



FOSTEX | Fostering Innovation in the Jordan and Moroccan Textile Industry

European Higher Education Institutions of Technology collaborate to implement and promote innovation in textiles in the South-Mediterranean area via knowledge and technology transfer.

FOSTEX is a European collaboration initiative financed within the Erasmus+ programme. This **Capacity-building project** supports the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education in Partner Countries, addressing Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in particular belonging to Morocco and Jordan.

Coordinated by the Polytechnic University of Catalunya (UPC - Spain), the **FOSTEX consortium** is made up by **thirteen (13) partners** coming from six (6) countries and involving different entities: public higher education institutions, companies and non-profit organisations, research and training centres and business associations. This mixture of institutions with different profiles, capacities and complementary competences guarantees a **transversal representation and involvement** of all relevant stakeholders of the **Textile & Clothing sector**.

FOSTEX project **aims to fill the gap** in the area of **specialized services** for the textile sector, with the establishment of two (2) textile centres in universities of Jordan and the upgrade of two (2) textile centres in Morocco through totally new and upgraded services such as: quality testing, certification of products, training, informative seminars, organization of trade missions, support of participation in exhibitions, promotion of entrepreneurship and integration of refugees into the textile sector. Ultimately, the goal is to foster the **university-industry collaboration** to support the development of innovations in the Moroccan and Jordanian textile sector generating a **local ecosystem of advanced textile materials**.

The four universities of the two Arabic countries – BAU (Jordan), JUST (Jordan), UH2C (Morocco), ESITH (Morocco) – are the **main beneficiaries** of the capacity building activities, meanwhile the seven European partners – UNIWA (Greece), CRE.THI.DEV. (Greece), CIAPE (Italy), MCI (Italy), INCDTP (Romania), AEI (Spain) – contribute with their expertise in setting up, equipping and operating **advanced textile centres** and prior involvement in similar projects to the successful accomplishment of the project goals. In addition, key-organisations able to link academia and research with the local textile industry – ACI (Jordan) and AMITH (Morocco) – complete the partnership.

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### Consortium

13 Partners from 6 countries:

[ACI - Amman Chamber of Industry](#), Jordan

[AEI TÈXTILS - The Catalan technical textiles' cluster](#), Spain

[AMITH - Association marocaine des industries du textile et de l'habillement](#), Morocco

[BAU - Al-Balqa Applied University](#), Jordan

[CIAPE - Centro Italiano Apprendimento Permanente](#), Italy

[CRETHIDEV - Creative Thinking Development](#), Greece

[ESITH - Center for Advanced Textiles](#), Morocco

[INTDCP - The National Research & Development Institute for Textiles and Leather](#), Romania

[JUST - Jordan University of Science and Technology](#), Jordan

[MCI - Material ConneXion Italia](#), Italy

[UH2C - University Hassan II](#), Morocco

[UNIWA – University of West Attica](#), Greece

[UPC - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya](#), Spain - Coordinator

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