Replacing harmful chemicals in the textiles sector

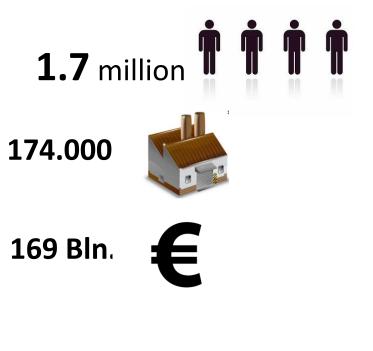
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SMEs industry...



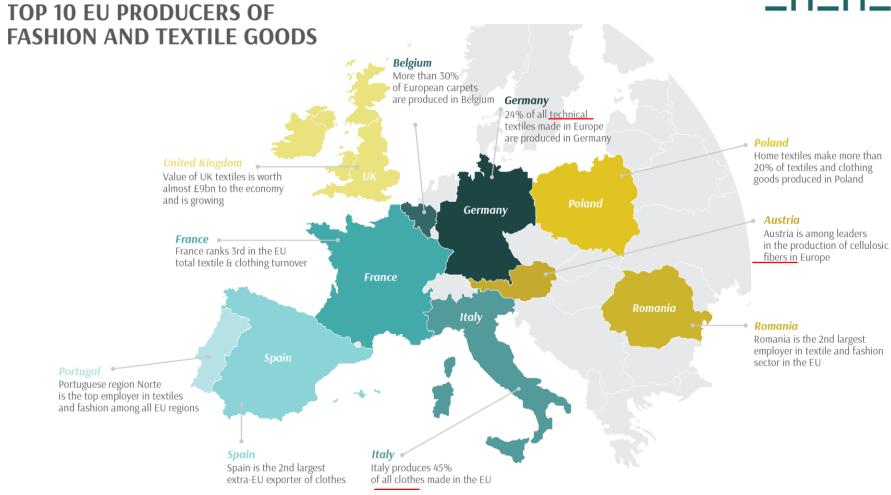


99% SMEs, of which:



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...(very) diverse EU industry



Replacing PFOA



- EC proposal for PFOA in REACH Annex XVII *clothing, PPE, technical textiles* are they all the same?
- Restricting PFOA, evidence for justified time derogations
- How to use derogations:
 - \circ Research \rightarrow result wide uptake across Europe
 - Next step: experts and SMEs at MIDWOR workshop
- Towards full replacement

Considerations



- One size does not fit all PFOA, other cases e.g. solvents
- *Stuck in the middle..* customer, manufacturing SME, suppliers & recipe
- **<u>Collaboration</u>** to use info and assess impact over <u>time</u>



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