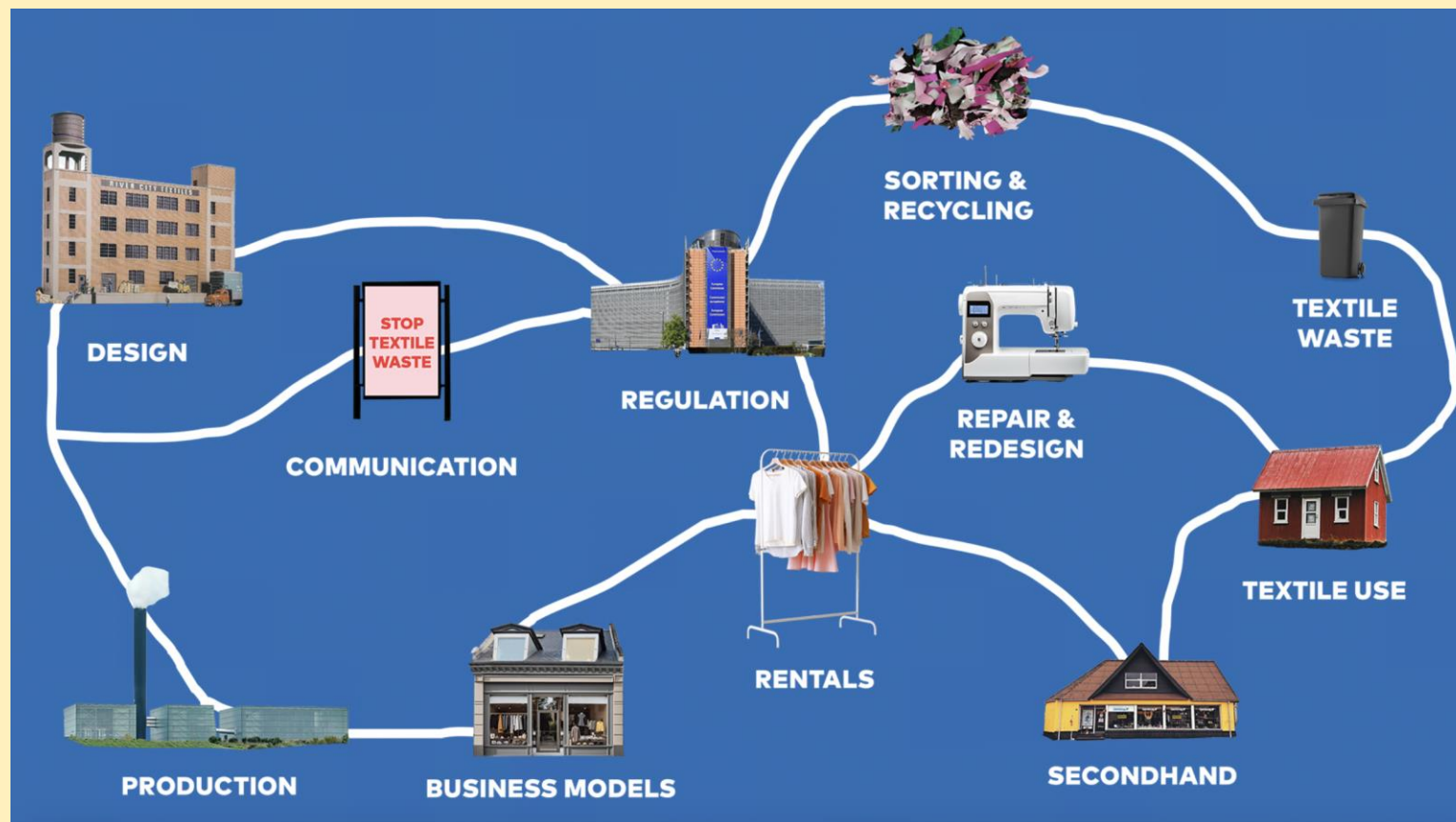


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- **Consolidation and sharing of knowledge** across the region
- **Engage stakeholders** across the Nordic-Baltic textile ecosystem (e.g. today, Conference in 2026)
- Develop a **position paper** to guide industry and stakeholders towards more strategic cooperation
- Pave way for **future collaboration projects** and **synergies** with existing initiatives (e.g. Baltic Circular Hotspot, Nordic Textile Transition Group)
- **Support** the region in implementing the EU Textile Strategy and compliance requirements
- **Strengthen the region's position** in the EU & globally

CHALLENGES IN THE SYSTEM

New Textile Waste Rules Allow Throwing Holey Socks in Trash

From and with October 1 this year, you can throw away broken and holey clothes directly in the trash can. The textile law that has applied since the turn of the year has created problems in the country's municipalities.

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Texaid Deutschland files for insolvency amid ongoing textiles waste crisis

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Europe textile sorting, recycling industry in crisis

EuRIC Textiles, a branch of the European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC), and the non-profit Municipal Waste Europe (AISBL), report that Europe's textile sorting and recycling industry is facing "immense pressure" due to an oversupply of used textiles and a sharp drop in demand from traditional export markets.

Shemona Safaya | October 23, 2024



Yvonne Augustsson från Naturvårdsverket förstår frustrationen, men i nuläget är det den lösningen som finns i många kommuner. Foto: SVT

Naturvårdsverket: Inte fel att köra kläder till Litauen

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