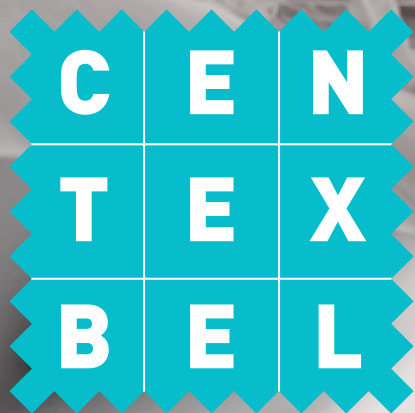
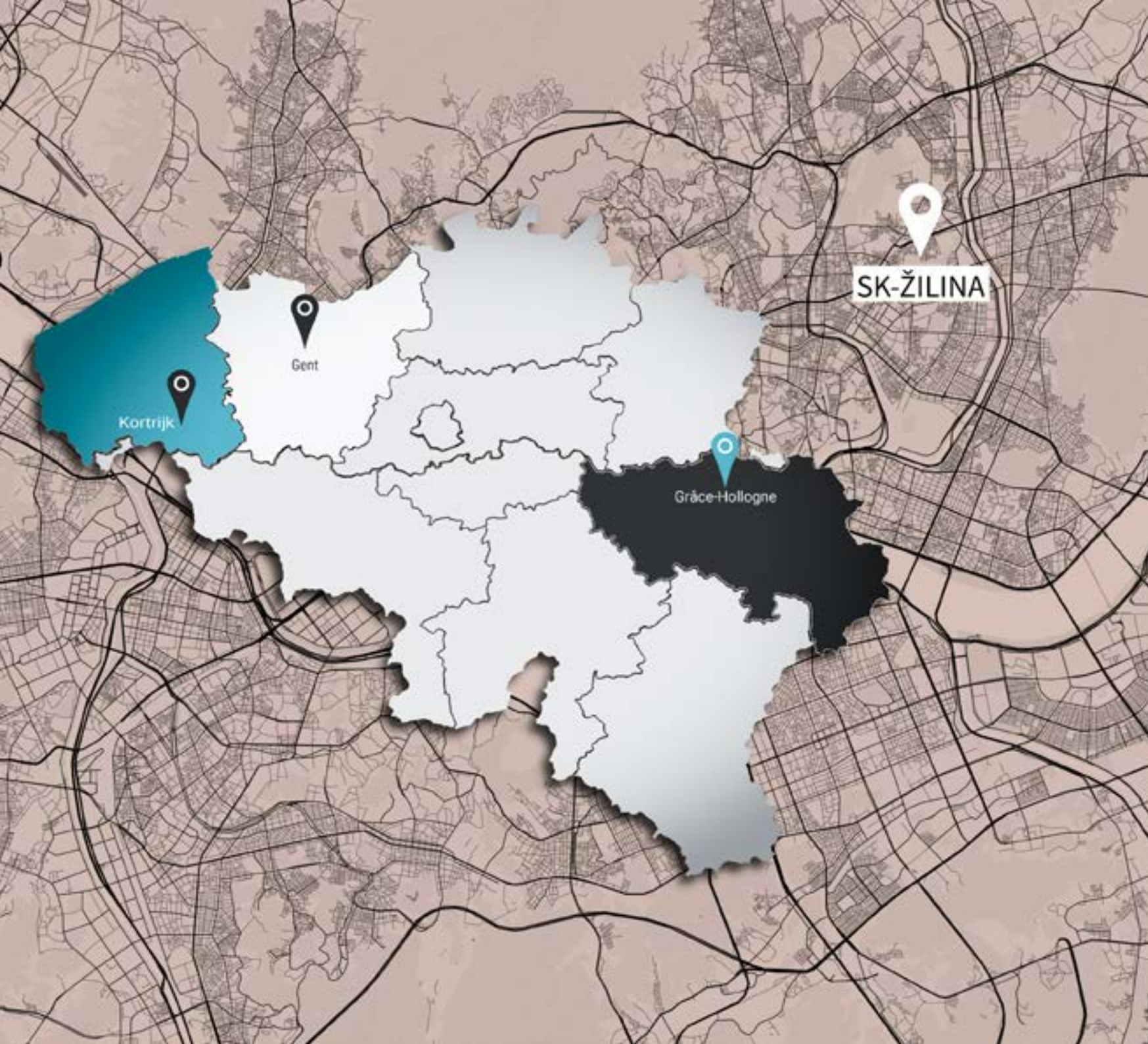


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We continue to build a flexible, international and future oriented Centexbel

After a twenty-year career, Jan Laperre is handing over the torch as General Director of Centexbel. Together with his successor, Pol Lombaert, he looks back - and ahead. They discuss strategic decisions, international growth, the power of a strong team, and the future of a sector undergoing transformation.

Looking back on 20 years of leadership

What were the key milestones in your career, Jan?

Jan: “A first milestone was the relocation of our colleagues from Accounting and HR, who were based in Brussels, to Ghent so they could be more closely involved in Centexbel’s daily operations.

During that period, we were also one of the shareholders of BQA. When the other shareholders were no longer interested, we decided to acquire all remaining shares. We did this because audit activities brought Centexbel closer to companies and because we recognized that auditing would only become more important.

Another major decision was to move our site in Verviers to a modern building in Grâce-Hollogne, with room for future expansion. We approached this with great care, as many colleagues would face a significantly longer commute. I am still grateful that they chose to stay with us and did not leave because of this change.

In 2014, we acquired VKC because we saw the strong synergy between the textile industry and the plastics processing industry. Around that same time, we also began expanding internationally—first into Turkey, and later into India and China. This not only significantly increased our testing activities but also strengthened our ability to support Belgian companies. And then COVID arrived: a challenging period that nonetheless offered unprecedented opportunities in R&D, testing, networking, and visibility.

The most recent strategic decision is the acquisition of VUTCH in Slovakia, which enables us to broaden our services, increase our competitiveness, and gain access to the Central European market.”

What are you most proud of?

Jan: “We have grown from 85 to 200 employees, with a remarkably low staff turnover. We have significantly expanded our research and testing capacity and expertise, and internationally we have built a strong reputation as a competent organisation in research, testing, and certification. For all this work, I could rely on an exceptionally strong team.

But no matter how far our operations reach, our focus remains the same: supporting Belgian companies. That has always been – and still is – in our DNA as a collective centre.”

Today’s challenges

Pol, what do you see as the biggest challenges for Centexbel and the sector?

Pol: “The sector and the organisation operate in turbulent times. Political and economic uncertainty, combined with an ongoing stream of breaking news, can be paralysing. My view is: uncertainty is part of today’s reality – and that’s okay. What matters is how we face it as a team. It is never about ‘I’, but about ‘we’.

We must continue to invest in our people, our infrastructure and our capabilities. We must continue to deploy our unique expertise - built at the intersection of academic and applied research - to support companies, foster innovation and, when needed, help them reinvent themselves.

Textiles and plastics are often presented too modestly, while in reality they are incredibly innovative and highly technological. The basic techniques may be decades or centuries old, but what we achieve with them today belongs to the top tier of technological development. These stories must be shared more widely, together with the companies who help shape them.”

Building on a strong foundation

How will you build on Jan’s legacy?

Pol: “Our team of highly qualified employees who are given the freedom to grow is a great fundament to build on. Their complementary skills and collaboration form the backbone of our research, testing and services. Equally important is that Jan has built an impressive international network. This enables us to benchmark, to grow, to collaborate.

Our international diversification was a particularly smart strategy: it strengthens our resilience and provides the resources we need to keep investing in the future. Ultimately, this allows us to support the Belgian industry even better.”

Looking ahead

Centexbel has existed for more than 75 years. How do you see the future?

Pol: “An organisation can only last this long if it continuously adapts to a changing world. Crises have always existed and will always exist. We face them with a positive mindset: by daring to innovate, launching new initiatives and letting go of outdated practices. That is the only way to remain relevant and future oriented.”

Conclusion

With a solid past, a strong international position, a complementary team and a clear mission focused on innovation and impact, Centexbel looks to the future with confidence.

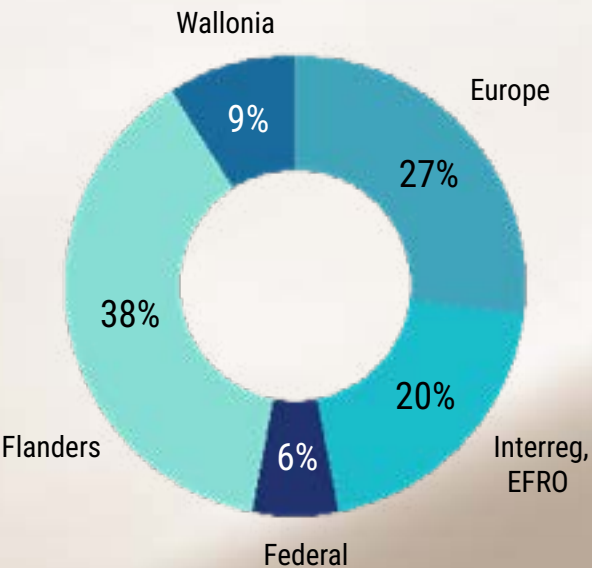
KEY FIGURES

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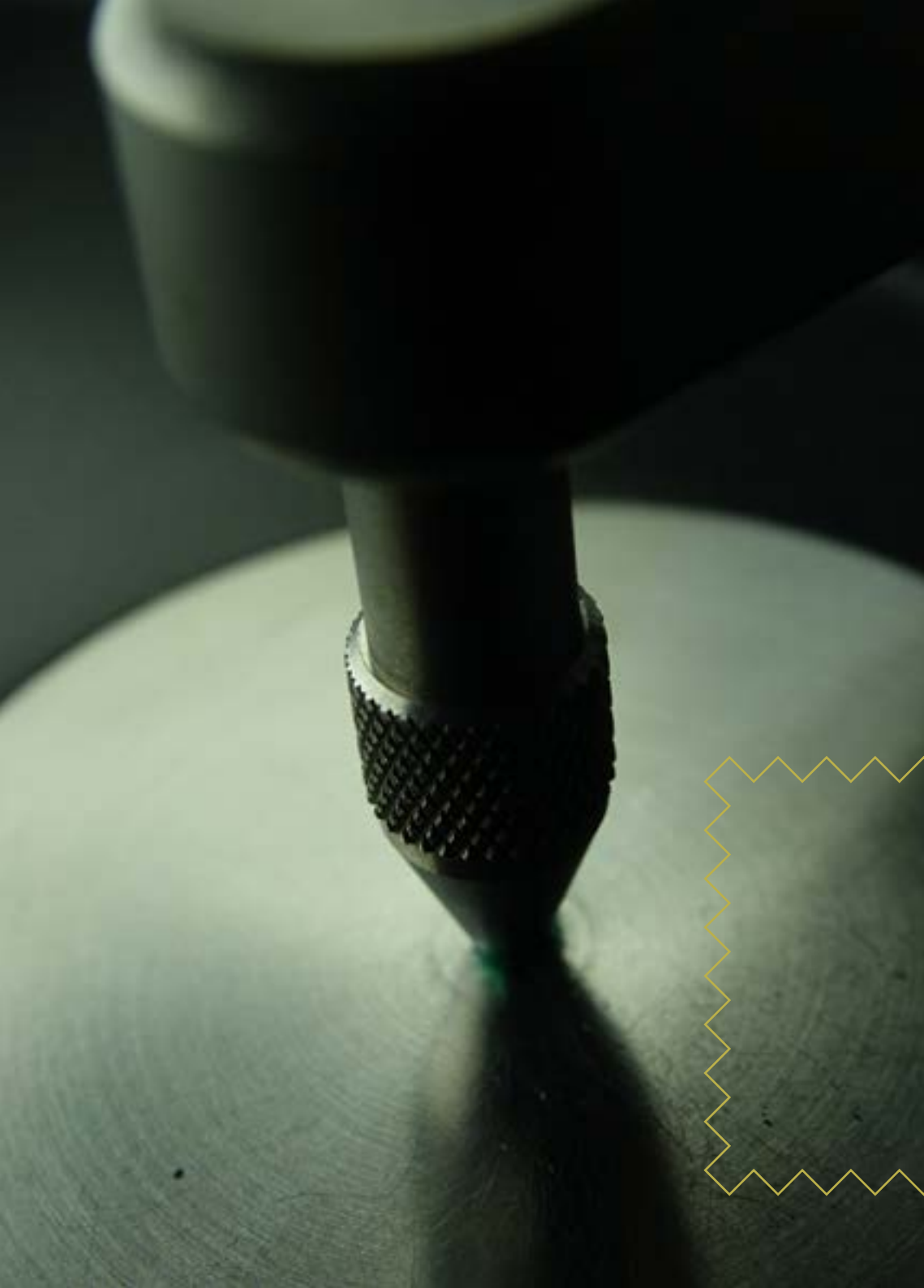
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Self-Financing Capacity
European Dimension
Transfer of Results

Centexbel 2025	(KPI) on 3 years
64%	50%
20	6
107	75



REMARKABLE

MILESTONES



From Waste to Resources

Within the framework of the **Living Lab Textile Side Streams**¹ – also known as Labs on Fibre – **Hilde Beeckman** analysed the composition and recovery potential of non-reusable textile flows, materials that today are still often destroyed.

Hilde:

“Our research reveals that 34% of these discarded textiles could undergo high-quality recycling, provided that market conditions are favourable and that sorting and dismantling technologies continue to evolve positively.”

For comparison: currently, only 1% of discarded textiles are actually recycled.

These results underline the importance of innovation and collaboration in the transition towards a circular textile value chain.

¹ The subsidising authorities are mentioned in the chapter “Acknowledgements” at the end of this annual report.

Cisuflo Accelerates the Circular Future of Floor Coverings

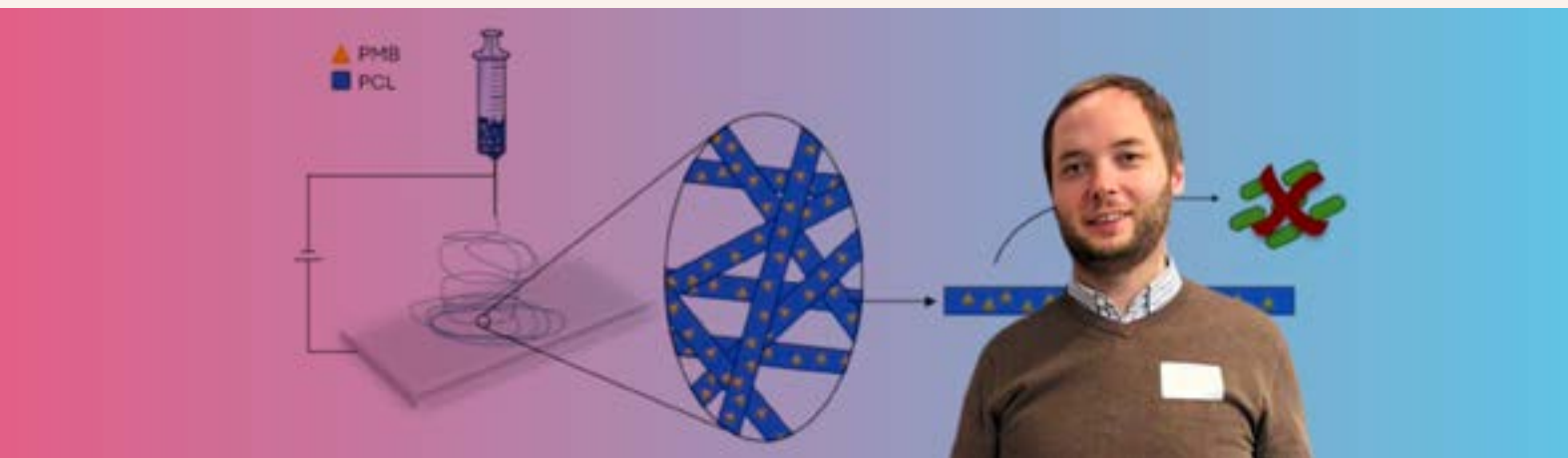
Ine De Vilder:

“Together with our research partners within the project, we’ve developed circular concepts for different types of floor coverings. At the same time, we’ve analysed waste streams and recycling technologies in order to concretely support the transition towards high-quality reuse.”

One of the most remarkable innovations is the **ePRODIs** platform, which collects and shares standardised product information.

A **roadmap** was also developed **for circular business models**, the conclusions of which were compiled into a **practical guide** and a **digital transition support tool**.

The project mapped available waste volumes, collection structures, and certification initiatives.



Rémi Develops Smart, Antimicrobial Wound Dressings

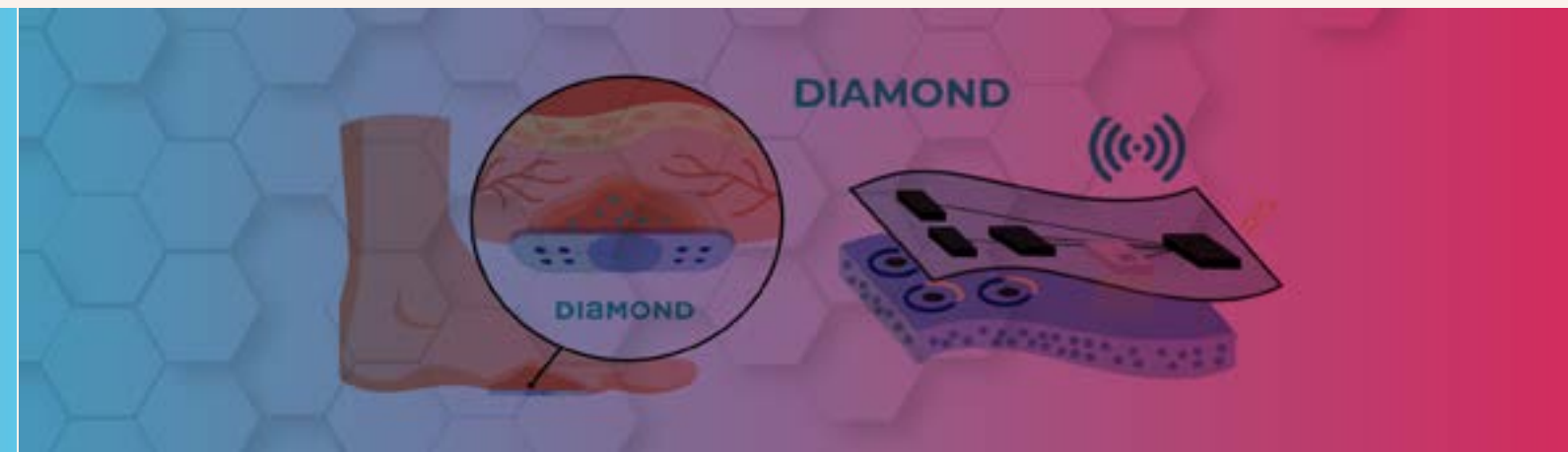
Traditional wound dressings often provide insufficient targeted and long-lasting antibacterial action. There is therefore a need for smart wound dressings that combine active infection control with controlled drug delivery and safety for the body.

Together with researchers from the University of Liège, **Rémi Tilkin** developed an innovative, smart, biodegradable antibacterial wound dressing. **Their technology is based on ultrathin fibres of polycaprolactone (PCL), a biodegradable polymer, infused with the antibiotic polymyxin B, which is released gradually.**

Rémi:

"The technology was developed within the MicroEcoTex project and was designed with scalability in mind."

The production process is relatively simple and compatible with industrial applications.



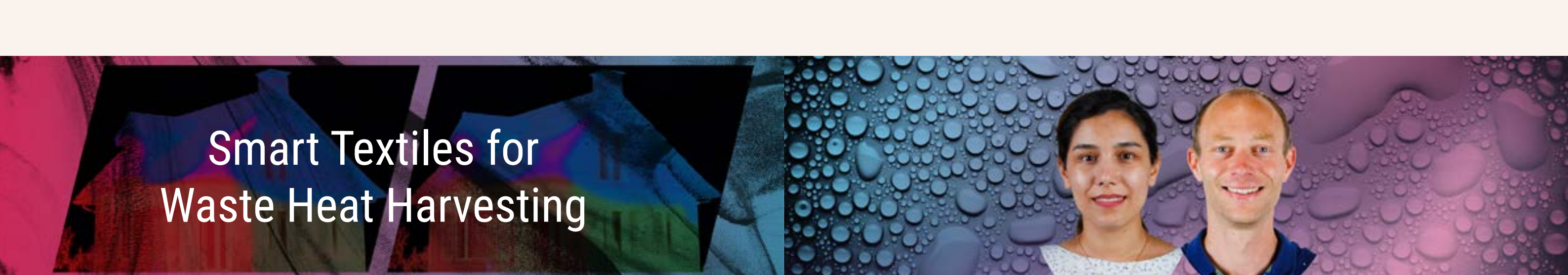
Textile-Integrated Sensors Prevent Amputations in Diabetic Patients

Within the Interreg **DIAMOND** project, our colleague **Willem Uyttendaele** is working on smart wound dressings with integrated, printed sensors for monitoring diabetic wounds.

These sensors make it possible to continuously measure crucial wound parameters, such as pH and temperature, and thus detect infections at an early stage.

Willem:

"Centexbel developed textile-integrated sensor structures based on conductive inks and multilayer prints, fully compatible with flexible dressing materials. By integrating the sensors directly into the dressing, we are paving the way for smart wound care solutions that combine monitoring and targeted treatment."



Smart Textiles for Waste Heat Harvesting

Heat Recovery for the Building of the Future

In **ThermoHarv**, we aim to improve the energy efficiency of buildings by recovering residual heat in buildings and converting it into electricity using thermoelectric and pyroelectric materials.

By incorporating these functional materials into coatings, textiles, and composites – and by considering circularity and scalability from the design stage onwards – the project makes a valuable contribution to sustainable and energy-efficient construction solutions.

At Centexbel, we explore the most promising ways to use heat recovery in the construction sector and actively support the development of demonstrators.

With our know-how in printed electronics, functional coatings, textiles, and composites, we make industrial integration of these materials possible – all while evaluating recyclable solutions for buildings that are ready for the future.

Brecht Demedts

Research into Bio-Based Polyurethane Delivers Impressive Results

Water-repellent polyurethane

Pegah Zahedifar and **David De Smet** are developing bio-based waterborne PUDs for advanced applications.

“Our water-repellent polyurethanes – designed as fluorine-free alternatives for textile finishing and developed within the PFAS-Free project – demonstrate superior durability and water repellency.”

Self-healing bio-based PU coating

In parallel, we’re developing self-healing bio-based polyurethanes for façade cladding, with the aim of extending material lifetimes and reducing maintenance needs, within the SUBBIMATT project.

Once again, with excellent results.

Textile Coating & Laminating Conference

About one hundred people from several European countries participated in the twelfth edition of the International Conference on **Textile Coating & Laminating** in Ghent on November 21 and 22, 2025.

The live reactions — as well as those on social media — were unanimous: it was an extremely successful edition!

The conference brought together surprising scientific innovations, engaging discussions, and inspiring networking moments — **a perfect blend of knowledge-sharing, idea exchange, and connection.**



On to the next edition! I'm incredibly proud of the team and deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this success. Together, we've shown that sharing knowledge and working side by side are the keys to moving our industry forward.

Ann De Grijse, Events & Publications

Expertise that Makes Headlines!

In 2025, Centexbel reaffirmed its position as a **reference laboratory for advanced screening and analysis of Substances of Concern** in fabrics, clothing, toys, and household articles.

Results from the **round-robin tests** in which we participated further demonstrate that we are among the leading laboratories in terms of **accuracy** and **reliability** of our test results.

Our expertise and insights are gaining increasing recognition in leading national and international media. This growing visibility strengthens our position as a trusted voice, enabling us to champion consumer safety while promoting the interests of Europe's manufacturing industry.

I'm proud to shine a spotlight on our essential expertise and the positive impact it brings.

Stijn Steuperaert, Consultant environment and toxicology



The background features a complex, organic pattern of green and purple hues, resembling a microscopic view of cells or a network of fibers. A yellow dashed rectangular box is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, highlighting a specific area of the pattern.

RESEARCH

& DEVELOPMENT

Innovation as a Lever for a Sustainable World

The world is facing major challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity, and growing waste streams. The textile and plastics sectors play an important role in this – and it is precisely there that innovation can make a difference. Driven by this conviction, Centexbel conducts research that contributes to a more sustainable and circular society.

Our projects help design materials more intelligently, use them more efficiently, and recycle them more effectively. In this way, we reduce environmental impact and dependence on virgin raw materials. At the same time, we develop alternatives to fossil-based materials and deploy innovative technologies to improve safety and health, including in medical applications.

By connecting science, industry, and policy, Centexbel translates innovation into concrete solutions for sectors such as fashion, construction, healthcare, and packaging.

Last year, we launched several projects¹ in collaboration with companies, (international) research partners, and NGOs – through which we continue building a circular, safe, and future-oriented world:

- In **RETAIN**, **RECYCLEX**, and **Circula-TEX**, we are seeking solutions for the recycling and reuse of textiles and plastics.
- **BioColEol** and **ECOFUNC** focus on the use of natural and CO₂-based raw materials as alternatives to fossil-based materials.
- **3-in-1** and **SmartMultiDress** focus on safety and health, through the detection of harmful substances and smart wound care, respectively.
- **TRUSTEX** and **OPKOP** develop tools and models that help companies with traceability, eco-design, and material selection, thereby supporting the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

What connects all these initiatives is Centexbel's unique position as a bridge-builder between science, industry, and policy. Through our website, social media, events, and newsletter, we keep you informed about the results of these and other projects.

During the course of 2025, Centexbel completed a diverse portfolio of collective research projects reflecting Centexbel's commitment to a sustainable materials economy through applied research, industrial validation, and cross-sector collaboration.



In the European **PRESERVE** project, Centexbel developed and evaluated innovative coating solutions.

Willem Uyttendaele, Brecht Demedts, and Robbe De Bisschop:

"We applied an advanced coating to several of the project's demonstration materials, significantly reducing microplastic emissions. Through the development of this coating, we contribute to the increased sustainability of the project solutions."



<https://www.centexbel.be/en/innovation/research/preserve>

Because coloured textile waste is difficult to recycle into high-quality materials, **Sofie Huysman** is developing a thermomechanical co-extrusion process in **ReCoTex** that encapsulates coloured waste in a light polymer layer, allowing recycled fibres to retain their colour and strength, comparable to virgin yarns.

To ensure that non-textile components such as zippers and labels no longer disrupt textile recycling, **Rémi Tilkin** uses advanced detection and removal techniques in **DeSepTex** to efficiently separate these elements, thereby increasing recycling quality and reducing rejects.

Waste from carbon fibre composites is difficult to reuse. In **REPREC**, **Yun Yin** is developing recycling and reintegration methods for prepreg and production waste, enabling recovered carbon fibres to be used again in high-value applications.

Measuring total organic fluorine in textiles is complex. In the prenormative study **PN-TOF**, **David Van de Vyver** introduces a new analytical method using combustion ion chromatography, allowing solid, liquid, and gaseous samples to be analysed efficiently and in an automated way.

Because PVC construction waste contains additives that complicate recycling, **Amir Bashirgonbadi** is developing circular recycling routes in **CIRC-PVC**, using improved sorting and solvent-based techniques to produce high-quality regenerated PVC.

Composites are often neither circular nor produced in an energy-efficient way. The Centexbel **FURHY** research team, led by **Frederik Goethals** and **Stijn Van Vrekhem**, is developing bio-based, recyclable composites through an energy-efficient process.

SMEs lack an overview and strategy for circular textiles. In **RegioGreenTex**, **Philippe Colignon**, in collaboration with partners, maps regional value chains and identifies innovation opportunities, leading to concrete circular roadmaps.

Innovations often stall between the lab and industry. The **Living Labs** test solutions in realistic environments per material stream and provide data that accelerate industrial uptake.

Different standards and expectations hinder the market for recyclates. During the **ALIGNED** project, Gertrude Kignelman aligns methodologies and standards, creating a more coherent market environment.

Sustainability and recyclability are often considered too late in the design process. In **TOOL4LIFE**, **Sofie Huysman** and the partners are developing tools and test protocols to evaluate these aspects already during the design phase.

Conclusion

All these projects exemplify Centexbel’s integrated innovation approach – combining scientific expertise, industrial collaboration, and sustainability goals.

The research results obtained in 2025 represent concrete breakthroughs toward circular and bio-based systems and materials, where recyclability, functionality, and environmental responsibility go hand in hand.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



REMARKABLE INVEST MENTS



Next-Gen Fibre-to-Fibre PET Recycling

Companies committed to circular textile streams and fibre-to-fibre recycling often face the same challenge: *how do you develop and test new recycling technologies that deliver clean, high-quality fibre raw materials for textile applications?*

The VACUREMA® Basic Line provides precisely that answer.

This installation has been specifically developed for **thermomechanical fibre-to-fibre recycling** and enables companies to evaluate and optimise innovative processes. **It processes shredded and/or compacted textile waste, combining degassing, fine filtration and – optionally – solid-state polymerisation (SSP).**

The result: purified, upgraded PET granules suitable for high-quality textile applications via melt spinning.

With a typical capacity of 50 to 100 kg/h, the VACUREMA® Basic Line is optimised for PET, while compatibility with other polymers is being investigated in parallel.

It therefore forms an ideal platform for companies wishing to test new recycling routes, improve material purity, or bring circular innovations to market more rapidly.

Five-Layer Blown Film Extrusion

When companies want to develop new packaging concepts, improved barrier films, or advanced material formulations, they often encounter the same challenge:

"how do you test and optimise complex multilayer films under fully controlled conditions?"



The Labtech LF400 COEX provides exactly that answer

This five-layer blown film extrusion line is designed for companies aiming to accelerate their innovation process. T

hanks to its combination of high precision, great flexibility, and excellent reproducibility, development teams can rapidly design, test, and refine new multilayer film structures.

At the heart of the system are five independently controlled extruders feeding an advanced co-extrusion die. This results in highly consistent layer thickness and film quality suitable for research into:

- packaging films
- barrier films
- functional and technical films
- new resins, additives, and material combinations

The LF400 COEX therefore forms an ideal platform for companies wishing to evaluate new materials, validate product concepts, or bring innovations to market more quickly.



On 10 December 2025, Pablo Moerman (Director of Testing) and David Van de Vyver (Head of the Chemical Laboratory) welcomed an official delegation led by Belgian Deputy Prime Minister Jan Jambon for a guided tour of our ST4Rlab.

Recyclates Without Quality or Safety Risks

Companies want to use more recycled materials but encounter uncertainties regarding quality, contamination, odour, performance, and regulations.

ST4Rlab helps remove that barrier: by making recyclates chemically transparent, you can use them safely and at high value – without downcycling.

What's in it for your company?

- More recyclate in your products while maintaining quality
- Insight into unwanted substances such as PFAS, flame retardants, mineral oils, heavy metals, and other legacy chemicals
- Control over risks related to legislation, safety, and recalls
- Solutions to odour, emission, and ageing issues
- Valorisation of waste streams into high-quality raw materials



Safe, High-Quality Recyclates Thanks to Smart Investments

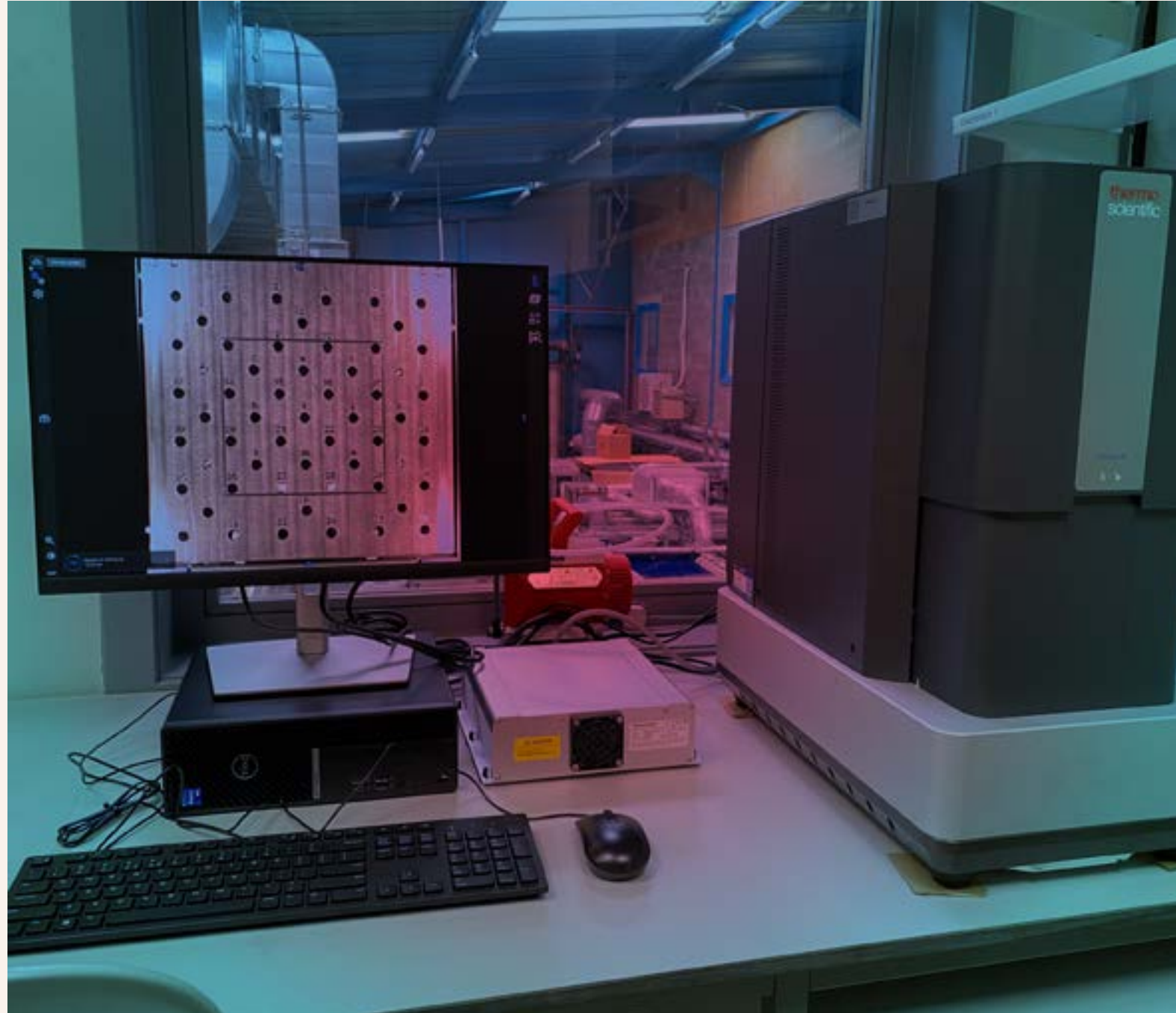
In 2025, we acquired three advanced analytical technologies, strengthening ST4Rlab's capacity to detect risks more quickly, identify unknown substances, and provide companies with reliable data to innovate with confidence and use recycled materials as raw materials.

"With these investments, ST4Rlab can perform broader chemical screenings, identify risks and unknown substances more quickly, and support companies in their regulatory pathways. Reliable data strengthen confidence in circular materials and accelerate the transition towards a truly circular economy."

- 1. Real-time insight. No waiting time:**
With the new SIFT-MS, we gain immediate insight into volatile organic compounds, directly in air and without sample preparation.
- 2. Clarity in complexity. Even when nothing is known:**
The Waters Xevo HR/MS system helps us unravel the most complex samples with high resolution and great accuracy. Indispensable for non-target analyses, where unknown components must be identified quickly and reliably.
- 3. Ultra-sensitive detection that ensures compliance:**
Thanks to the Agilent triple quadrupole GC-MS, we can detect and quantify specific substances with high precision. A crucial capability for identifying regulated or unwanted additives in plastics, textiles, and other materials.

More ST4Rlab appliances: see page 74

NEW Scanning Electronic Microscope



Advanced Microscopy for Materials Research

Since 2025, our researchers at the laboratory in Grâce-Hollogne have been equipped with a **Thermo Scientific Phenom XL desktop scanning electron microscope**.

This advanced instrument enables ultra-high-resolution imaging and highly accurate material analysis and represents a major reinforcement of our support for innovation in the textile and plastics industries.

Benefits for the textile and plastics industries:

- **Detection of micro-defects** and analysis of surface properties with exceptional sharpness
- **Optimisation** of fibre production, coating processes, and polymer blends thanks to detailed structural imaging
- **Acceleration of R&D** through reliable, reproducible, and high-quality material characterisation

Biodegradability of Plastics



In 2025, we acquired a **RESPIROMETER** from ECHO Instruments to determine the ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials under controlled composting conditions in accordance with **ISO 14855-1:2005**.

The respirometer is used for research, testing, and certification (e.g. OEKO-TEX®) and supports us in:

- the development of new biodegradable materials
- carrying out biodegradability tests
- sustainable product design and certification

This investment underlines our role as a research and innovation partner in the field of circular plastics and environmental performance.

Accelerate Your Product Validation Without Risk

If you want to validate new products, test processes and automation, and produce small series under real production conditions before investing in a full production line or manufacturing process, the Arburg Allrounder 470 E Golden Electric in Kortrijk offers a strong solution.

This fully electric injection moulding machine combines precision, efficiency, and automation support to accelerate process development and reduce risks.



Reliable prototypes and pre-series

Production of high-quality parts with tight tolerances and excellent repeatability, enabling you to validate designs, materials, and moulds before scaling up.

Stable and documented processes

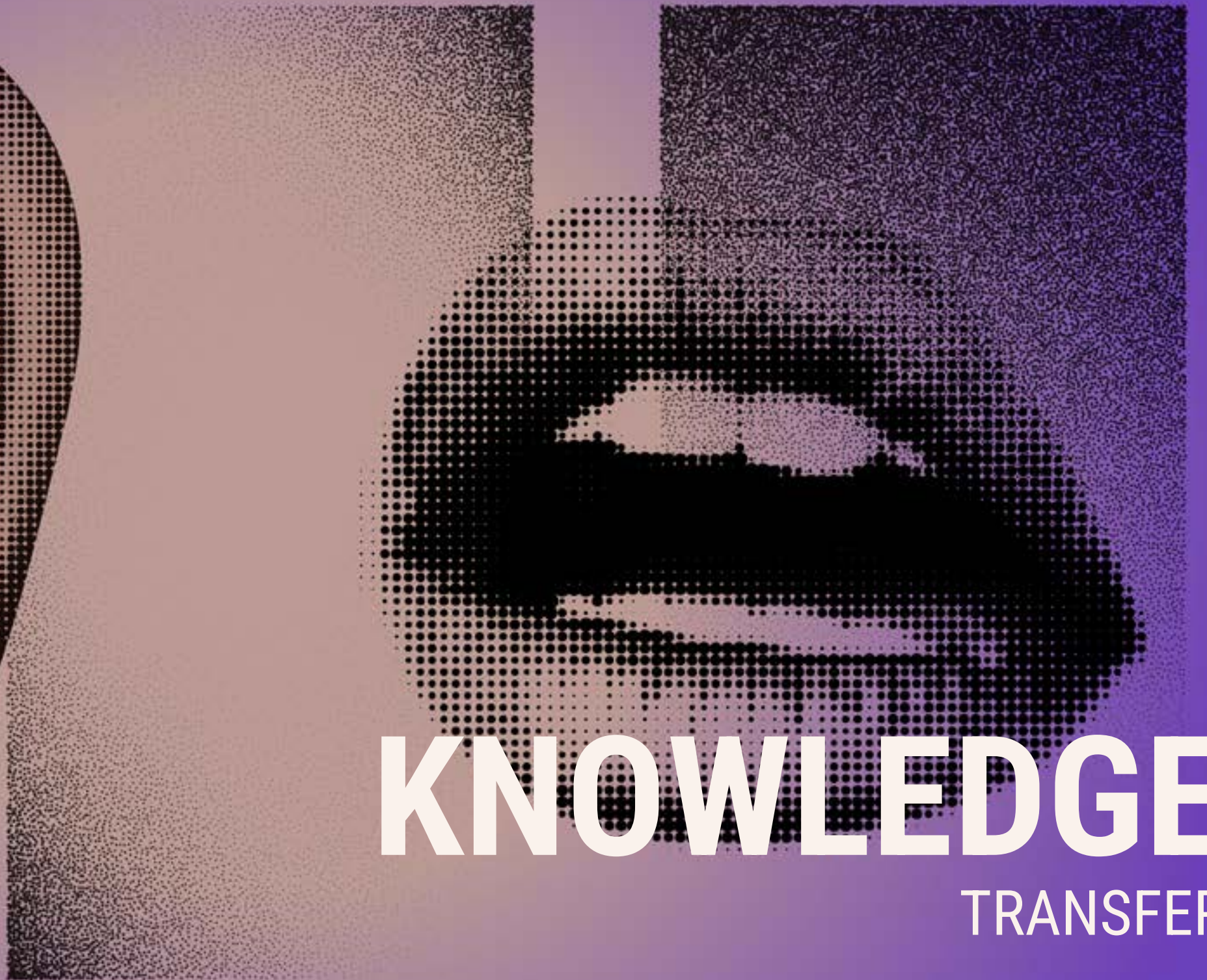
The process settings we optimise on the 470 E correspond to what you will later need in mass production. This reduces surprises when transferring moulds and parameters.

Advanced and sustainable materials

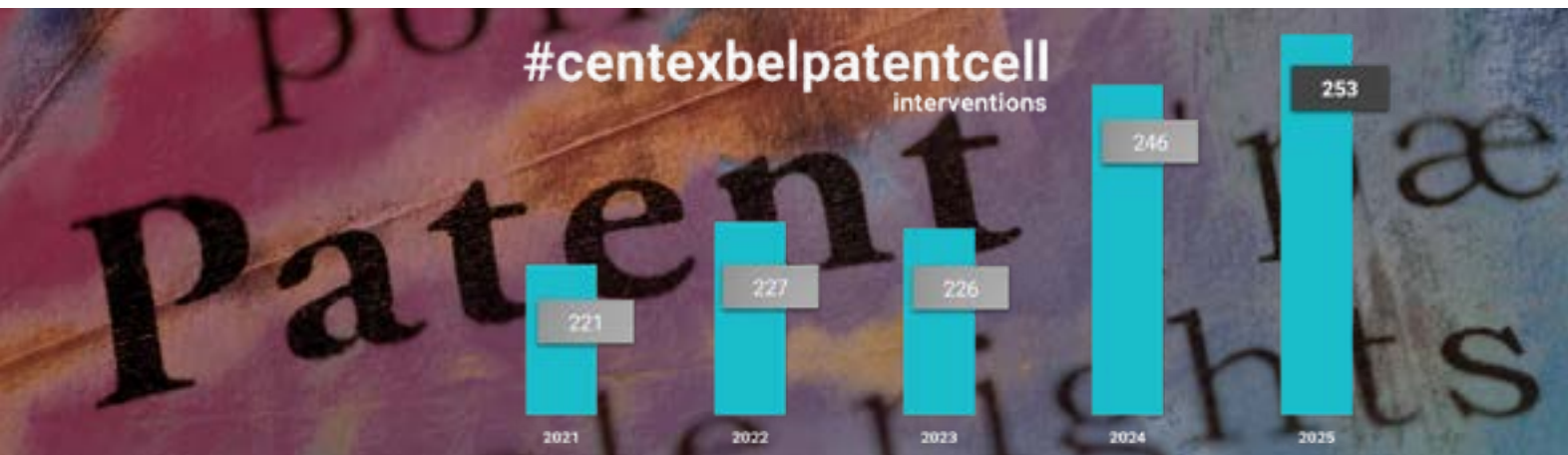
The machine is suitable for demanding materials and for testing recycled plastics with adaptive process control – ideal for exploring both performance and sustainability objectives.

Davy Van Cauwenberghe:

"If your company wants to develop new products and validate processes in a real production context, our new pilot line offers the precision, repeatability, energy efficiency, and flexibility required before scaling up to high-volume production."



KNOWLEDGE
TRANSFER



Together with Gertrude Kignelman and Ana Monteiro, Sander De Vrieze provides essential support to companies through the Centexbel patent cell, offering novelty searches, freedom-to-operate analyses, patent monitoring, and technology watch services.

The **253** inquiries answered by the patent cell in 2025 highlight the growing attention companies are paying to innovation and intellectual property.

Throughout the year, the patent cell drew attention to recent Belgian patents, discussed newly published patents during information sessions, and once again organized a seminar on searching for and interpreting patent information.

The patent cell serves as a strategic compass for SMEs: it helps companies protect their innovations in a targeted way, identify new opportunities, and navigate a rapidly evolving technological landscape with confidence.



2025 was once again a dynamic year full of challenges for Stijn Steuperaert, our expert in environment and toxicology. The increasingly stringent requirements of the REACH Regulation and the OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT resulted in a continuous stream of questions, test requests, and advisory projects.

The **authorities** also call upon our expertise. At the end of 2025, we won two more tenders that will be carried out in 2026.

The **media**—ranging from newspapers to television and radio—are also well aware of his expertise. He is regularly invited to provide explanations, analyses, and interviews. An overview of the many publications to which he has contributed can be found in the appendix.

Our monthly publication **Milieufacts** frequently addresses current debates on PFAS and other substances of concern.

On 16 January 2025, we also organized the fourth **masterclass on sustainable chemistry**. During this event, specialists exchanged insights on these crucial topics.

Once again, the masterclass was a great success and will therefore certainly be continued in 2026.



STeP

The **OEKO-TEX® STeP** label demonstrates companies' commitment to their employees and the environment and supports them in their transition toward more sustainable production.



"In 2025, our STeP auditors carried out 18 audits: 4 initial audits, 8 certification audits, and 6 conformity audits. Since the label is valid for three years and requires an audit every 18 months, we have another 7 audits scheduled for 2026."

Dzenko Van Holderbeke,
Consultant Environmental Issues

Initial audits

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Kadifiteks
Seyntex
Texim Belgium

Certification audits

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Muvantex N.V.
Ontex Peninsular SA
Vebe Floorcoverings bv
Verstraete & Verbauwede Fabrics NV
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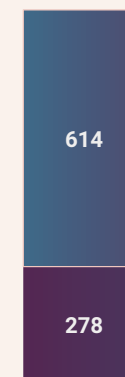
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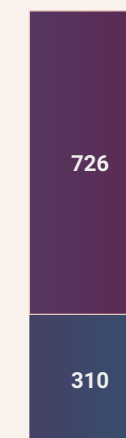
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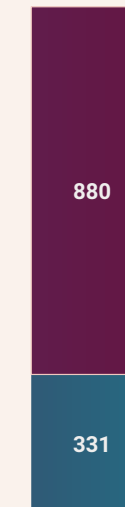
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renewed certificates

newly issued certificates

We observe a clear growth trend in the number of certificates issued over the period 2020–2025, both for new certifications and renewals. The number of new certificates increases sharply from 2020 onward and grows almost continuously until 2025, indicating a sustained inflow of newly certified organizations.

The number of renewals also shows a pronounced and stable increase over the years. This confirms that existing certificate holders continue to renew the OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 label, pointing to a high level of satisfaction and long-term commitment.

Overall, the developments between 2020 and 2025 underline the growing relevance and strong anchoring of the OEKO-TEX® certification system.



Standardisation

In 2025, the **Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)** and **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** were central topics.

The ESPR strategy aims to tackle fast fashion, reduce textile waste, and make clothing and fabrics more sustainable, more repairable, reusable, and recyclable. In addition, it was announced that the EU Ecolabel criteria for textiles would be revised, providing consumers with a clear and reliable way to choose environmentally friendly products.

A key element of EPR is the obligation for textile producers to bear the costs of the collection, sorting, and recycling of discarded clothing, footwear, and household textiles.

These obligations apply both to EU-based companies and to international sellers operating on the internal market. Micro-enterprises are granted an additional year to adapt. Member States are also encouraged to take fast fashion and ultra-fast fashion into account when determining producer contributions.

The standards antennas, under the leadership of **Karin Eufinger**, closely monitored these developments and informed the relevant industry and other stakeholders about the key changes through information and consultation sessions.

In addition, they offered companies the opportunity to actively contribute to the standardization process, including through the establishment of shadow committees and other targeted initiatives.

Discover what our standards antennas can do for your company!

<https://www.centexbel.be/en/innovation/standards-antennas>

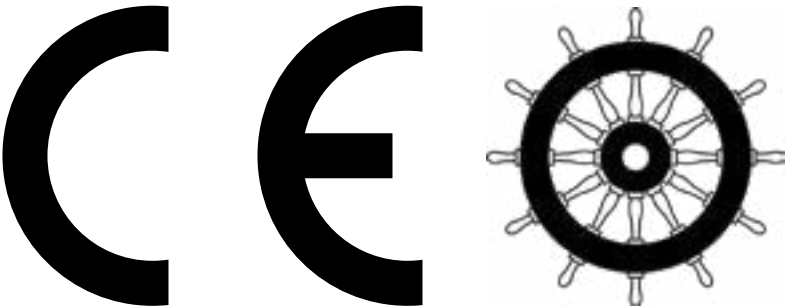


On the way to new and safer toy legislation

On 13 October 2025, the Council of the European Union definitively approved the Toy Safety Regulation. This regulation tightens safety requirements for toys, strengthens protection against harmful chemical substances, and introduces digital product passports to improve enforcement.

The regulation prohibits the use of hazardous chemical substances in toys, including endocrine disruptors, skin allergens, biocides, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In addition, enforcement of safety requirements is strengthened through the introduction of a Digital Product Passport (DPP), which contains essential safety information and facilitates customs controls and market surveillance.

Until now, toy safety has been governed by Directive 2009/48/EC, which sets out the requirements that toys—whether manufactured within the EU or imported—must meet to be placed on the European market. The new regulation aligns with the EU strategy for sustainable chemicals and aims to better protect consumers and vulnerable groups from the most harmful chemical substances.



Inge De Witte and her certification team support your company with:

- CE marking of toys
- CE marking of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- CE marking of construction products
- Obtaining the Wheelmark for marine equipment



our **FIGURES**

OUR **TEAM**

Revenues

In 2025, we were once again able to close the financial year with a positive balance, thanks to the diversity of our activities and our globally recognized expertise, particularly in the fields of research, testing, and certification.

Activities

Centexbel structures its activities around research and development, business support through testing and analysis, and knowledge dissemination.

Operating and personnel costs

Operating costs and personnel costs account for 36% and 54% of total operating revenues, respectively.

Investments

Each year, Centexbel makes substantial investments in its buildings and their maintenance, as well as in new laboratory and platform equipment, to replace obsolete equipment and in support of research projects and/or technological developments. In this way, Centexbel ensures the organization's sustainable future for the benefit of companies.

DIVERSITY



At Centexbel, we believe that diversity is the driving force behind innovation.

Our HR policy ensures that employees from a wide range of backgrounds, ages, and experience levels are given equal opportunities.

By fostering an inclusive and motivating work culture, we promote collaboration, creativity, and forward-thinking ideas within our organization.



TEAM SPIRIT

Our actions for De Warmste Week 2025 raised a wonderful and heart-warming amount, which we proudly donated to **Bubble ID**.

During the presentation of the cheque to **Professor Filomeen Haerynck**, Head of the Department of Pediatric Pulmonology, Immunodeficiencies and Infectious Diseases, we received an exceptionally engaging explanation.

She clearly outlined the impact of Bubble ID's initiatives on **children with a congenital immune disorder** and their families—and how valuable our support is in this context.

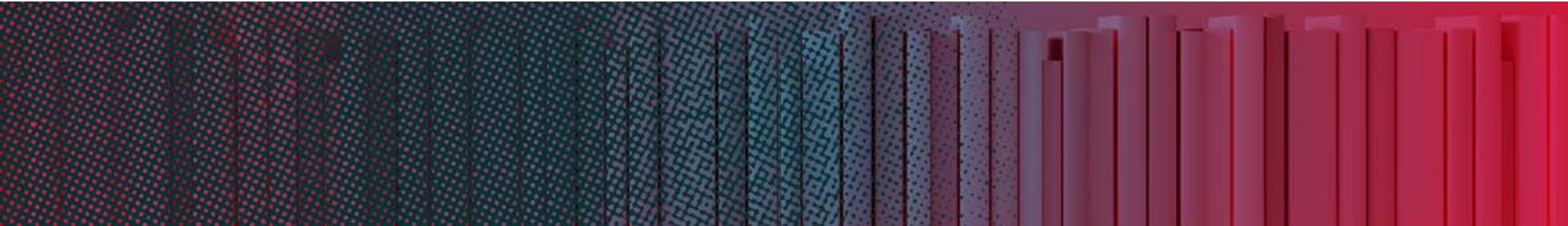
It was a moment that made us realize even more strongly why we all committed to this cause together.

What is Bubble ID?

Bubble ID informs, supports, and connects people with a congenital immune disorder and those around them. In addition, it promotes scientific research that contributes to improved diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life.

Together, we turned warmth into impact.





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2025-04: Hazardous Substances
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2025-06: Sustainable & High Performance Composites
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Arthur De Meyer
Interview met Edwin Maes
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Sarah Vandoorne
Interview met Stijn Steuperaert
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Interview met Inge De Witte
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Interview met Rémi Tilkin
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De microplastics restrictie: interpretatie en testmethodes

Edwin Maes

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Stijn Steuperaert

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Myriam Vanneste

RegioGreenTex: innovatieve KMO's om de circulaire economie in verschillende Europese regio's en hubs te ondersteunen

Philippe Colignon

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Stijn Steuperaert

23/01/2025 - Bedrijfsinterne opleiding "REACH" bij Bel&Bo

Stijn Steuperaert

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Polyester waste recycling: Exploring the thermo-mechanical approach

Birgit Stubbe

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Stijn Corneillie

11/02/2025 - Labtour Fysisch Lab en Brandlab Centexbel

Burning behaviour testing for textiles and plastics

Mike De Vrieze

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Centexbel, Centre of expertise - Eddy Albrecht

Physical lab tour - Elke Van De Walle

12/02/2025 - Bedrijfsinterne opleiding "Kwaliteitstesten op textiel" bij E5 Mode

Edwin Maes

27/02/2025 - Praktijkgerichte Basiscursus Compounderen

Wim Grymonprez

04/03/2025 - Biobased Coatings Europe Online Series PHA

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Myriam Vanneste

06/03/2025 - Basic training Espacenet

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Davy Van Cauwenberghe

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Recyclage thermomécanique des gisements polyesters et développement des applications en filière textile et plasturgie

Mélanie Moncaux (CETI), Birgit Stubbe

13/03/2025 - Masterclass Duurzaamheidslabels

Digitaal Product Paspoort

Edwin Maes

Duurzaamheidslabel: een communicatie-en hulpmiddel bij het maken van duurzame keuzes?!

Anneke Saey

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Characterization of microplastics

Rémi Tilkin

Operation Clean Sweep - Verhinderen van verlies van microplastics naar het milieu

Erik Wuyts

Testing of microfibres

Veerle Herrygers

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Innovaties in kledingtextiel van het voorbije jaar

Sander De Vrieze

Normenevoluties en wetgeving in het domein van kleding en kledingtextiel

Edwin Maes

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Jolien De Lepeleire

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Wim Grymonprez, Stijn Corneillie

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Textile Circular Economy: requirements and categorization of non-virgin input material flows

Gertrude Kignelman

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Elke Demeyer

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Isabel De Schrijver, Brecht Demedts

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Stijn Corneillie

24/04/2025 - Opleiding Circulaire economie, inzetten van recyclaten in de kunststofsector

Isabel De Schrijver, Wim Grymonprez

30/04/2025 - Bedrijfsinterne opleiding “Thermoplastic elastomers” bij Reynaers Aluminium

Stijn Corneillie

08/05/2025 - InfoHappening Coating, Finishing, Printing & Dyeing

Combined durable water-repellent and antimicrobial finish for textiles

Brecht Demedts

Developing biobased and sustainable polyurethane

Pegah Zahedifar

Eco-friendly flame-retardant coatings for mycelium panels

Frederik Goethals

Enhancing textile functionality and adhesion with plasma technology

Stijn Van Vrekhem

Industrial symbiose and EPR: advancing circular economy solutions

Ine De Vilder

Recent innovations in coating & finishing

Gertrude Kignelman

Renewable aromatics for textile coatings

David De Smet

Smart textiles for waste heat harvesting

Brecht Demedts, Elbeshary Mohammed

Transforming large-format prints into clean resources through deinking

Willem Uyttendaele

15/05/2025 - Masterclass Green Deal Centexbel

Algemene inleiding: Status groene wetgevende initiatieven

Edwin Maes

Inleiding tot PEF (Product Environmental Footprint), met focus op textieltoepassingen

Sofie Huysman

Normalisatie: circulaire en duurzame normen

Edwin Maes

28/05/2025 - Opleiding Circulaire economie, inzetten van recyclaten in de kunststofsector

Wim Grymonprez

03/06/2025 - Flanders Flooring Days (Kortrijk)

CISUFLO - Circular sustainable floor covering. Paving the way towards sustainable flooring

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13/06/2025 - EPLF Annual General Meeting (Valencia, ES)

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16/06/2025 - DPP4EU Conference

Towards a circular economy in textiles

Lien Van der Schueren, Guy Buyle

18/06/2025 - Saxion Master Innovative Textile Development

Advanced textile technologies - coating, lamination, finishing, printing

Myriam Vanneste

18/06/2025 - ECHT Workshop

Chemical traceability in the context of digital product passport

Guy Buyle

19/06/2025 - Journée Technologique – Textile & Matériaux pour le Sport (Tourcoing) CLUBTEX

Alternatives durables pour la fonctionnalisation des textiles de sport

Gertrude Kignelman

19/06/2025 - Bedrijfsopleiding Tarkett Cobot

Tapijtkarakteristieken en classificaties

Petra Wittevrongel

25/06/2025 - MMFA Annual General Meeting (Gent)

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3D printing capabilities at Centexbel

Begüm Akalin

Composite applications

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Overview of Equipment for Melt Processing

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Polyester textile recycling: Exploring the thermo-mechanical approach

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Recycling of complex plastic and textile waste

Rim Bitar

Use of biobased materials for textiles & plastics

Ruben Geerinck

30/09/2025 - Member meeting ECRA (Antwerpen)

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Ine De Vilder

1, 7, 16/10/2026 - Opleiding Spuitgieten voor gevorderden

Davy Van Cauwenberghe

02/10/2025 - Masterclass Veroudering van materialen Centexbel

Kleurechtheden: methodiek en overzicht van ISO 105

Veerle Herrygers

Lessen getrokken uit ASTM F1980 voor versnelde veroudering van medische materialen

Mark Croes

Lichtechtheden: toelichting van de ISO normen 105-B02 en 105-B04

Elke Van De Walle

Veroudering van textiel en kunststoffen

Sander De Vrieze

20/10/2025 - Vakbeurs Sign2com (Kortrijk)

Inzetten van gerecycleerde materialen in visuele communicatie

Wim Grymonprez

21/10/2025 - 12th International Textile Coating & Laminating Conference

Welcoming speech

Pol Lombaert

Designing PU for the Future

David De Smet

Influence of Dyeing on Thermal and Rheological Behavior of PET during Fiber-to-Fiber Recycling

Alexandra Glogowsky (Hochschule Niederrhein), Sofie Huysman

PHA Plastics: Sustainable Alternatives to PVC in Coating and Print Technologies

Brecht Demedts

The diversity of coatings

Myriam Vanneste

23/10/2025 - Kennismaking Basisanalyses van kunststoffen

Elke Demeyer

31/10/2025 - RE_ASSIGN Workshop (CTP-Tournai)

Projet transfrontalier CIRCOPLAST

Rim Bitar, Jens Vroman, Isabel De Schrijver

13/11/2025 - *Nationaal Kunststofcongres (Zwolle-NL)*
CISUFLO - Circular sustainable floor covering. Design-For-Recycling guidelines for textile floor coverings
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13/11/2025 - *Opleiding Circulaire economie, inzetten van recyclaten in de kunststofsector*
Wim Grymonprez

20/11/2025 - *Deca Packaging Group (Herentals)*
De Kunststofmarkt
Wim Grymonprez

6/11/2025 - *Workshop Regulations and standards impacting the circularity of the fashion, clothing, and textiles at UCA*
Fashion, Clothing and Textiles - Policy and Standards
Martin Charter, Virginie Litaudon (UCA), Karin Eufinger

27/11/2025 - *Masterclass Groene innovaties voor textiel en kunststoffen*
2025 - een jaar vol groene innovaties
Sander De Vrieze
Biopolymeerinnovaties voor een groenere textiel- en kunststofindustrie
Ruben Geerinck, Willem Uyttendaele
Innovaties @ Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress
Isabel De Schrijver

03/12/2025 - *Opleiding Circulaire economie, inzetten van recyclaten in de kunststofsector*
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10/12/2025 - *AMI Polymers in Flooring (Berlin, DE)*
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POSTER SHOWS

Potential of recycling and reusing recycled carbon fibre and post-production carbon fibre prepreg
Jun Yin
29-30/01/2025 - Morpho Final Conference (Vigo, ES)

Polysep: Separation of plastic materials
Ana Monteiro
27/05/2025 - Green Win Wlin Go Event (Brussels)

Advancing Smart Textile Technologies: Physiological Monitoring, Wound Care, and Harvesting Energy
Stijn Van Vrekhem

AlchemiSSts - The Quest for Safe and Sustainable by Design Plasticizers
Ine De Vilder

Biobased Flame Redardant Additive for Thermoset Resins
Frederik Goethals

Towards Antibiotic Resistance Prevention: Advancing Sustainable Antimicrobial Solutions for Textiles
Pegah Zahedifar
21-22/10/2025 - 12th International Textile Coating & Laminating Conference Centexbel (Gent)

Development of Integrated Smart Garments for Personalized Home Rehabilitation of Neurological Pediatric Patients
Jun Yin, Stijn Van Vrekhem, Pegah Zahedifar, Olivier Jolois, Myriam Vanneste
12-14/11/2025 - Etextile 2025 (Roubaix, FR)



Smartmultidress: Light, Action ... Regeneration!
AWARD-winning poster by Rémi Tilkin and Maxime Houbben

Advancing Thermo-Mechanical Recycling of PET Textiles for Sustainable Fibre Production
Begüm Akalin, Lien Van der Schueren, Birgit Stubbe, Isabel De Schrijver

AlchemiSSts - The Quest for Safe and Sustainable by Design Plasticizers
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Circula-tex - A Horizon Europe project supporting a circular, sustainable textile sector
Ine De Vilder

Reuse Potential of Post-Production Carbon Fiber Prepreg Waste: A Patchwork Laminate Design Study
Jun Yin, Hichem Hassaïne, Baptiste Herlin & Naïma Sallem, Pascal Van Velthem - UCLouvain Institute IMCN

SYMBA - Securing local supply chains via the development of new Methods to assess the circularity and symbiosis of the Bio-bAsed industrial ecosystem enhancing the EU competitiveness and resource independence
Ine De Vilder

27-28/11/2025 - Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference (Aachen, DE)



New equipment in 2025

Sniff Port (GC-MS) + Syft:

the sniff port directly links what people smell to the chemical compounds visible in GC-MS data, enabling precise identification of the root cause of odor deviations. The Syft system then allows real-time monitoring of these odor-causing substances and supports rapid quality control and process optimization.

μXRF Spectrometer (Bruker Tornado):

Non-destructive detection and mapping of elements from F to U in objects up to 19 × 16 cm. Provides fast, simple, and compliant identification of heavy metals such as Pb, Cd, and As in recyclates.

Elemental Analyzer (Thermo):

Accurate quantification of C, H, N, S, and O – essential for a full understanding of material composition. Complements XRF/ICP data and improves characterization of unknown recycled materials.

Combustion Ion Chromatography (Metrohm):

Reliable detection of halogens and PFAS-related fluorine. Measures F, Cl, Br, and I – even at high concentrations. Combined with other elemental techniques, it enables near-complete elemental analysis of unknown samples.

Microwave Muffle Furnace (CEM Phoenix):

Controlled ashing reveals the ash residue, supports filler characterization, preparation for XRF, and enables determination of carbon black in polymers and rubbers.

Sample Preparation Robot (Gerstel):

Automated extract cleanup ensures robust and reproducible quantification of persistent contaminants (GC-MS/LC-MS). Streamlines calibration and workflow automation.

PROJECT FINANCING



Project	Financed by
<i>Aligned</i>	Horizon Europe - Grant Agreement No. 101059430
<i>BioColEol</i>	Interreg Vlaanderen-Nederland, with the support of VLAIO
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<i>3-in-1</i>	EFRO with the support of VLAIO

General Council and
Standing Committee

Composition 2025

Members appointed by Fedustria

Interior Textiles

- Guy De Keyser, Aunde Belgium
- Peter Van Den Berghe, Associated Weavers
- Bram Buysse, Osta Carpets
- Pol Lombaert, Beaulieu International Groep* (*voorzitter, Président*)
- Aurélie Maes, Maes Mattress Ticking*
- Ives Swennen, Adfil
- Johan Vanwelden, Lava Textiles
- Katrien Vandenbroucke, Ragolle
- Rik Oeyen, FJA-Oeyen

Clothing Textiles

- Jean-Luc Derycke, Utexbel*
- Rik Grymonprez, Concordia Textiles
- Trees Cousy, Cousy
- Kevin Allison, Liebaert
- Annick Besseleers, Saad-Besseleers
- Laurent Verbrugge, Lano

Spinning

- Steven Janssens, ESG Spinning Group

Technical Textiles

- Joost Wille, Sioen*
- Dany Michiels, TWE Meulebeke
- Kurt Neuville, Milliken
- Luc Decraemer, Filco
- Guy Van den Storme, VdS Weaving*
- Stefan Kindekens, Gevaert Bandweverij

Textile Finishing

- Wim Gernay, Soierie Elite
- Francis Verstaete, Masureel Veredeling*
- Diego Claeys, Belysse

Fedustria

- Karla Basselier, Fedustria*
- Filip De Jaeger, Fedustria
- Daphne Renier, Fedustria
- Wim De Vos, Campine*
- Frank Veranneman, Veranneman Technical Textiles (*ondervoorzitter, vice-président Fedustria*)

Member appointed by VBO/FEB

- Gunnar Van Daele, Finipur

Members appointed by labour unions

- Dries Van den Broeck, A.C.V. METEA*
- Maarten Vlyminck, A.C.V. METEA
- Hilde Willems, A.B.V.V. Textiel, Kleding en Diamant
- Bjorn De Kerpel, A.C.L.V.B/C.G.S.L.B
- Annelies Deman, A.B.V.V. Textiel, Kleding en Diamant*

Leading figures in the scientific community

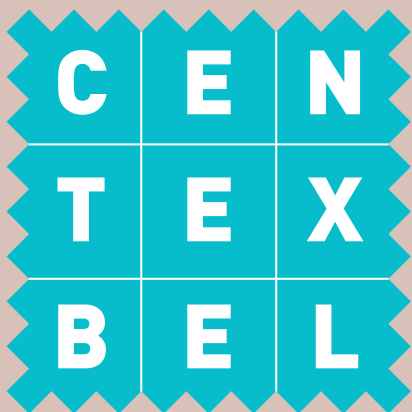
Mandates made available to federal and regional authorities

- NN, FOD Economie*
- Ria Bruynseels, Agentschap Innoveren en Ondernemen, Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap*
- Emmanuel Delhayé, D.G.T.R.E. Ministère de la Région Wallonne*

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- Alexandra De Raeve, Hogeschool Gent

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