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The EU Textile Strategy – Update from “Brussels”

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KEY FIGURES

2023 estimated



Turnover and employment: estimates.
Imports and exports: extra-EU trade.
*Companies and investments in tangible assets: 2022
Source: data based on Eurostat





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CHARGEURS PCC FASHION TECHNOLOGIES

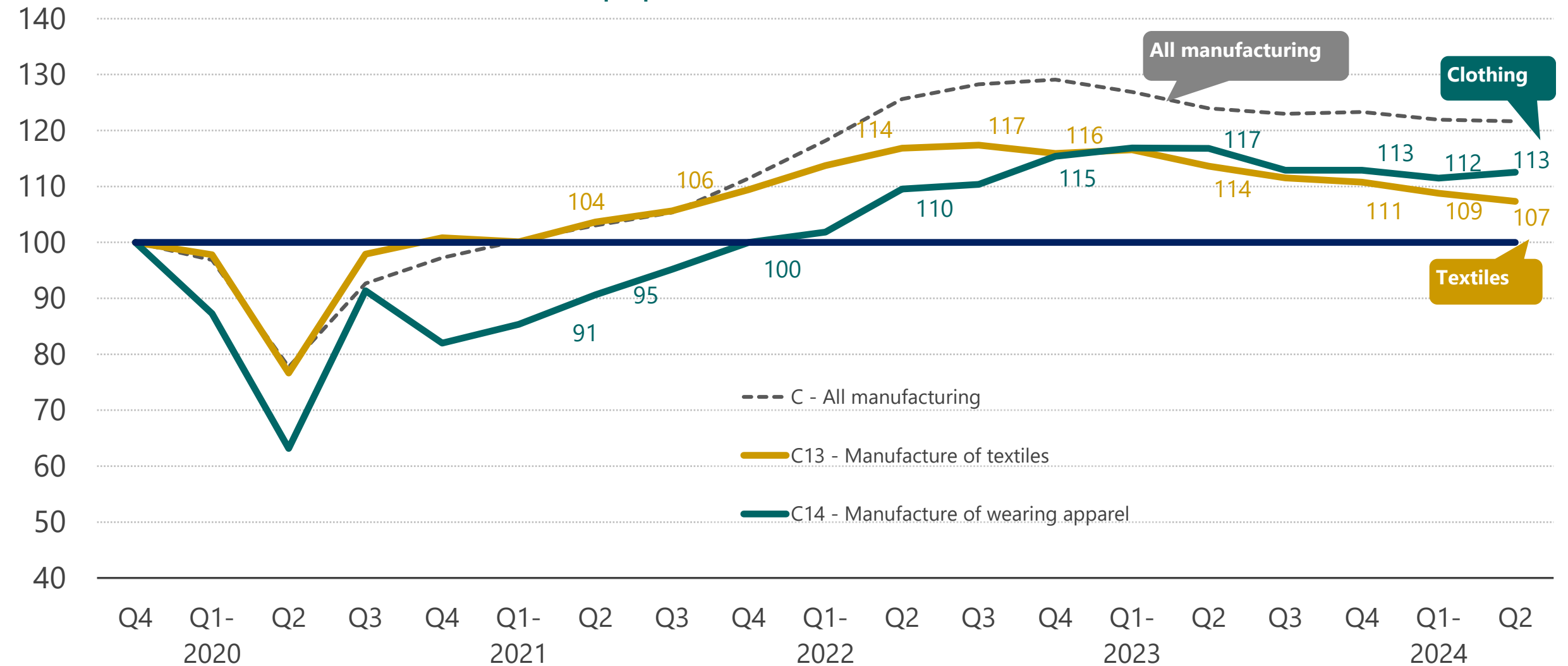
HUGO BOSS

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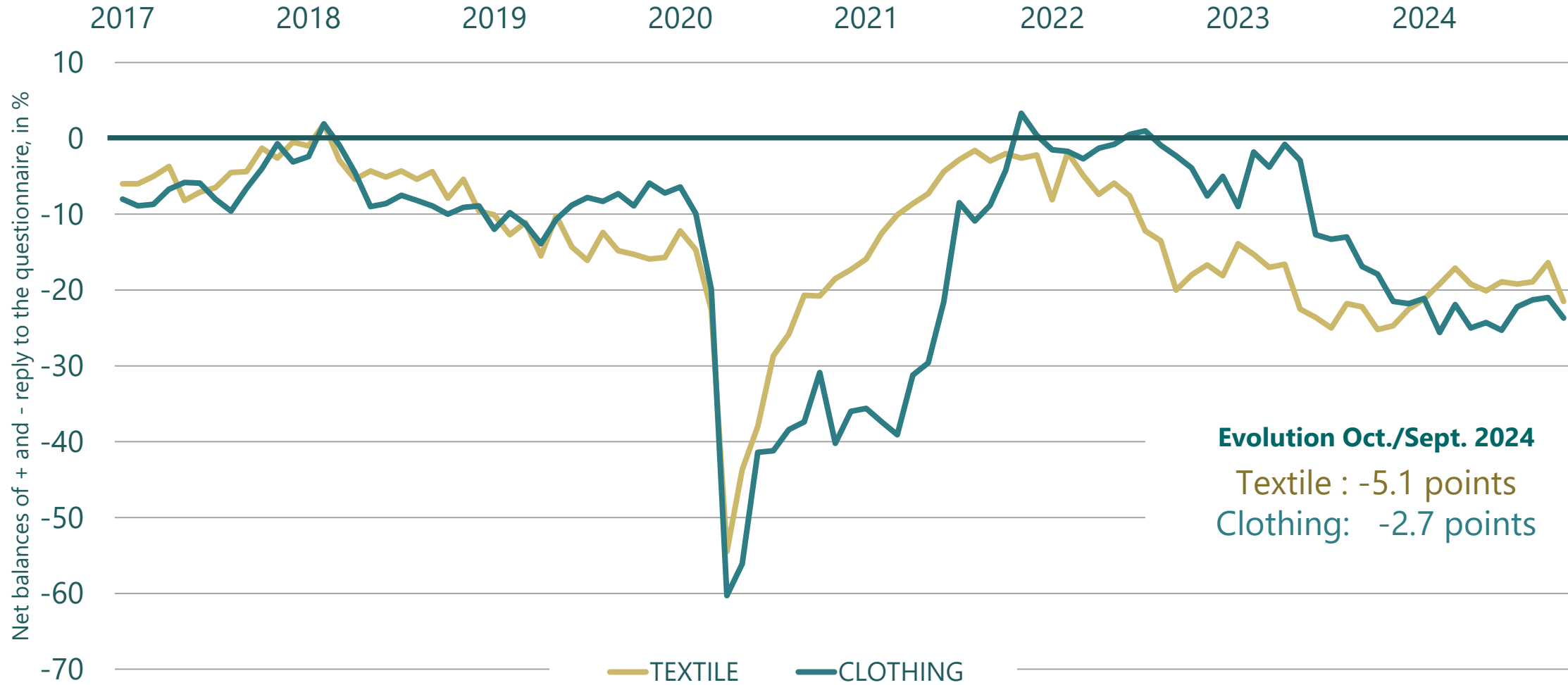


EU-27 T&C Turnover - Quarterly index

(pre-pandemic level 2019Q4=100)

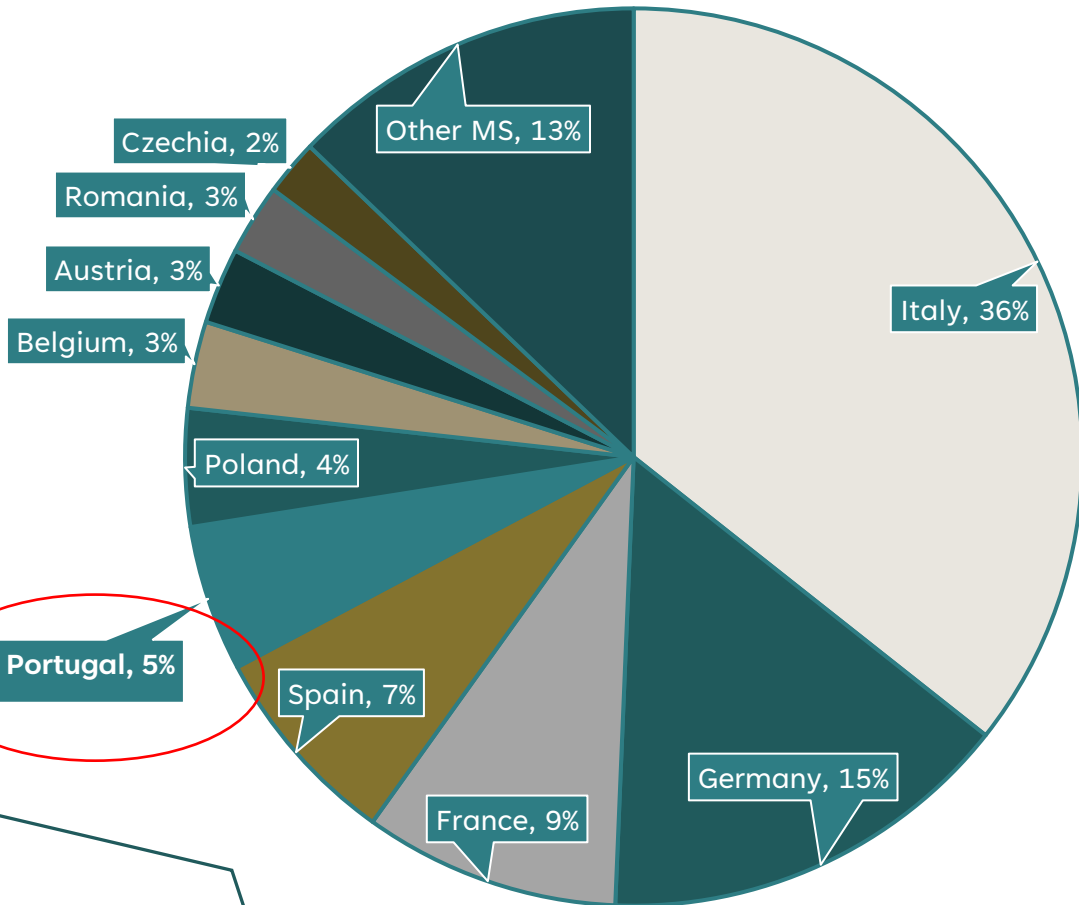


EU T&C Business confidence indicator (2017 – Oct. 2024)

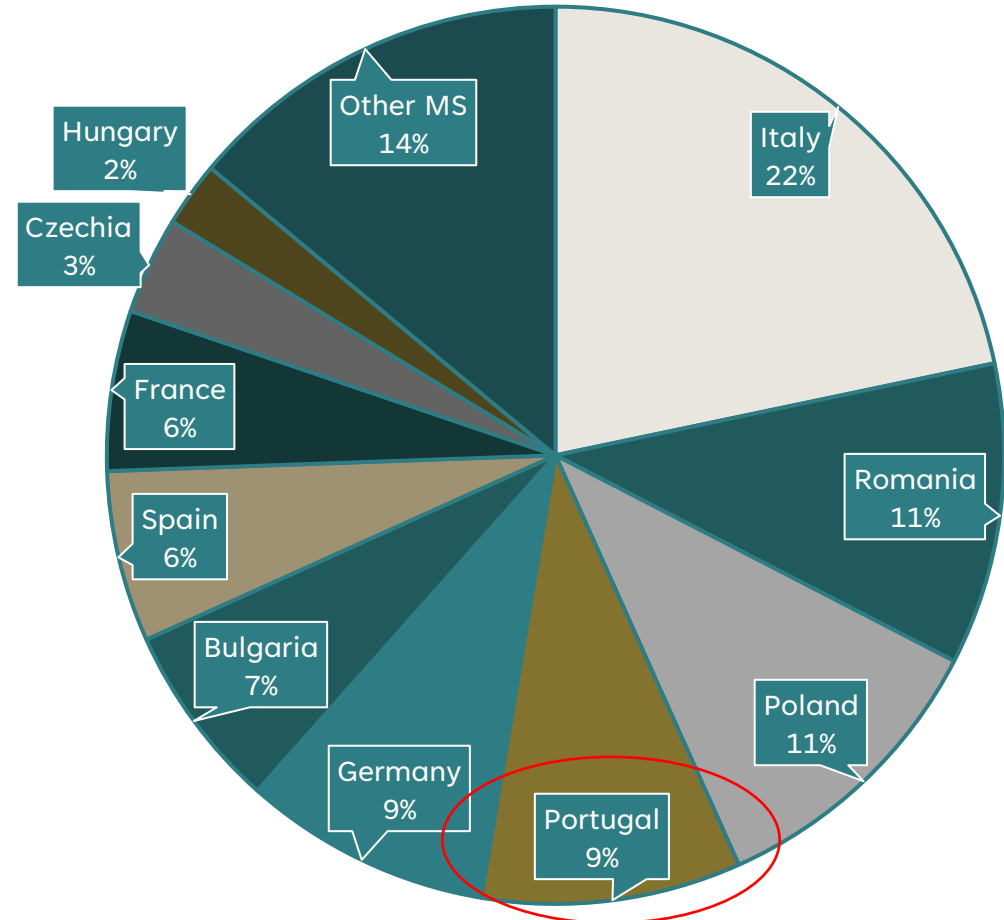


PORTUGAL IS AN IMPORTANT TEXTILE COUNTRY

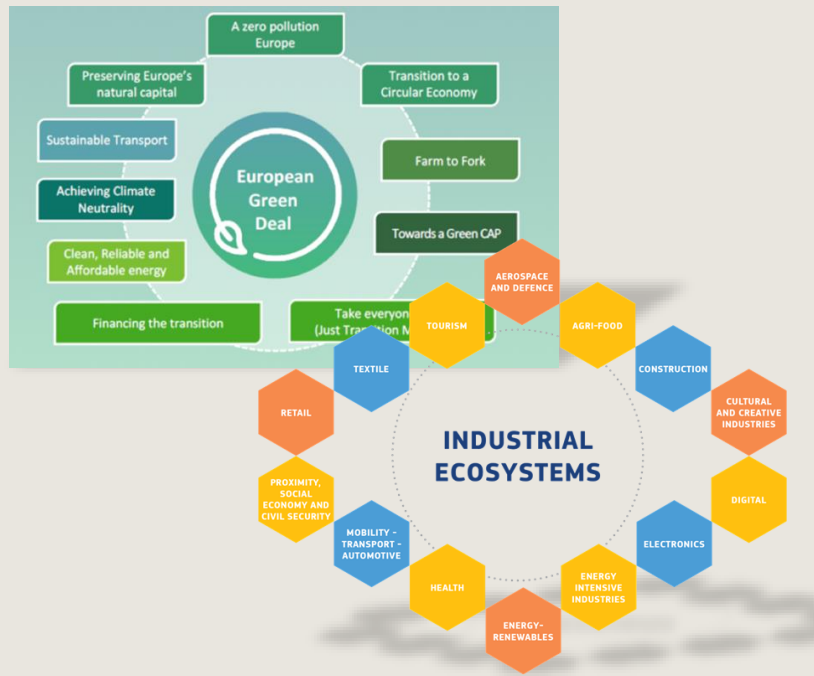
Turnover share per member state



Employment share per member state



What has happened so far...




 EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 Brussels, 30.3.2022
 COM(2022) 141 final

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles



The EU Textiles Strategy - from Vision to Regulation



**Ecodesign, including
Digital Product Passport**



**Waste Framework
Directive, including EPR**



**Waste
Shipment**



**Green Claims,
including PEF**



**Green Public
Procurement (GPP)**



**Textile Labelling
Regulation**



**Corporate
Sustainability
Due Diligence**



**Corporate
Sustainability
Reporting Directive**



**Carbon Border
Adjustment (CBAM)**



**Sustainable
Finance
(Taxonomy)**



Microplastics



**PFAS and other
Chemicals**



**FTA negotiations
(Mercosur, India,
ASEAN)**



**Forced Labour
Regulation**



REACH Revision



**PEM Convention on
Rules of Origin**

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)

Main elements

- **Minimum performance** (e.g. durability, repairability, etc.)
 - **Digital Product Passport (DPP)** allowing access to and sharing of product information (e.g. chemical substances of concern)
 - Report/ban on destruction of **unsold goods**
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Which products?

- Building on Eco-design Directive (energy rel. products)
 - Products placed on the EU market, incl. components and intermediate products
 - **Textiles in the spotlight**
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Who is impacted?

- **All companies** in and outside the EU placing products in scope on the EU market
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Adopted in July 2024 !



Delegated Acts
(expected 2026)

Textile Labelling Regulation (revision)

Law proposal overview

- Standardisation of fibre composition & testing methods
- Standardisation of rules on leather
- Standardisation of sizing
- Providing information in digital form (cfr. DPP)
- Creating language-independent fibre codes
- Align with sustainability information requirements (cfr. ESPR)



Legal negotiations ongoing.
Adoption end 2025 (tbc).
Implementation 2027 ?



Green Claims

Law proposal overview

- Voluntary, B2C green claims
- Criteria to assess and communicate environmental sustainability
- Harmonising the EU labelling regime
- *Ex ante* third party verification of claims
- Support measures for SMEs



Seek EU harmonisation and avoid a jungle of methods



Support micro and SMEs with guidance and funds



Clarify the use of PEF and other methods, labels



Ensure effective enforcement



Avoid double verification and reduce control costs



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Adoption 2025 -
Implementation 2027 (tbc).

Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)



EU waste legislation revision

Law proposal overview

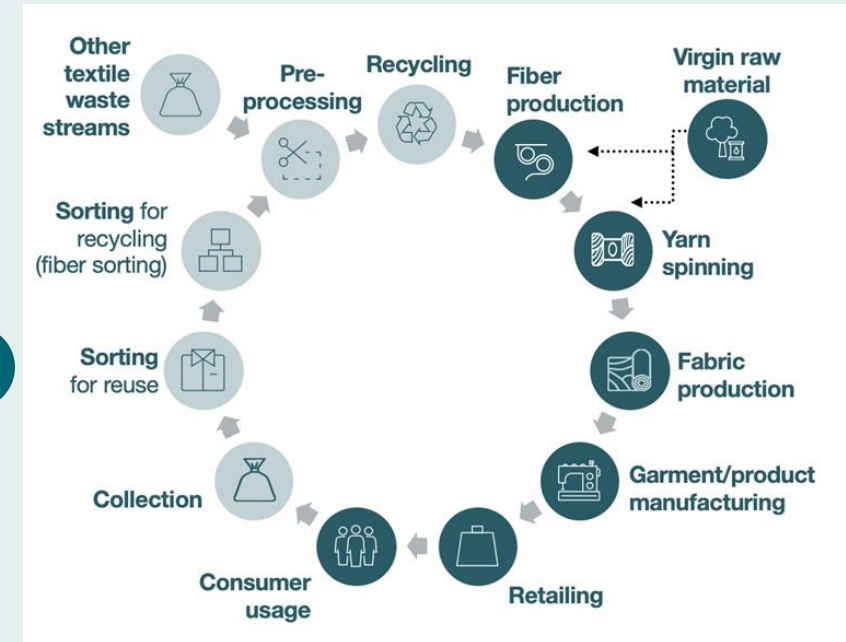
- Mandatory national **Extended Producer Responsibility** for textiles
- Organize/ finance textile waste collection and treatment through **Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs)** in every member state
- Minimum harmonization: scope, fee modulation, PROs

As of 1 January 2025, Member states have to collect textile waste separately

End of Waste Criteria to be defined



Legal negotiations from Sept.
Adoption end 2024/early 2025 (tbc).
EPR schemes in place 2026/ 27 (tbc).

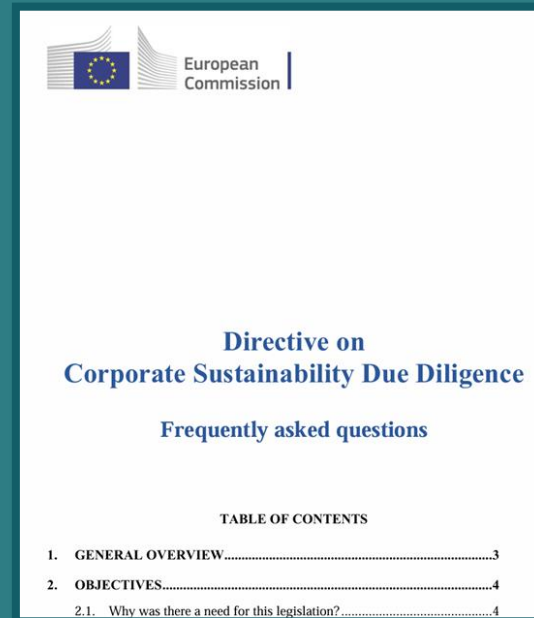


Due Diligence laws in EU



Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

Gradual Impact on companies (depending on size)

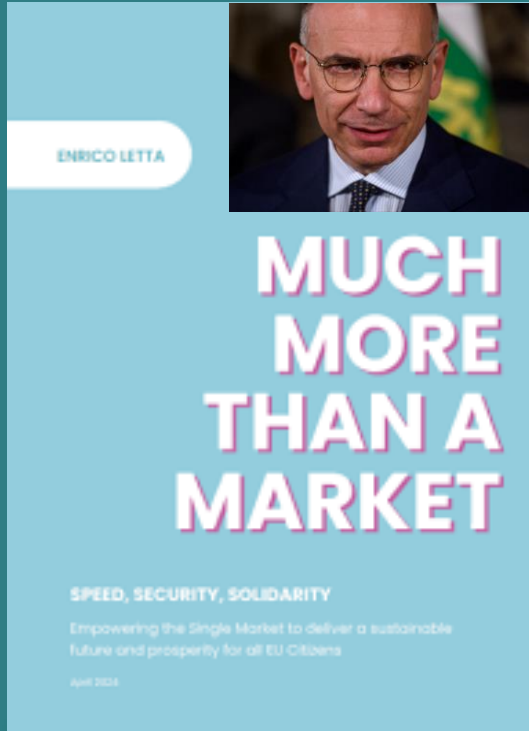


Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

Adopted 5/07/24, but not yet Impacting companies

Consolidation through “omnibus” regulation ?

WHAT'S NEXT...



KEY TOPICS

Complete the Single Market

A new Clean Industrial Deal

A new approach to competition policy

Make business easier

A larger and stronger Union

Bring down energy bills for companies
=> Energy Union

A new Circular Economy Act (market for secondary materials and waste)

A new Chemicals Industry Package (including PFAS)

Tackling challenges with e-commerce platforms

A European Defence Union

A European Data Union Strategy

A new Pact for the Mediterranean

A new economic foreign policy for today's realities

Continue to deepen our free and fair trade links, ensuring reciprocity and a level playing field

Assessing the impact of our laws on non-EU countries

Use all of our trade defence instruments where and when needed

More assertive in protecting our economy

Support legal migration based on the skills needs of our companies

Revision of the Public Procurement Directive

Clean industry must be made in Europe

CHALLENGES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

How to enforce new legislation on all producers (avoid free riders) ?

How to control compliance of imported products (market surveillance) ?

How to stimulate demand for sustainable textiles (B2C, B2B, B2G) ?

How to create trust & cooperation across the supply chain ?

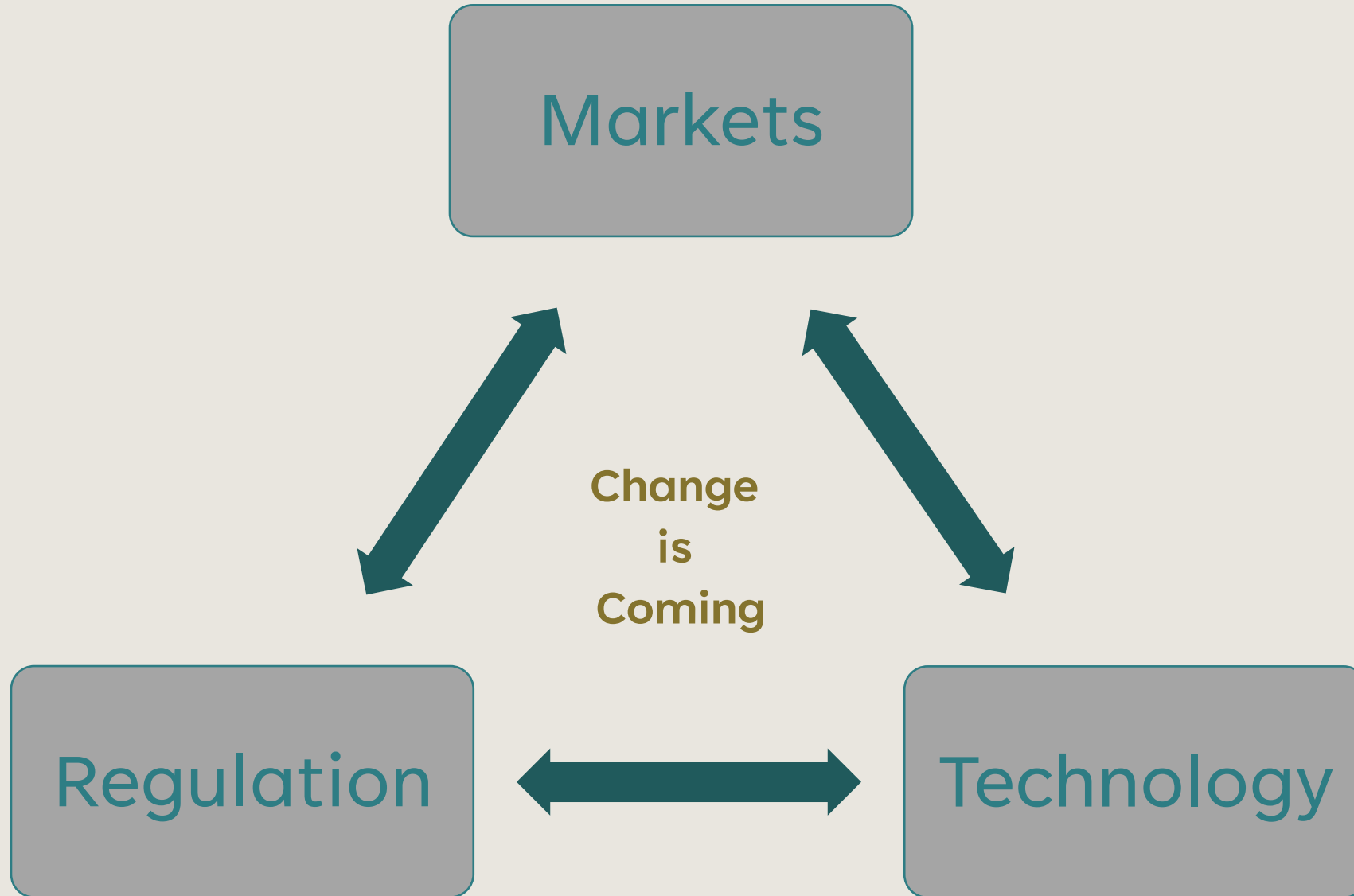
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How to bridge the time gap between legislation preparation and implementation, and reward those that invest in sustainability ?

How to develop new technologies and finance scaling up ?

How to avoid fragmentation of the EU Single Market ?

How to globalise the EU's strategy?





Thank you

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