

Public Procurement of textiles in the Netherlands

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Agenda

1. A warm welcome to the new European criteria!
2. Organization of Procurement in the Netherlands
3. Examples of innovative procurement
4. ECAP; pilots with circular textile and development of circular procurement criteria

Reflection on the new European Green Public Procurement criteria

1. A big step towards transparency & recycling
2. Use of minimum criteria and rewarding sustainable initiatives helps
3. Current practice in the Netherlands:
 - Focus on CO2 footprint & Waterprint
 - Stimulate use of post consumer-material/textiles
4. Biggest challenges at this moment

Organization of Public Procurement in the Netherlands: Category-management

1. Procurement per category by one Ministry
2. Category Plan; strategy to make procurement more sustainable and circular
3. Creating transparency towards suppliers/market sector
4. Organize a take back system
5. Economic advantages
6. First steps to stimulate use of post consumer material: examples

Pilot 1: Defending Recycling



- A contract for the supply of 100.000 towels and 10.000 cloths (containing 36% recycled post-consumer textiles fibres)
- A contract for the supply of 53.000 overalls (containing 14% recycled post-consumer textiles fibres);
- A contract to deal with the collection and sorting of 750.000 end-of-life items per year.

Pilot 1: Defending Recycling



Towels and overalls:

- Minimum requirements 10% post consumer material
- Rewarding higher %
- Towels: 36% recycled post consumer textiles
- Overalls: 14% recycled post- consumer textiles

Collection of discarded textiles:

- Making use of their own logistic distribution systems

Sorting of discarded textiles:

- Making use of the Biga group; a social enterprise for people with a distance to the labour-market. Social benefits and economical benefits; costs: 1,5 mln. per year, advantages: 10 mln. per year

Pilot 2: Leasing workwear by Rijkswaterstaat (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment)



Main question: can used clothing be 'dematerialised' successfully and then be used to create new clothing? Yes, it can!

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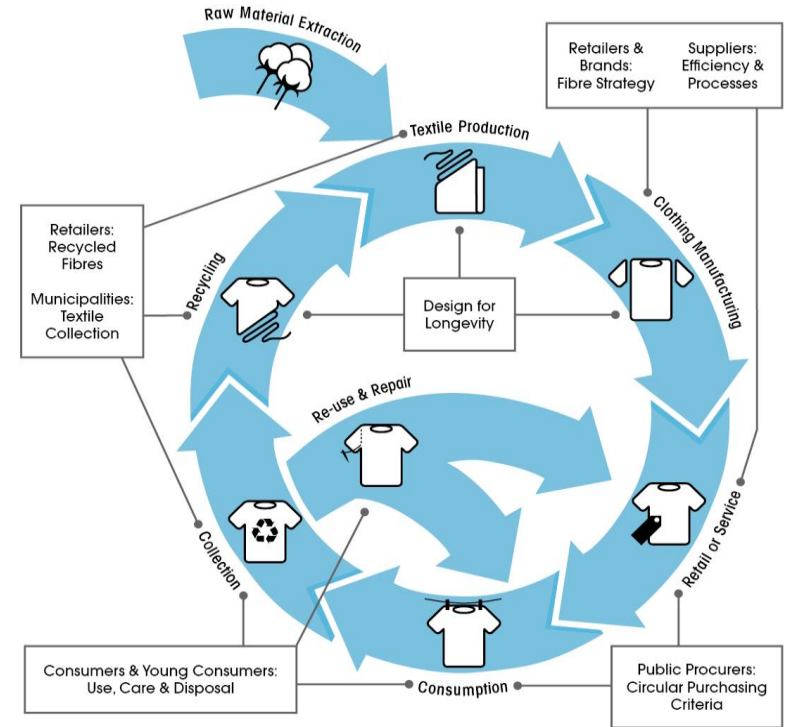
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- First lease contract for textiles; after 1 st year: everything collected and used for new textiles
- Designed according to C2C principles
- Track & Trace system
- Volumes are an issue
- 3'd year: also washing & repairing, recycling only if end of life

ECAP: European Clothing Action Plan

1. Fibre 2 Fibre: Stimulating use of post consumer-material by several pilots
2. Developing criteria for circular textile
3. Market report on workwear



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