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Used textiles: waste or value?



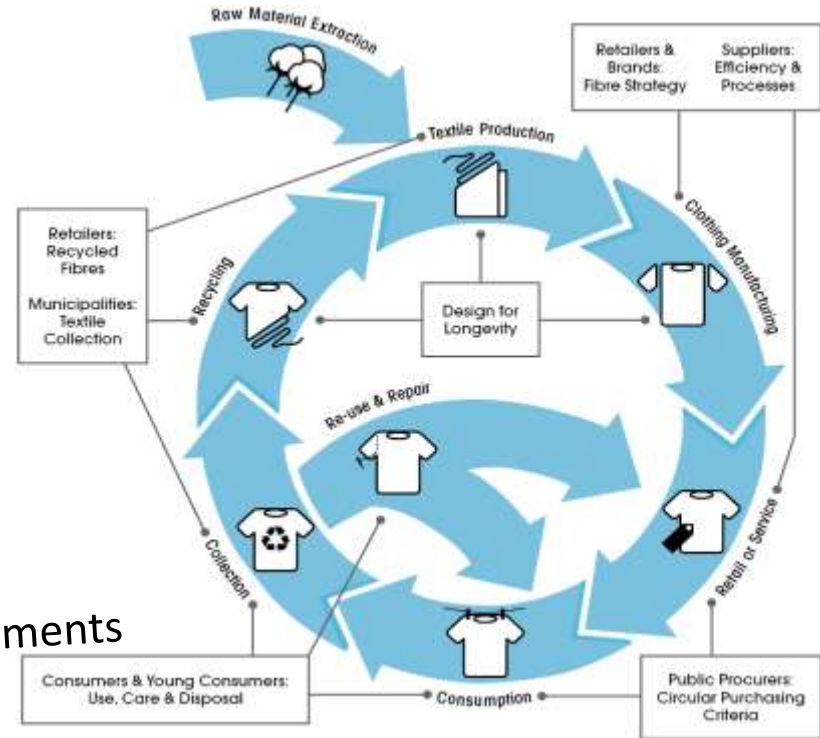
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The focus of ECAP is to adopt a circular approach to divert clothing waste from landfill and incineration across Europe.

LIFE project of WRAP, London Waste and Recycling Board - LWARB, Rijkswaterstaat, Made-By and the Global Fashion Agenda

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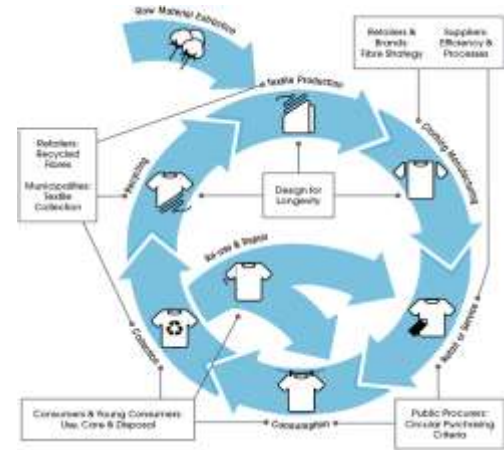


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Why is it so important?

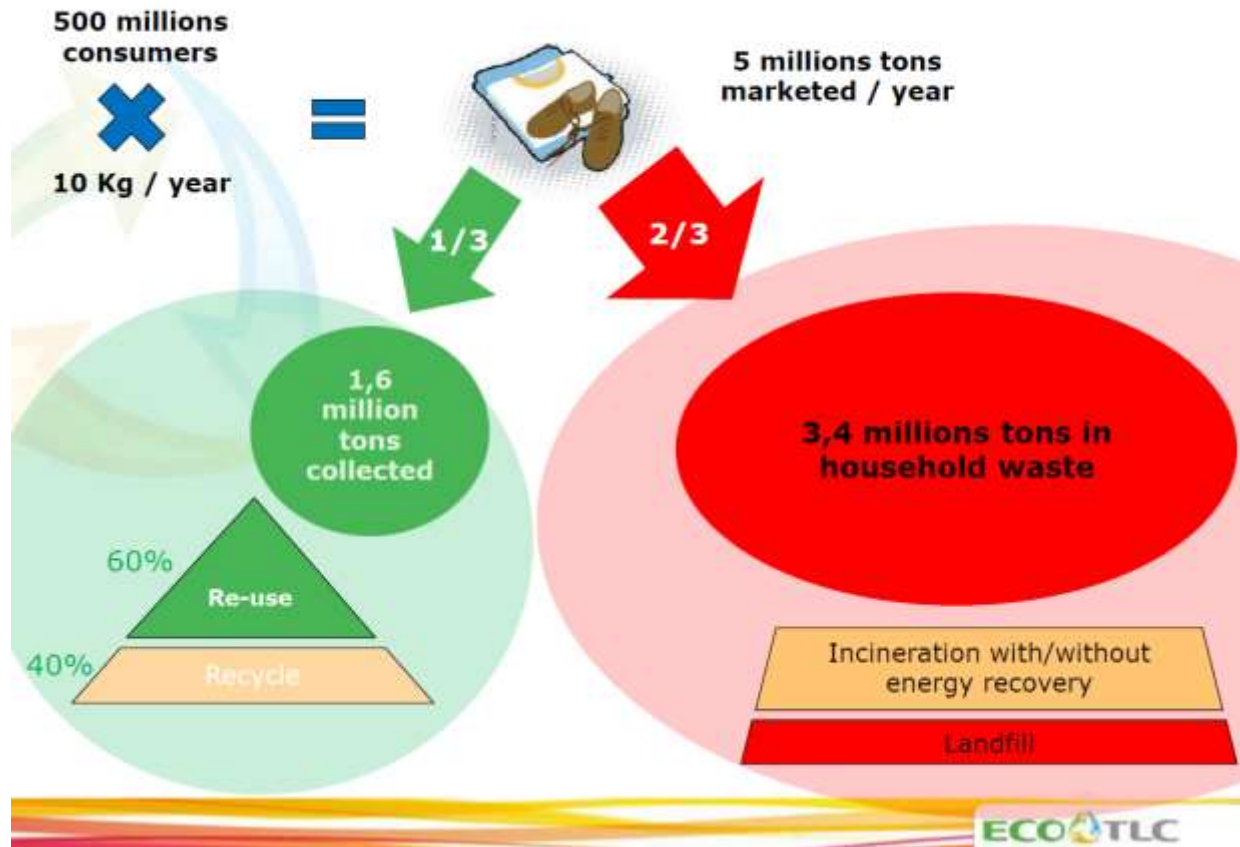
Impact 23 kg CO2 and 7 litre water for 1 kg garments
Use of chemicals, pesticides, colors
Plastics in the oceans
Social issues
Fast fashion

Extending lifetime by reuse of clothes and recycling materials



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Clothing, Linen and Footwear in Europe



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Activities include student collections, the redesigning and positioning of textile recycling banks and a pop up shop

Roll out the Love Your Clothes campaign across Europe, changing the way people buy, care for, and dispose of clothing



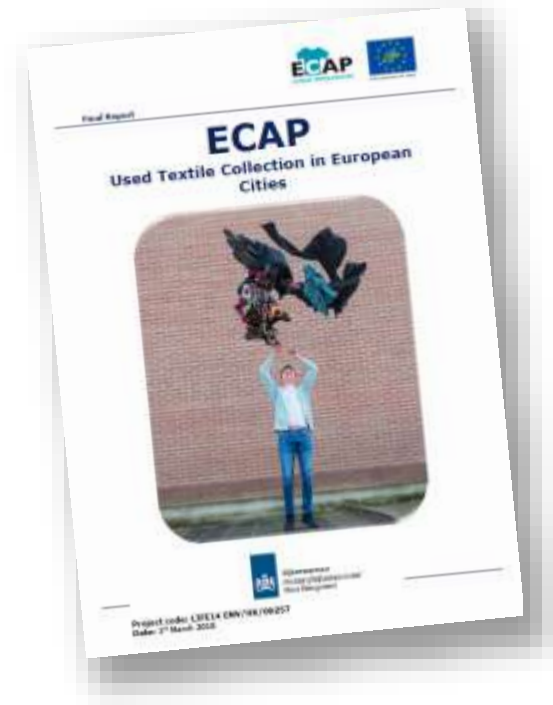
Nine innovative fibre-to-fibre pilots with fashion brands and workwear companies to produce new garments with fibres from post-consumer textiles



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Improving collection of textiles

Report Used Textile Collection in European Cities
Regional/national meetings in DK, NL, UK, EST
Online guidance
ECAP calculator



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European Waste Directive (2018)

- **Member States:**
 - Textiles are part of municipal waste
 - By 1 January 2025 shall set up separate collection for textiles
 - Encourage reuse of textiles and set up systems promoting repair and reuse
- **Commission:**
 - By 31 December 2024 consider the setting of preparing for re-use and recycling targets for textiles waste
 - Consider specific end-of-waste criteria for textiles
 - EPR schemes form an essential part of efficient waste management

DIRECTIVE (EU) 2018/851 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 May 2018 amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste


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What else?

- EPR for textiles: it exists in France (Eco-TLC)
in the Netherlands Parliament has asked for it
discussions in Spain, UK, Sweden
- Ellen MacArthur Foundation report on textiles
- Transparency: what happens with collected clothes?
- Import bans / taxes on second-hand in Africa / Bulgaria / China
- Social return & local economy: collecting and sorting
- Quality of collected garments



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**Building a circular
approach to fashion
across Europe**

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