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What Digital Skills Occupations will be most needed by Textile, Clothing, Leather, and Footwear Companies?

As part of the initiative to boost the digitalisation potential of the textile, clothing, leather and footwear (TCLF) sectors under the Erasmus+ project "Digital TCLF 2025"', the European Confederation of the Footwear Industry (CEC) invites stakeholders to express their opinion on the need for specific emerging digital occupations in these sectors arising from the rapid digital transformation of our society and industries. Contributions to the survey shall be submitted before the 25th of January of 2018.

The European representatives of the Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear (TCLF) sectors, namely EURATEX (Textile and Clothing), COTANCE (Leather), and CEC (Footwear), along with the European Trade Union industriAll Europe and SPIN360, have joined forces under the Erasmus+ project "Digital TCLF 2025" to help their sectors benefit from digitalisation opportunities, and are calling all sector stakeholders to participate in an online survey with the aim of forecasting the specific emerging digital occupations which will be in highest demand in the TCLF sectors in the foreseeable future.

The project was conceived to respond to the ongoing fast digitalisation of industrial production in the TCLF sectors and the urgent need for companies to grasp this opportunity with adequate skilled workforce. With the support of industry experts, the partners have identified 9 emerging digital occupations (some new and some existing, but where the digital content is rising fast), which are predicted to be required in TCLF companies in the coming years.

By completing the survey, companies, associations, educational and training centres, research institutes, trade unions and other sectors' representatives will help validate the relevance of the identified digital occupations. The survey's results will also lead to the development of adequate training programmes designed to provide workers with the necessary skills, knowledge, and competences, and help companies in these sectors make the best use of digitalisation in order to keep innovating and growing.

To contribute to forecasting the need for specific digital occupations in the TCLF sectors, please fill in the questionnaire before the 25th of January of 2018 on the following **LINK**.

More information about activities and related outcomes will soon be available on the project website www.DigitalTCLF.eu .

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