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#### The Consortium:

- 4 sectors
- 21 partners
- 11 countries:
  - 9 Industry representatives
  - o 2 Universities
  - 3 VET providers
  - 1 Public Agency
  - 1 Public recognition entity
  - 1 Municipality
  - 1 Company
  - 4 Research institutes

# **METASKILLS4TCLF**

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Alliance for Cooperation on Digital and Circular Economy Skills for the TCLF sector across Europe

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#### **Background and Project Description**

The Textile, Clothing, Leather, and Footwear (TCLF) industries in Europe had an annual turnover of €200 billion in 2021, employed 1,65 mi. workers in 240.770 companies, 99% SMEs, concentrated in a few regions of DE, IT, PL, PT, RO and SP. Since COVID-19 pandemic, the accelaration in digitalisation and new technologies offer multiple opportunities to support these industries in their digital and circular transformation. However, education and training remain behind, and it is essential to collaborate to well-equip workers with the right skills to address the challenges and opportunities of the new digital era at a higher level, within a framework of transition to a greener, circular economy increasing the resilience of TCLF companies.

The Eramus+ Blueprint METASKILLS4TCLF project is a ambitious Alliance for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills, crossing the TCLF PACT4SKILLS pillars, and with the compromise of consolidating and updating the former Blueprint Skills4Smart TCLF Industries 2030 project outcomes (ended in June 2022), namely the EU and national skills strategies, profiles, curricula and contents. It represents a stronger and a wider scope skills collaboration network, anticipating and responding to new skills gaps with innovative educational multilevel resources and delivery methodologies, involving new actors in the educational scene of TCLF across Europe, raising attractiveness and inclusion, preventing that "no talent is wasted", together with a strong dissemination campaign and a sustainability plan.

## **Objectives**

- Update the EU Skills Strategy as well as 8 national skills strategies completed in 2021 under the S4TCLF project, and develop strategies for 3 new countries (DE, SE and UA). This includes anticipating and addressing skills gaps in these sectors through public-private collaborative skills alliances at regional level while developing regional Pact for Skills.
- Monitor the actions and commitments of each regional skills partnership in order to progress towards the industries' green and digital transformation.
- Develop innovative curricula and training resources using new training methodologies. This
  involves collaboration with various actors in the education and training community
  throughout Europe, ensuring that training programmes are aligned with the evolving needs of
  the TCLF sectors.
- Promote the education and employment attractiveness, as well as the inclusion in these sectors as a career choice. This includes measures to ensure that no talent is wasted, providing inclusive opportunities for professionals from diverse backgrounds, and facilitating their integration in the sectors.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Skills Intelligence for Forecasting and Monitoring TCLF Emerging Skills Needs
- New modular training curricula/training modules "Inside Fashion" (both for initial education & training and upskilling-reskilling of the workforce), all tested in due piloting opportunities
- Innovative modular contents with micro-credentials, VR training and learning tools and update those developed in the former Blueprint.
- A European Virtual Reality Campus to gather the TCLF education community.
- A train the trainers and teacher package to strengthening skills supply to demand.
- An awareness raising campaign on attractiveness and inclusion in the TCLF industries and correspondent tools.

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