

## Call for Applications for the Selection of Two (2) Members of the External Quality and Evaluation Committee.

Erasmus+ project no 101056303: ADDTEX - Advancing industrial digital and green innovations in the advanced textile industry through innovation in learning and training

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## 1. Background

Advanced textile materials are a thriving sub-sector in the textile and clothing ecosystem based on high added value and differentiation as unique selling proposition. Innovation in this field is key in the resilience building of the EU textile sector and its competitiveness, particularly in VUCA environments such as COVID-19 pandemic. Two major trends to increase the innovation ecosystem in the advanced textile sector are the update of digitalization and green innovations to address climate change and improve the sustainability of the sector. However, there is a lack of knowledge by textile SMEs in digital tools beyond traditional CRM and ERP. In addition, while sustainability is raising in the textile sector, many companies are still far from exploiting tools and principles such as eco-design.

Therefore, a holistic approach fostering the digital and green transition is needed to boost innovation in the sector through knowledge transfer and co-creation between academia and the industrial sector. Clusters will bring together the triple helix of innovation along with industry. The ERASMUS+ ADDTEX (full title: Advancing industrial digital and green innovations in the advanced textile industry through innovation in learning and training) project main objective is to facilitate the flow and co-creation of knowledge between higher education (HEI) and vocational education and training (VET), research, public sector and business sector within the advanced textile materials sector to foster new, innovative and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning. In parallel, the project aims to stimulate a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial attitudes, mindsets and skills in learners, educational staff and other workers, in line with the Green Deal and Entrepreneurship Competence Framework. ADDTEX will also improve the quality and relevance of skills developed and certified through education and training systems. The project will also reinforce the clusters in each region, supporting education and training of advanced textile materials companies through linkages with HEIs and VETs. The duration of ADDTEX project is 36 months (July 2022 to June 2025).

The activities to be performed and the corresponding expected results of the project are grouped in seven work packages as follows:

Work Package 1: Project management and coordination

Work Package 2: Preparation and gap analysis

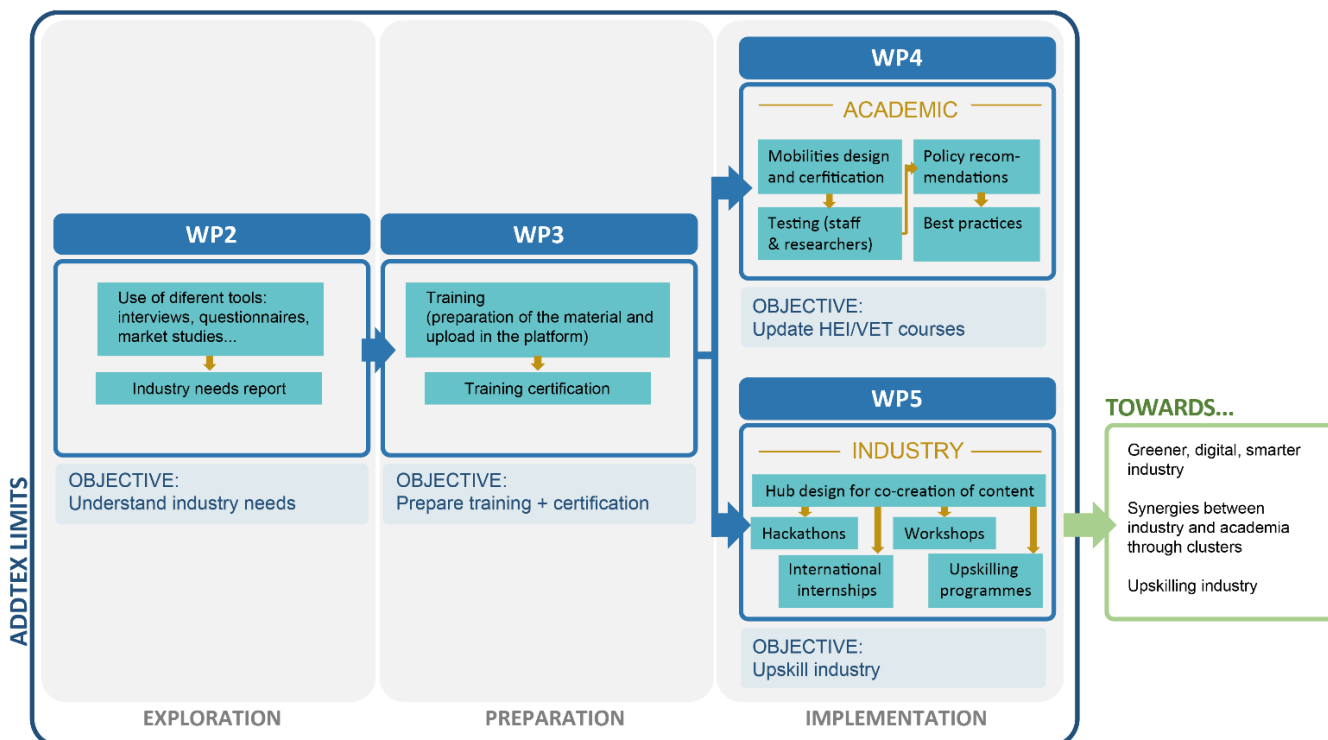
Work Package 3: Training development: curricula, training modules and educational resources

Work Package 4: Testing of training and mobility

Work Package 5: Upskilling textile industry through ADDTEX hubs

Work Package 6: Quality Management

Work Package 7: Dissemination & exploitation



In order to ensure an objective observation and evaluation of the project progress, quality of deliverables and activities, and impact on the target groups against the project's objectives and planning, an External Quality Committee (EQC) will be set up. It will consist of two persons that will be independent of the project's partners. Their duty will be to gather the necessary data in order to produce two external evaluation reports (M15 & M30) and a follow up report (M36). These reports will be revised and agreed by the task leader (CRETHIDEV) and the rest of the partners.

## 2. Job Description

**Job title:** External Quality Evaluator/ member of the External Quality Committee.

**Job description:** The implementation of the External Quality Evaluation of the Project, including the constructive periodic ex-post evaluation of the project implementation, the project progress, the quality of outputs and activities and the impact on the target groups against the project's objectives and planning using the evaluators' own tools (e.g. questionnaires, data

gathering, communication with the partners). The two evaluators will work together to produce the deliverables described below.

#### **Duties of the evaluators:**

The use of independent tools (e.g. review of documents, questionnaires, personal interviews) for the collection of data to assess the implementation of the project and its deliverables

The evaluation and verification on the quality of the project, the achievement of milestones and objectives, and the results of each Work Package of the project, based on the information provided by the Project Quality Manager, the Project Coordinator, and the partnership

The evaluation of the activities and outcomes of the project for their relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, and impact

Any other contribution to the project that derives from the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plan and its possible future amendments or specific requests made by the EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Agency).

The close cooperation with the 2nd evaluator for the joint production of the required deliverables.

#### **Obligations of the evaluators**

To ensure the security of stored data.

To give the necessary feedback to CRETHIDEV, especially on issues that need urgent corrective actions

To treat confidentially all data referring to the project and collected during the evaluation process as well as the produced reports

To participate in two transnational project meetings online or face-to-face if possible

To meet the deadlines as set out in this call

**Deliverables:** Two (2) quality evaluation reports (deadlines: 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 and 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2024) and a follow-up evaluation report (deadline 20 June 2025). The reports will be produced in English.

### **3. Qualifications/ selection criteria**

#### **Required qualifications (exclusion criteria):**

- Holder of a higher education diploma (for natural persons and legal entities working team members);
- A minimum of three-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects of various topics;

**Additional qualifications (rated criteria)::**

- Research or working experience in the textile and clothing sector;
- Experience in the implementation of national, EU or international textile related projects (additional to the 3-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects)
- Experience in the implementation of Erasmus+ projects.
- Service as Reviewer, Evaluator, Advisory Committee for projects funded by EU, Regional and National funds.

***Important note: Applicants from the following organisations, that are members of the project's consortium, will not be eligible.***

Associacio Agrupacio D'empreses Innovadores Textils (AEI TEXTILS), Klastar Technicke Textilie (CLUTEX), Centro Tecnol6gico Das Industrias Textil E Do Vestuario De Portugal (CITEVE), Industrieverband Veredlung - Garne- Gewebe – Technische Textilien (IVGT), Tehnicno Inovativne Tehnologije, Doo (TITERA), Universitat Politecnica De Catalunya (UPC), Hoegskolan I Boras (UB), Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (TUS), Pin Soc.Cons. A R.L. - Servizi Didattici E Scientifici Per L Universita Di Firenze (PIN), Dimiourgiki Skepsi Anaptyxis (CRE.THI.DEV), Centro Italiano Per L'apprendimento Permanente (CIAPE), Institutul National De Cercetare-Dezvoltare Pentru Textile Si Pielarie (INCDTP), PIC 998887959,

## 4. Type of contract, duration and compensation

**Type of contract:** Service Agreement

**Duration:** From the day of the signature of the agreement until 30 June 2025.

**Compensation:**

1300€ per evaluator upon delivery and approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> report

1300€ per evaluator upon delivery and approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> report

1400€ per evaluator upon delivery and approval of the follow-up report

## 5. Application procedure

Interested parties (natural persons and legal entities) are invited to submit their application to Creative Thinking Development, member of the “ADDTEX” consortium via the email: **info@crethidev.gr**. The sentence “ADDTEX Call for Applications for the Selection of Two (2) Members of the External Quality and Evaluation Committee.” should appear on the subject of the email.

### 5.1 Supporting documents

Each application shall include the following documents:

#### For all applicants:

- A signed application form (Annex 1) including:
  1. a small cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation for answering this call;
  2. a list of supporting documents duly filled with the documentation which proves how the applicant fulfills the selection criteria (required and additional qualifications) listed in chapter 3 of this call;

#### For natural persons:

- A cover letter for the expression of interest and declaration of relevant qualifications;
- A curriculum vitae (CV), preferably in the European format (Europass);
- Testimonies of relevant previous experience (certificates, contracts or other proof) of the applicant, as required by this call and declared by the applicant;

#### For legal entities:

- A profile of the company describing the relevant experience and capacity to carry out the tasks described as well as a description of the work team;
- A curriculum vitae (CV), preferably in the European format (Europass) for the work team members;
- A list of similar projects carried out by the company

### 5.2 Deadline for application

The applications must be sent by 10 September 2023 at the latest. The date of the e-mail sent will be the date of sending.

## 6. Selection procedure

### Rating of the additional qualification criteria

#	Qualification	Rating method
1	Research or working experience in the textile sector	Up to 1 year: 10 points Up to two years: 20 points More than 2 years: 30 points
2	Experience in the implementation of national, EU or international textile related projects (additional to the 3-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects)	Up to 1 year: 10 points Up to two years: 20 points More than 2 years: 30 points
3	Experience in the implementation of Erasmus+ projects.	Up to 1 year: 5 points More than 1 year: 10 points
4	Service as Reviewer, Evaluator, Advisory Committee for projects funded by EU, Regional and National funds	Up to 1 year: 10 points Up to two years: 20 points More than 2 years: 30 points
	Sum	Maximum 100 points

In the event of a tie between two candidates, the experience in the evaluation of projects will be the selective factor.

The selection procedure shall consist of an assessment of the applications performed by CRETHIDEV against the selection criteria listed in chapter 3 of this call, concluded by the establishment of a graded list of the eligible applicants and, if applicable, a list of non-eligible applicants.

## 7. Visibility

This call will be published to the website of CRETHIDEV (<https://www.crethidev.gr/>).and ADDTEX project (<https://www.addtex.eu/>).



## ANNEX I - APPLICATION FORM

Name (or Company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname/ Distinctive title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/ mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

VAT number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Motivation for participating in this call

### List of supporting documents

Criteria	Supporting documents (Yes/No)
Higher education diploma	
Three-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects of various topics;	
Research or working experience in the textile sector	
Experience in the implementation of national, EU or international textile related projects (additional to the 3-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects)	
Experience in the implementation of Erasmus+ projects.	
Service as Reviewer, Evaluator, Advisory Committee for projects funded by EU, Regional or National funds	

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_