# The Textile Sector Needs to Change

## Big Problems

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## Bad Purchasing Practices Lead to Poverty & Power Imbalances

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## Environmental Damage

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## WHAT THE EU CAN DO

### BIG SOLUTIONS

**EU CIVIL SOCIETY PROPOSES:**
**THE SHADOW EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE, GARMENTS, LEATHER & FOOTWEAR**

### 1. MANDATORY HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE FOR TEXTILES

- [x] Covers all companies
- [x] Support mechanisms for SMEs
- [x] Mandatory annual implementation reports
- [x] Disclosure of production, processing and manufacturing sites
- [x] Participation of workers
- [x] Covers purchasing practices

### 2. LEGALLY BINDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- **LESS WASTE AND POLLUTION**
- **DURABLE, REPAIRABLE, RE-USABLE**

### 3. TRANSPARENCY AND TRACEABILITY ARE ESSENTIAL

- Information on the production process: working conditions, factory location
- Information on environmental impact: recyclability, chemicals, carbon footprint...
EUR 8.6 billion spent on public sector textile and workwear procurement across the EU.

Pilot scheme for mandatory green and fair public procurement

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Coupled with
A commitment to high-quality, textile to-textile recycling

Promote durable, high quality, Stable and long term business Relationships

Expand the re-use of textiles By supporting social enterprises And re-use operators
8. EU COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS IN PRODUCER COUNTRIES: STRENGTHEN LABOUR LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HOW

Linking higher standards to incentives and market access
Focus on multi-stakeholder solutions
Locally-specific solutions
Strengthening the bargaining power of workers and farmers

9. TRADE POLICY: USE THE EU’S LEVERAGE TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS:
Enforceable trade and sustainable development chapters

GSP MECHANISM:
Strengthened social and environmental conditions

The Civil Society Shadow European Strategy for Sustainable Textile, Garments, Leather and Footwear is a joint initiative of:


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