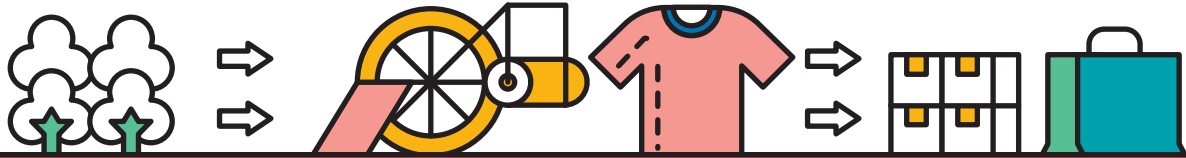


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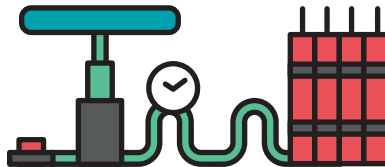


## BIG PROBLEMS

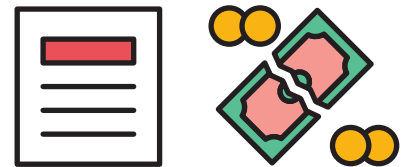
LOW PRICES FOR CLOTHES & TEXTILES



INCREASED TIME-PRESSURE



POOR PAYMENT TERMS

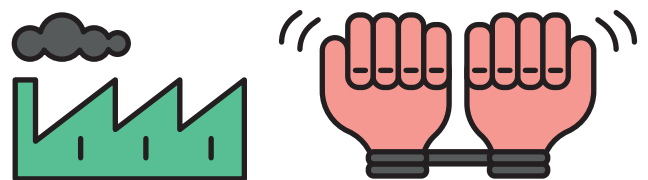


## BAD PURCHASING PRACTICES LEAD TO POVERTY & POWER IMBALANCES

LOW AND UNCERTAIN INCOMES FOR FARMERS

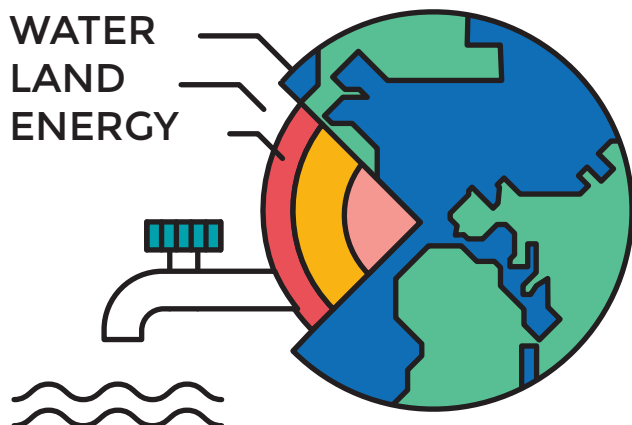


LABOUR RIGHTS ABUSES IN FACTORIES



## ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

RESOURCE USE



EMISSIONS



BIODIVERSITY LOSS



CHEMICAL POLLUTION



WASTE



# 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



Covers all companies



Support mechanisms for  
SMEs



Mandatory annual  
implementation reports



Disclosure of production,  
processing and  
manufacturing sites



Participation of workers



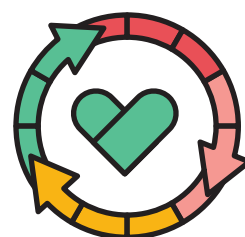
Covers purchasing practices

#### 2. LEGALLY BINDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

LESS  
WASTE  
AND  
POLLUTION



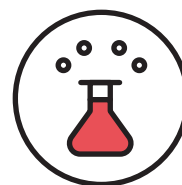
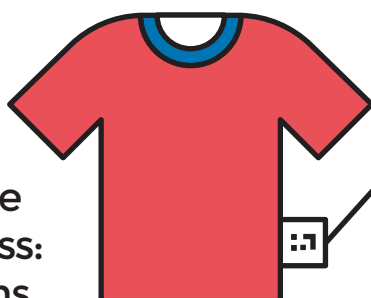
DURABLE,  
REPAIRABLE,  
RE-USABLE



#### 3. TRANSPARENCY AND TRACEABILITY ARE ESSENTIAL



Information on the  
production process:  
working conditions,  
factory location

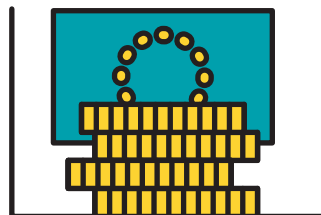


Information on envi-  
ronmental impact:  
recyclability, chemi-  
cals, carbon footprint...

## 4. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

**EUR 8.6 billion**

spent on public sector textile and workwear procurement across the EU.



Pilot scheme for mandatory green and fair public procurement

## 5. LEGISLATION ON UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES IN THE TEXTILE SECTOR

NO SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATIONS



NO LATE PAYMENTS



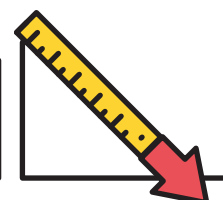
PRICING MUST ALLOW PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGES



## 6. A QUANTITATIVE TARGET FOR TEXTILE WASTE REDUCTION

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

TEXTILE  
WASTE



## 7. PROMOTING INNOVATIVE CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS

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

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