

# FOSTEX

FOSTERING INNOVATION IN THE JORDANIAN AND MOROCCAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

## Newsletter n. 2

News from the Project



### Third FOSTEX consortium meeting: visit to the Moroccan partners

Before saluting 2019, the FOSTEX consortium partners had the opportunity to visit beautiful Morocco and explore first-hand the educational infrastructure available in this EU partner country. The agenda of the third project meeting was structured on several days in mid-November, optimising travel arrangements of the partners based on needs and involvement in the different implementation actions, while offering several moments for small group exchange. After opening the meeting in Casablanca at UH2C, day 2 and 3 were scheduled in Marrakech, where ESITH had the honour to hosts the 2019 edition of ITMC, the International Conference on Intelligent Textiles & Mass Customisation. Next meeting is planned on March 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in Jordan and will be hosted by the local project partners: ACI, BAU and JUST. Keep in touch to discover the outcomes and register to the FOSTEX newsletter!



### T&C Industry needs and expectations: ACI hosts FOSTEX roundtable

On March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, FOSTEX partner ACI - Amman Chamber of Industry hosted the Roundtable "Advanced textiles' centres development and Investment promotion for inclusive and sustainable growth in Jordan". The event has been organised in collaboration with the local Universities, BAU and JUST, while some European consortium partners contributed with their expertise. Target audience of the event are the Jordanian stakeholders of the Textile and Clothing Industry invited to join this open discussion about the industry needs and expectations against the advanced textile innovation centres that will be implemented thanks to the FOSTEX initiative. To get further information about the roundtable contact us via [info@fostexproject.eu](mailto:info@fostexproject.eu) and follow us on social media [twitter](#) – [facebook](#) - [LinkedIn](#).



News from the Partners



### BAU and JUST: new innovation centres to boost the local T&C sector

In late September 2019, a delegation of the Romanian project partner INCDTP travelled to Jordan to visit Al-Balqa Applied University (BAU) and Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), with the aim to define the equipment and services needed for the new advanced textile innovation centres. The visit is part of the project’s preparation activities and fundamental to evaluate on site crucial aspects such as the available research capacity, the training needs for both students and experts, and the possibility to integrate refugees (migrants) in training, start-ups and large companies.



### Understanding the Jordanian T&C sector: an in-depth field survey

Consortium partner ACI - Amman Chamber of Industry - conducted a field survey among the Jordanian garment and textile manufacturers with the aim to identify gaps and needs to develop competitiveness in the local and international markets. The answers of the survey offered important outcomes for planning the upcoming project activities, mainly to define the services to be provided by the advanced textile centres that will be established within FOSTEX at the Jordanian universities joining the project, that is JUST - Jordan University of Science and Technology and BAU – Al-Balqa Applied University.



**7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Conference  
on Intelligent Textiles & Mass Customisation – ITMC 2019  
Smart Textiles Salon Vol.7 – STS 2019  
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### ITMC 2019: FOSTEX at the Smart Textile Salon thanks to ESITH

From November 13th to 15th, the international conference ITMC - International Conference on Intelligent Textiles & Mass Customisation was held in Marrakech. The purpose of the conference is to explore new ideas, effective solutions and collaborative partnerships for business growth by catalysing the creation of a beneficial synergy between designers, manufacturers, suppliers and end-users of all sectors and making full use of this potential.

