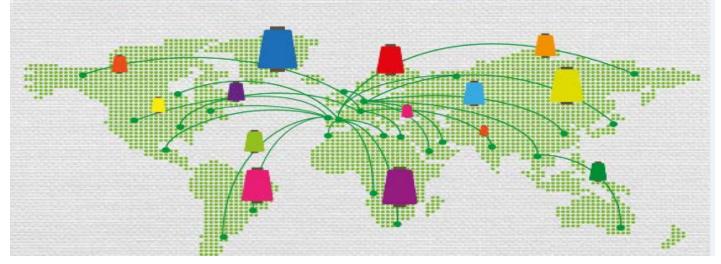






Joint strategy to impulse the internationalization of SMEs in the Textile Sector - SUDOE (INTER-TEX)

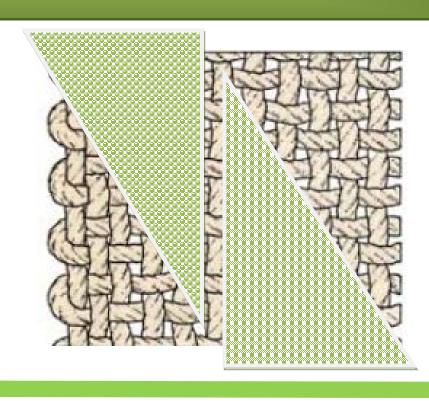
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The INTER-TEX SUDOE project began on July 1, 2016. It is led by the City of Igualada (Catalonia) and developed by a consortium of 7 members, including the Catalan Agrupació del Textil i la Moda -MODACC, Association of Textile Entrepreneurs of the Valencian Community-ATEVAL, Agency for the Competitiveness of the Enterprise-ACCIÓ (Cataluña), Confederación Industrias Textiles de Galicia-COINTEGA, Agency of regional development of the valley of the river - ADRADE (Portugal), Textile and Clothing Association Of Portugal-ATP and Union des Industries Textiles du Sud-ITU SUD (France).).









CONSORTIUM MEETINGS

AUSSILLON 15-16 GENUARY 2018

The INTER-TEX consortium met on 15-16 January in Aussillon-France.

In this meeting, all the partners analysed the actions carried out within the project and the Plan and Conceptualization of future activities.

The topics were treated, among others:

- Implementation of the Internationalization Tools for the next months:
- Commercial platform
- Project communication activities



MODTISSIMO FAIR- MARZO

On March 22, MODACC was present at the MODTISSIMO fair in Oporto, to carry out a transnational workshop, one of the activities of the INTERTEX project together with the other project partners, COINTEGA (Galicia) and ATP (Portugal). On this occasion the Portuguese, Catalan and Galician partners were accompanied by companies from each of these territories.

Throughout the day, apart from being able to visit the fair, the companies shared work spaces around internationalization and in which they were informed of the progress of the INTERTE project, of the upcoming actions and how to access to participate in them.





ACTIONS CARRIED OUT

Trade show promoting South East European products in Tokyo

In the framework of the Inter-tex project of the Interreg Sudoe program,

Ateval has organized a **trade show** to promote products from South-West Europe in Tokyo. The fair in which a collective stand has been organized is Interiorlifestyle. The fair will be held from May 30 to June 1, 2018 in Tokyo.

The aim of the Inter-tex project is **to promote the internationalization of SMEs in the textile-clothing sector in south-western Europe** through public and private cooperation and the development of joint transnational strategies.

To achieve this goal, in this project, Ateval has been the entity responsible for carrying out the organization and coordination of the Interiorlifestyle commercial action in Tokyo.



The activities organized around this fair have been the following:





Brochure participating companies for the project in the Fair











INTERTEX- B2B European Brand Network held in MIAMI

In the framework of the European project Inter-Tex, which promotes the internationalization of SMEs in the textile-clothing sector of Southeast Europe (Catalonia, Valencia, Galicia, northern Portugal and the Midi-Pyrénées region of France) ACCIÓ in collaboration with the Catalan Fashion Cluster (MODACC) and the support of the Generalitat de Catalunya has organized a commercial mission in Miami.

The Interreg Sudoe Program is part of the European objective of territorial cooperation known as "Interreg", financed through one of the funds of the European regional policy: the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). A delegation of Catalan, French and Valencian companies from the fashion sector have marched this week to a hundred Miami influencers and stores to publicize their collections and boost their internationalization in the United States. After the parade, participating brands have been able to hold individual meetings with attendees, from representatives of small shops or shopping malls to fashion journalists or prescribers on social networks.



The brands TUTTO PICCOLO, CDR KIDS / CECILIA DE RAFAEL, ATALAYE, SOWE, KATXI KLOTHING, HOPAAL, PURO ART, SEVENTEES, ETXART & PANNO, KARNIT AHARONI, PILAR DEL CAMPO, ATELIER D'OCON are the ones that have presented their collections to promote its internationalization in the United States.

In addition, within the framework of the mission, the business delegation has received training from the fashion sector in Miami and the best strategies to export to it through presentations by experts from entities such as The Cocot Showroom or the Istituto Marangoni Miami. The companies have also been able to visit the most important commercial spaces in Miami, meet with representatives, distributors, buyers and potential clients and participate in networking activities with the main agents of the sector to connect with local partners.

According to the director of the Foreign Trade and Investment Office of Catalonia in Miami, Conchita Muñoz, "The United States is a market that is used to import textile products, a trend that in the future is expected to increase even further with annual growth of 2, 5% until 2020."

In addition, Muñoz emphasizes that "Miami is also a port of entry to other countries of the Caribbean, Central America and Latin America."

It is a market that presents great opportunities for companies that already have experience in the field of textiles and offer a seal of quality design.







The European INTER-TEX project (www.intertex-sudoe.eu) aims to promote the internationalization of SMEs in the textile and fashion sector by facilitating cooperation and the creation of new transnational value chains

In this context, it is foreseen that SMEs in the sector of Spain, France and Portugal can share the services of commercial platforms abroad.

What is a commercial platform of the Textile - Fashion sector?

It is a commercial office led by a team of experts in the textile and fashion sector located in a distant but potentially interesting market for companies in the sector.

The objective of the commercial platform is to offer support to SMEs in the textile and fashion sector in accessing the market, taking advantage of the benefits of cooperation between companies, which reduce implementation costs.

What commercial platforms are available to you in INTERTEX?

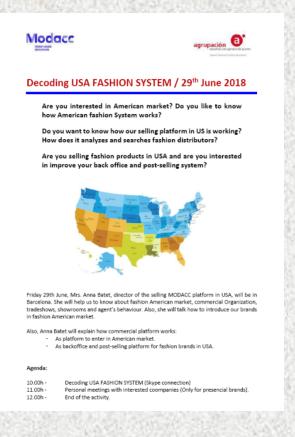
The current platforms offer advice to companies in the textile and fashion sector to accompany their internationalization in the selected market.

In the context of the INTERTEX project there are three commercial platforms specialized in the sector, in the service of companies:

- 1. Asia-Pacific Platform
- 2. United States Platform
- 3. Germany Platform & Scandinavian Countries

On June 29, 2018 the manager of the commercial platform in the USA was in Barcelona. And one of the partners and leader of the project, MODACC, took the opportunity to organize a small conference with her, to explain how the platform works, its advantages, etc.

On behalf of the project partners, an email was sent to potential SMEs to participate via Skype in this conference. On the other hand, the invitation has been published on the website of the project and those of the partners.













PLANNED ACTIONS

BZB IN GERMANY

In the context of the European project INTERTEX for the promotion of the internationalization of SMEs in the textile and clothing sector in the SUDOE framework and, in collaboration with the MODACC - Catalan cluster of fashion-, we invite you to participate in the business mission of Fabrics technicians for Sport in Germany.

This mission is organized in the context of the ISPO Munich fair and will offer an individualized agenda with potential German buyers and participation in a stand grouped in the Texmeeting Pavilion in the category of manufacturers and suppliers.





JIGS: JOIN INTERNATIONAL GROUPS

In this context, it is intended that SMEs in the sector of Spain, France and Portugal can share services and actions of the Joint Internationalization Groups (JIG).

What is a Joint Internationalization Group (JIG)?

It is a 6-month project (January to June 2019) that includes joint actions of a group of at least 6 SME companies in the EU, with a common internationalization objective and operating under the umbrella of a Promoter, which is generally a sector grouping or association. **Description of this cooperation business proposal**:

The objective is to find prescribers, as interior designers or event organizers, in the hotel sector (also luxury residential, Spa / wellness, restaurants, etc.) in order to offer a complete catalog of products and services to "dress" these spaces from top to bottom. They will have a shared administrator who will look for opportunities and represent the group.

The **target country** for this proposal is **United Arab Emirates**. This country, and in particular Dubai, offer great short-term opportunities for industries related to hotel contracts, such as interior design and furniture suppliers (including textiles).

For more information you can visit our web:

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