ACTIONS OF THE TRANSITION PATHWAY FOR THE TEXTILES ECOSYSTEM

Actions	Actors	Timeframe
Building block 1: Sustainable Competitiveness		
1. **Promote, support and implement circular and sustainability practices, services and business models, including social economy enterprises (such as product-as-service models, take-back services, second-hand and repair services, innovative sorting and recycling) including through Horizon Europe, LIFE, and the 'ReSet the Trend #ReFashionNow' campaign and actions from the Social Economy Action Plan.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
2. **Recognise and value specific sustainability practices undertaken by the industry through, for example, promoting the uptake of safe and sustainable by design chemicals and materials, and promoting the visibility and uptake of the EU Ecolabel scheme.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
3. **Continue making use of trade policies to promote trade and to support the respect of environmental and social rights with our trading partners through the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter in Free Trade Agreements and through the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP).**	EU/EU Member States	Short/Medium
4. **Increase the uptake of sustainable consumption and production of textile ecosystem products in developing countries by funding from the SWITCH programme.**	EU	Short/Medium
5. **Strengthen market surveillance for the ecosystem through cooperation with the EU Product Compliance Network to implement and develop EU joint action projects such as REACH4Textiles.**	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium
6. **Create and launch of an EU Toolbox against counterfeiting to step up the fight against IP infringements by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of right holders, intermediaries and public authorities and to improve cooperation and data sharing and encourage the use of new technologies.**	EU/ EU Member States/Industry	Short/Medium

7. **Develop a New European Bauhaus action for fashion to boost and disseminate Bauhaus values in the sector: beauty, sustainability and inclusion.**	EU/Industry	Short/Medium
8. **Support SMEs through the Enterprise Europe Network (notably through the EEN Textile Sector Group), the Eurocluster initiative and the EU Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform to innovate and accelerate the green transition. Provide EEN advisory services to SMEs in the ecosystem in areas from a dedicated business plan, to innovation, advice on various types of funding and EU programmes, to legislation, networking activities and events.**	EU/EU Member States/Industry	Short/Medium
9. **Support SMEs through the Enterprise Europe Network (notably through the EEN Textile Sector Group) and the Eurocluster initiative to grow internationally by organising trade fairs, business-to-business matchmaking and provide advice on funding and the regulatory framework.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
10. **Undertake risk assessment and prepare management plans for potential disruptions of global supply chains.**	Industry	Short
11. **Create more demand for sustainable products and onboard consumers in the green transition by launching consumer campaigns to create awareness and to reshape consumption patterns including under the motto ReSet the Trend #ReFashionNow, as well as supporting emotional durability by designing products that people want to keep.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
12. **Reduce number of fashion collections per year.**	Industry	Medium
13. **Establish a community of practice for the textiles ecosystem as part of the Transition Pathway Stakeholder Support Platform.**	EU/Industry/ other stakeholders (such as NGOs, trade unions, vocational and education training providers, lead organisations coordinating the implementation of the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem)	Short
Building block 2: Regulation and Public Governance		
14. **Follow-up on actions in the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles, including specific ecodesign requirements, the Digital Product Passport, circular and sustainable management of textile waste and possible extended producer responsibility rules, and encourage industry participation in the relevant consultations.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium

15. **Anticipate enhancing information to consumers on sustainability aspects of products in the context of foreseen ecodesign requirements through the proposed Digital Product Passport and the planned revision of the Textile Labelling Regulation, as well as in the context of the information requirements and fight against greenwashing practices following the Empowering consumers in the green transition and the Green Claims proposals.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
16. **Finding common methods to assess and compare the sustainability performance of textile products in the context of the foreseen ecodesign requirements.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
17. **Improving traceability and transparency in the textile value chain through the proposed Digital Product Passport.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
18. **Developing KPIs for the textiles ecosystem to monitor the progress of the green and digital transformation in the framework of the project 'Monitoring of European industrial ecosystems'.**	EU	Short
Building block 3: Social Dimension		
19. **Support a fairer and more inclusive European Union through the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Social Economy Action Plan.**	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium
20. **Implement the EU Gender Equality Strategy to make progress towards a gender-equal Europe and mainstream the gender perspective taking into account both women's and men's interests and concerns.**	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium
21. **Support up-and reskilling, access to lifelong learning and training opportunities through for example, the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem, to ensure workers are skilled for the twin transition.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
22. **Consult the social partners on the direction and content of initiatives for the ecosystem through the European sectoral social dialogue for the textiles ecosystem.**	EU/ Stakeholders	Short/Medium
Building block 4: R&I, Techniques and Technological Solutions		
23. **Foster innovation and research on sustainable manufacturing processes and innovative technologies with low-carbon footprint for the development of new safe and sustainable by design chemicals and materials to make products circular, as well as support development of new digital technologies under the work programmes of Horizon Europe, Digital Europe and LIFE.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
24. **Explore the possibilities for focused and generic support for R&I on textiles under Horizon Europe.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short

25. **Increase access and interaction of SMEs in the textiles ecosystem to/with tech support structures (for example through tech federations, digital innovation hubs, campuses, incubators, clusters, industry alliances).**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
26. **Explore the possibility to create a thematic group on digital innovation in the textiles ecosystem within the network of EDIH to boost cooperation and bottom-up contributions within the network, as well as ecosystem specific indicators in the EDIH mapping tools – allowing for example better identification of hubs supporting actions for the ecosystem.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
27. **Support SMEs for development of digital skills through the Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem in cooperation with multi-stakeholder skills partnerships at local and regional levels.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
28. **Implement the standardisation request on IT standards and protocols for the proposed Digital Product Passport, by CEN/CENELEC/ETSI and relevant stakeholders.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
29. **Support research projects to test prototypes of Digital Product Passports for the sector through the Digital Europe Programme.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
30. **Establish cooperation with European standardisation organisations (for example CEN, CENELEC) and industry to identify and fill main standardisation gaps for innovative digital technologies relevant for the textiles ecosystem (including via the Annual Union Work Programme for European Standardisation).**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
31. **Connect Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries of actions supporting the textiles ecosystem to the 'Standardisation Booster' platform.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
Building block 5: Infrastructure		
32. **Implementation of the Waste Framework Directive, including separate collection for textile waste as of January 2025.**	EU Member States /Industry	Short
33. **Promote creation of innovative sorting and recycling hubs specialised in textile waste management across Europe for example with Hubs4Circularity support, funded by Horizon Europe, the national recovery and resilience plans, national or regional investments and programmes for infrastructure development.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
34. **Connection of textiles ecosystem actors with relevant common European data spaces to enable the development of data-driven business models including through the Digital Europe Programme.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
35. **Access of textile ecosystem actors to funding for the development of data driven business models, including the development of data spaces in the Horizon Europe programme.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
36. **Communicate and increase awareness on funding opportunities for the ecosystem in renewable energy (for example solar panels) with funding for example from the Recovery**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium

and Resilience Facility, cohesion policy funds, InvestEU, the Innovation Fund, the Modernisation Fund, Horizon Europe, and the LIFE programme.		
Building block 6: Skills		
37. **Set up Pact for Skills Multi-Stakeholder Local Partnerships under the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles Ecosystem in relevant Member States/Regions, with dedicated support from the Single Market Programme (action grant of EUR 1.2 million from the SME Pillar – Work Programme 2023).**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry/Regions/Other stakeholders (such as the lead organisations coordinating the implementation of the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem, vocational education and training providers)	Short
38. **Engage the ecosystem companies, education providers, trade unions and other stakeholders to commit to jointly agreed actions and targets under the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem, for example increase the use and accessibility of mentoring and apprenticeships schemes, incorporate new skills profiles responding to green and digital skills needs in vocational, education, training policy and curricula.**	Industry/ EU Member States/Regions	Short/Medium
39. **Gather intelligence for green and digital skills via the Textiles EU Pact for Skills Multi-Stakeholder Local Partnerships and the Textiles Skills Observatory.**	EU Member States /Industry/ Lead organisations coordinating the implementation of the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem	Short
40. **Organise events and awareness-raising activities on the attractiveness of the sector and new opportunities to work in the industry around the European Year of Skills.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short
41. **Develop skills and capacities of textiles ecosystem education staff and students through Erasmus+ mobility opportunities for vocational and higher education.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
42. **Promote women participation to managerial and senior positions in companies, for example via the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem actions, raise awareness on EU programmes facilitating the exchange of entrepreneurial and management experience such as Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs.**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
Building block 7: Investments and Funding		
43. **Communicate and increase awareness on funding opportunities for the textiles ecosystem such as Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, LIFE, ESF+, InvestEU, Innovation Fund, the Single**	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short

Market Programme, cohesion policy fund and Recovery and Resilience Facility, for example through the transition pathway stakeholder support platform.		
44. Explore support possibilities for R&I on textiles under Horizon Europe, including for a possible partnership. Build participation and cooperation with relevant European Partnerships and initiatives under Horizon Europe and other EU funding programmes.	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium
45. Use and promote the Green Public Procurement criteria to facilitate the inclusion of green requirements in public tender documents.	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium
46. Undertake reforms to support the sustainability, digitalisation, resilience and the social dimension of the textile industry's transition through the Technical Support Instrument.	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium
Building block 8: Ecosystem's Readiness to Support EU strategic autonomy and Defence Efforts		
47. Liaise with national defence authorities to ascertain how the ecosystem could contribute to the development of military capabilities.	EU/ EU Member States	Short/Medium/Long
48. Reskilling of workers through the Pact for Skills to take into account a war situation.	EU/ EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium/Long
49. Develop plans to increase the readiness to shift production and prioritize deliveries for defence purposes to sustain Armed Forces, defence companies and other relevant sectors in case of crises of war.	Industry	Short/Medium/Long
50. Set up contingency plans to handle disruptions in supplies of input materials, water and energy, as well as plans to handle situations where the workforce is mobilized for war efforts. These plans should build on a mapping of supply chains and dependencies.	EU Member States /Industry	Short/Medium/Long