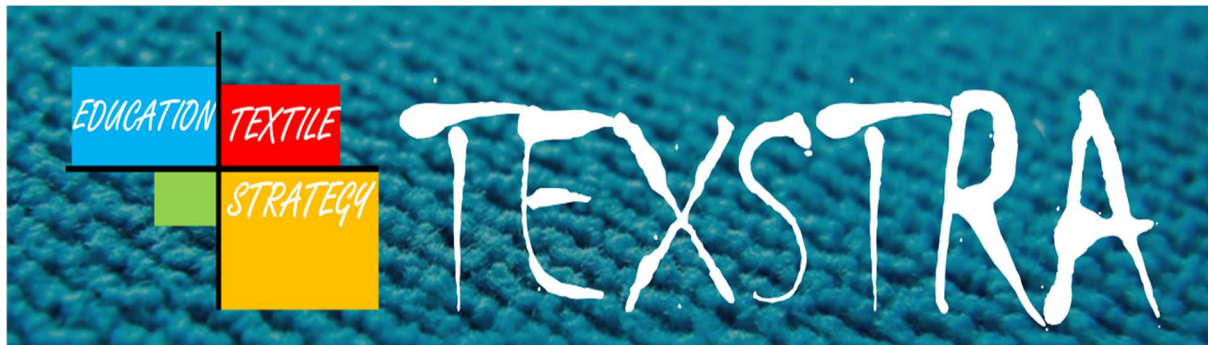


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*Textile Strategy for Innovative Higher Education*

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## TEXSTRA CONSORTIUM MEETS FOR ITS THIRD PROJECT MEETING IN KAUNAS

**AEI Tèxtils participated at the third project meeting of the European project TEXSTRA – *Textile Strategy for Innovative Higher Education*, co-funded by the Erasmus+ program aiming to contribute on the knowledge transfer from researchers and innovators to students and trainees in the textile sector through project-based e-learning**

The third meeting of TEXSTRA– *Textile Strategy for Innovative Higher Education* project was held on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, in Kaunas (Lithuania). It was organized by the Technical University of Kaunas (KTU).

The main goal of the meeting was to review the progress made since the project start on September 2017 and to plan for the next steps.

The meeting started with the update on the administrative aspects of the project by INCDTP, the project coordinator, and the dissemination activities review by AEI TÈXTILS. Then, the different outputs were reviewed in detail to plan the workload among all partners. KTU presented the status of the e-book which will be edited, focused on the technical needs for undergraduate students identified through a needs' analysis conducted previously, namely: advanced textile materials, advanced manufacturing methods, circular economy and sustainability and e-commerce. University of West Attica presented the beta version of the online platform that will be used for the development of virtual internships; this will be launched in the coming months. Lastly, Material Connexion Italia presented the main features of the book of lectures the team will develop in the coming months and



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that will be used during the summer training courses which will be held in Guimarães, Portugal, scheduled to mid-July 2019.

The objective of these actions is to promote and transfer research and innovation using e-learning tools for students and professionals by project-based learning, contributing to an efficiency and competitiveness boost among small and medium textile companies in Europe.



**TEXSTRA team with KTU rector at the opening of the project meeting**



**TEXSTRA team during the project meeting in Kaunas**



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*AEI Tèxtils, the Catalan cluster of technical textiles, is one of the ten partners comprising the transnational project TEXSTRA, a Strategic Partnership for the Higher Education, co-funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ program.*

*A total of 7 countries are represented in the TEXSTRA Erasmus+ project: Spain, Romania, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Bulgaria and Lithuania. The members of the partnership include 4 Universities, 2 research centers, 1 cluster, 1 SME and 2 non-governmental organizations.*

*The main goal of TEXSTRA is to bring together the key actors in the textile-confection sector to promote and transfer research and innovation using e-learning tools for students and professionals with project-based learning, contributing to an efficiency and competitiveness boost among small and medium textile companies in Europe.*

*TEXSTRA will produce the next defined and transferable results in the form of intellectual outputs:*

- 1- Training program and electronic content for research and innovation transfer*
- 2- Online platform to transfer research and innovation with project based learning tools*
- 3- Book “Innovative and creative thinking within the textile confection sector”*
- 4- Good practice and open challenges guidelines: Tools for training and methodologies for promoting creativity and innovation among textile-confection companies.*

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