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SiT Sustainability in TCLF



From Screen to Real Life Phase 2 of the SiT Pilot action is Underway



We are pleased to present the actions that some of the SiT project partners are implementing in the second phase of the pilot project. Here is what is happening on the ground in Croatia, Italy and Spain.



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After completing the SiT e-learning modules, participants across European Countries have now entered a new stage: structured **face-to-face and hybrid activities** that bring knowledge to life through expert-led sessions, creative workshops, and cross-sector dialogue. The programme runs from January to April 2026 and targets professionals in the Textile, Clothing, Leather, and Footwear industries — two distinct profiles at its core: textile recycling manager and bio-textile technician.

Each national team has shaped its own approach, adapting content and format to the needs of its local TCLF ecosystem. The result is a rich, diverse picture of what sustainable transformation looks like in practice — and it is already taking shape.

CROATIA — SUSTAINABILITY YOU CAN WEAR

Sometimes the most powerful learning happens with your hands. That was the philosophy behind Croatia phase 2. The **Šibenik University of Applied Sciences** organized two distinct and engaging workshops as part of the SiT project.

The first workshop, aptly titled "**Rearrange, Transform and Wear Again**" took place on 20th March 2026. Students, teachers, and SME representatives came together not just to discuss sustainable fashion - but to create it. Each participant designed their own emblem and sewed it onto a T-shirt, leaving with a one-of-a-kind piece that tells a story about creativity, responsibility, and the potential of every discarded material.

“A souvenir that is also a statement”

Guided by the expertise and dedication of Ms. Martina Bobovčan Marčelić, the session proved that sustainability is not only a technical challenge - it is a cultural and creative one, too.

The second event, a creative crochet workshop, was hosted at the dynamic cultural venue, Klub Azimut on 26th March 2026. This workshop successfully convened participants with a shared interest in developing practical textile skills while simultaneously exploring the deep potential of a sustainable, circular approach to materials.





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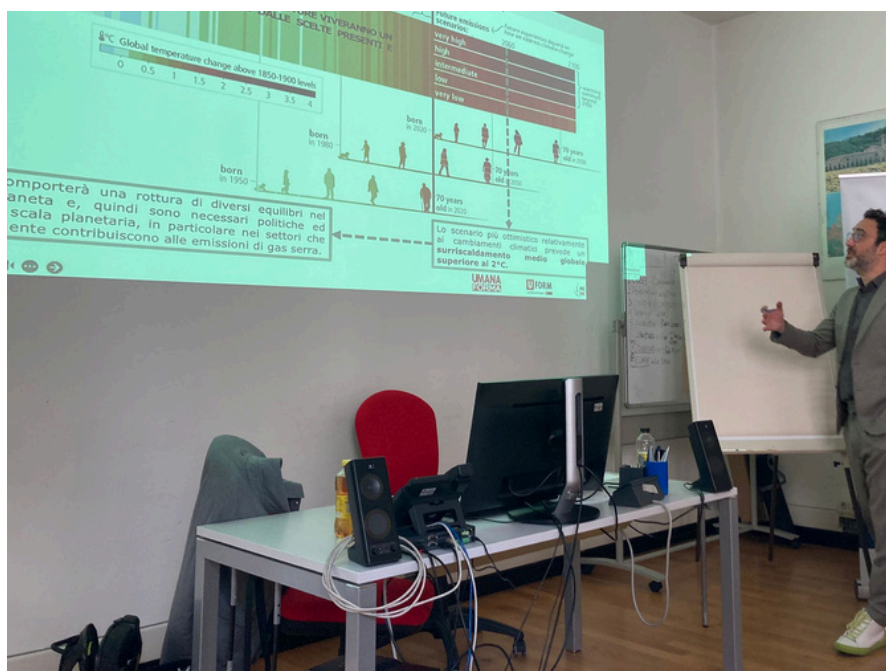


ITALY - BUILDING EXPERTISE, ONE WEDNESDAY AT A TIME

The Italian programme, a collaboration between **Irecoop** and **CCIAA PD**, officially started with an in-person opening session on April 11, 2026, at the Chamber of Commerce of Padua. — a fitting location for a project that sits at the intersection of industry, education, and sustainability.

Following the launch, **a series of specialized workshops**, led by experts, are being held, typically on Wednesdays, until early May. The themes are as concrete as the challenges they address: **textile waste management, circular economy models, bio-based fibres, sustainable production techniques, and the regulatory landscape shaping the industry's future.**

The programme offers tailored learning paths for professionals enrolled as Textile Recycling Managers and Bio Textile Technicians. Nevertheless, joint online sessions are regularly held to encourage shared perspectives, challenge existing assumptions, and cultivate the interdisciplinary understanding essential for achieving real-world sustainability. The majority of the sessions are delivered online to guarantee wide accessibility.



SPAIN - 103 VOICES ON THE FUTURE OF TEXTILE WASTE

Spain hosted **two webinars** in February and March 2026, gathering teachers, students, and representatives from partner centres. These events successfully initiated the very kind of dialogue that is central to the SIT project's purpose.

On February 17, 2026, sustainability consultant **Paloma G. López** (The Circular Project) guided participants through the evolution of circular economy practices in textiles, tracing the shift from linear to regenerative models. The session explored eco-design principles, emerging European legislation, and real-world cases of companies leading the way - closing with an open exchange on tools for building Triple Balance business models.



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On March 13, 2026, Ana Gómez (**AERESS**) took the stage to address textile waste management and the vital role of the social economy. With **103 participants** joining in hybrid format, the session presented the 3Rs framework (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), highlighted AERESS's work on the ground, and explored good practices generating measurable environmental and social impact. The discussion that followed touched on collaboration models and the opportunities that lie ahead.



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