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Introduction

The 2021 updated EU Industrial strategy highlights the need to accelerate the green and digital transitions of the EU Industry. In this context, a co-creation process was launched to create a Transition Pathway for the Textiles ecosystem. Building on the co-creation process with stakeholders, the Transition Pathway policy report for the Textiles ecosystem was published on **6 June 2023**. Following this, the Commission launched a Call for commitments to stakeholders.

The purpose of the call is to collect commitments from stakeholders on the concrete actions that they will take in order to bring forward and help achieve the actions identified in the Transition Pathway. It is an important way to showcase how stakeholders support the objectives of the Transition Pathway and their commitment to work together to support the twin transition of the ecosystem and strengthen its resilience and competitiveness. The commitments will help address gaps, pool resources towards shared milestones and mobilise support.

The commitments will contribute to the co-implementation of the Transition Pathway. The Commission will support this process by facilitating exchanges of knowledge and best practices.

The commitments do not necessarily need to be a new action. If an organisation has an existing strategic engagement with a concrete target in the future and a clear contribution to a specific Transition Pathway action, it can be reported as a commitment.

The key elements for the commitments thus include:

- 1. ongoing or future actions with
- 2. measurable targets to assess the implementation and progress of the action; and
- 3. link to a specific Transition Pathway action.

The call for commitments will remain open on a rolling basis. You are invited to submit your commitments by filling in the form below.

Please send only one submission per organisation - you can include several commitments in one submission.

The Commission will regularly review commitments proposed and will publish them (including name of the organisation) in batches over time on this website and on the upcoming (online) textiles ecosystem transition pathway stakeholder support platform.

For questions, please contact: EU-TEXTILES-PATHWAY-2030@ec.europa.eu

Background info on the transition pathway.

Respondent information

* Organisation type

Please note that we are looking for commitments on behalf of public and private organisations/entities. We are not publishing commitments from individuals.

- Academic / Research institution
- Business association
- Company / Business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- Environmental organisation
- International organisation
- Network of organisations
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Local administration
- Regional administration
- National administration
- Trade union
- Other

* Your organisation/entity is mainly active at:

- EU level
- Member state level
- Regional level
- Local level
- Global level

* How many people do you employ in your organisation/entity?

- 1 to 9 employees
- 10 to 49 employees
- 50 to 249 employees
- 250 employees or more

* Name of the organisation/entity presenting the commitment. (This information will be published)

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* Country of origin of the organisation/entity (country where the organisation is registered or the headquarters of a network)

Belgium

* Name of the respondent representing the organisation/entity presenting the commitment in this survey (this will not be published)

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Data protection provisions

The personal contact information provided above will be processed in order to contact respondents regarding their contributions (commitments), as well as for other follow-up contacts and activities in the Textiles ecosystem Transition Pathway process including the upcoming (online) textiles ecosystem transition pathway stakeholder support platform.

The contributions (commitments), including possibly also in the form of summary reports, and the name of the respective organisation/entity presenting the commitment(s) will be published on a Europa website and on the upcoming (online) textiles ecosystem transition pathway stakeholder support platform.

You are requested to give your consent for the processing of your data for the following purposes:

- * My contact information can be used to contact me about my contribution (commitments). Please note that this is necessary so that we can contact you in case of any issues.
 - Yes
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- * I agree that my contribution (commitments) and the name of the organisation/entity presenting the commitment(s) can be published. Please note that this is necessary as commitments will be published together with the name of the respective organisation/entity presenting the commitments:
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Commitments to contribute to the transition pathway with concrete actions

Please follow the steps below to design the commitments for your organisation/entity:

- 1. Based on the specific actions in the Transition Pathway policy report, reflect on the different action areas across the report and in the Annex I, and start to identify concrete commitments you can take to support the different actions in the Transition Pathway
- 2. Design a concrete and verifiable commitment that contributes to the specific actions in the transition pathway and that is also in line with the future-oriented strategies, values and objectives of your organisation/entity.
- 3. Reflect on which one of the Transition Pathway policy report building blocks and actions your specific commitment(s) relates most to and select it. Commitments may contribute to several building blocks and actions. Please select the building block and action under which your commitment fits most closely. You can mention in your commitment text if it also contributes to other actions in the Transition Pathway.

Please remember that you can save drafts of your responses, to continue working later, if necessary.

Please mark below for which building block in the Transition Pathway policy report your organisation's/entity' s commitment(s) relates to.

When you select a building block, a list of the actions for this building block will appear. Please mark for which action your commitment(s) relates to.

For each action you select, the form provides a text box below for you to describe the commitment (s) and target(s).

- Building Block 1: Sustainable Competitiveness
- Building Block 2: Regulation and Public Governance
- Building Block 3: Social Dimension
- Building Block 4: R&I, Techniques and Technological Solutions
- Building Block 5: Infrastructure
- Building Block 6: Skills
- Building Block 7: Investments and Funding
- Building Block 8: Ecosystem's Readiness to Support EU strategic autonomy and Defence Efforts

Action 1. Promote, support and implement circular and sustainability practices, services and business models, including social economy enterprises (such as product-as-service models, take-back services, second-hand and repair services, innovative sorting and recycling) including through Horizon Europe, LIFE, and the 'ReSet the Trend #ReFashionNow' campaign and actions from the Social Economy Action Plan.

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FEAD has welcomed the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles as part of a package to make sustainable products the norm in the EU. FEAD strongly supports the introduction of binding product specific ecodesign requirements to increase textiles performance in terms of durability, reusability, reparability, recyclability, and the introduction of mandatory recycled fibre content.

FEAD members have already, and continue to invest in the needed treatment capacities for collection, sorting, preparation for re-use and recycling of waste textiles. Some key elements are needed:

- A defined scope and proper data collection: legal certainty and investment security are essential. Reliable data is needed at EU level to establish realistic targets.

- Safeguard the role of professional waste actors in the collection and sorting process to ensure an environmentally sound management of the waste.

- Realistic targets (collection, re-use and recycling) with a phased approach.
- Targets for mandatory recycled content to stimulate demand.

- Ensure a strong and stable market for secondary raw materials. Market distortions, competition issues and priority access to materials must be avoided (E.g., due to EPR organisations or closed loop recycling targets).

Action 2. Recognise and value specific sustainability practices undertaken by the industry through, for example, promoting the uptake of safe and sustainable by design chemicals and materials, and promoting the visibility and uptake of the EU Ecolabel scheme.

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FEAD and its members are ready to enter into dialogues with the manufacturing industry to explain the needs at ecodesign level for recycling.

FEAD supports phasing out hazardous substances in the manufacture of new products to ensure non-toxic material cycles. However, the foreseeable tightening of the use of PFAS must also be carefully assessed from a circular economy perspective. Knowledge of the impact of PFASs on current and future waste management remains limited. Therefore, FEAD commissioned a specific study to the University of Padova to investigate this further (A systematic critical review concerning the presence of pfas in wastes and related implications on the current and proposed European regulatory framework). The PFAS restriction proposal and its concentration limits could influence the waste management sector for the analysis and classification of waste, the recycling process and the end-of-waste procedures. Considering the wide use of PFASs, this could have an impact on the circular economy. There could be a conflict between objectives; from one side the European policies require the Member States to increase the circular economy favouring as much as possible the recycling of waste, on the other side, they introduce new conservative limits for PFASs to protect the human health and the ecosystem. Further investigations will be essential to maintain an

equilibrium between the aim of protecting the environment and the human health, and the aim of implementing a stronger circular economy.

The ban of PFASs will determine a drastic reduction of PFAS concentration in new articles and products only from the moment the regulation will be applied. In the waste cycle, instead, old products containing higher concentration of PFAS could become waste after a long period of time. Besides, the use of PFASs in some products is still considered 'essential' and if there isn't a good sorting the presence of PFASs in the waste could remain for a long time. Therefore, it could be necessary a transition period for the application of the new concentration limit in case of recycling activities, to allow further investments in separation techniques able to achieve such a threshold. This transition period is also needed to collect data on the presence of these substances in the waste flows and develop measurement methods and standards.

FEAD supports (eco)labelling to ensure the correct information of the consumer, although the direct impact of such labels for our sector is limited due to practical reasons, as we work with bulky volumes at the end of life of the products. In fact, the waste management sector needs information on the waste we receive, but a label at product level will have little added value for waste managers working with big and bulky flows and applying automatic (sorting) processes. It will however help consumers to choose more sustainable products (recyclable products that include recycled materials) and to discard (sort) them properly at the end of their life, which is positive for our industry.

A relevant challenge we see is to ensure the reliability/accuracy of the data used in the label/product passport. Another challenge is that the information actually reaches the end-of-life of the product (even still at the consumer stage).

Action 3. Continue making use of trade policies to promote trade and to support the respect of environmental and social rights with our trading partners through the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter in Free Trade Agreements and through the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP).

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Action 4. Increase the uptake of sustainable consumption and production of textile ecosystem products in developing countries by funding from the SWITCH programme.

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Action 5. Strengthen market surveillance for the ecosystem through cooperation with the EU Product Compliance Network to implement and develop EU joint action projects such as REACH4Textiles.

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Action 6. Create and launch of an EU Toolbox against counterfeiting to step up the fight against IP infringements by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of right holders, intermediaries and public authorities and to improve cooperation and data sharing and encourage the use of new technologies.

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Action 7. Develop a New European Bauhaus action for fashion to boost and disseminate Bauhaus values in the sector: beauty, sustainability and inclusion.

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Action 8. Support SMEs through the Enterprise Europe Network (notably through the EEN Textile Sector Group), the Eurocluster initiative and the EU Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform to innovate and accelerate the green transition. Provide EEN advisory services to SMEs in the ecosystem in areas from a dedicated business plan, to innovation, advice on various types of funding and EU programmes, to legislation, networking activities and events.

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Action 9. Support SMEs through the Enterprise Europe Network (notably through the EEN Textile Sector Group) and the Eurocluster initiative to grow internationally by organising trade fairs, business-to-business matchmaking and provide advice on funding and the regulatory framework.

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Action 10. Undertake risk assessment and prepare management plans for potential disruptions of global supply chains.

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Action 11. Create more demand for sustainable products and onboard consumers in the green transition by launching consumer campaigns to create awareness and to reshape consumption patterns including under the motto ReSet the Trend #ReFashionNow, as well as supporting emotional durability by designing products that people want to keep.

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FEAD strongly supports the introduction of targets for mandatory recycled content to stimulate demand. Mandatory recycled content targets for textiles will pull the demand for quality recycled fibres, boost endmarkets for separately collected waste textiles and trigger further investments to scale up textile recycling.

As mentioned above, ecolabeling will also help consumers to choose more sustainable products (recyclable products that include recycled materials).

Action 12. Reduce number of fashion collections per year.

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Action 13. Establish a community of practice for the textiles ecosystem as part of the Transition Pathway Stakeholder Support Platform.

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Action 14. Follow-up on actions in the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles, including specific ecodesign requirements, the Digital Product Passport, circular and sustainable management of textile waste and possible extended producer responsibility rules, and encourage industry participation in the relevant consultations.

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FEAD has welcomed the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles and is committed to invest in the needed treatment capacities for collection, sorting, preparation for re-use and recycling of waste textiles, as well as to advocate and promote strong markets for recycled textiles in the EU and abroad, including through value chain partnerships with the manufacturing sector.

Action 15. Anticipate enhancing information to consumers on sustainability aspects of products in the context of foreseen ecodesign requirements through the proposed Digital Product Passport and the planned revision of the Textile Labelling Regulation, as well as in the context of the information requirements and fight against greenwashing practices following the Empowering consumers in the green transition and the Green Claims proposals.

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The relevance of the DPP for the waste sector has been mentioned above. FEAD would like to stress at this point that it needs to be ensured that the label/product passport actually reaches the end of life of the product and the waste managers. If it would be a QR-code or written information on the existing textile cloth or fabric price and material tag, it will be detached before actual usage of the good. Therefore, the information should be undetachable from the good and made from the same materials as the good itself to avoid further mixing of materials. Additionally, it is important that the data on the DPP is accurate. Many labels are incorrect; the DPP only makes sense when a very high accuracy is achieved. The DPP must be read in an automatic sorting process.

Furthermore, the question arises of what value the DPP adds to the textile sorter, especially considering the current significant investments in technologies like NIR (Near Infrared) or optical sensing. Investments in sorting technologies will lead to better sorting processes and enhance better recycling possibilities.

Action 16. Finding common methods to assess and compare the sustainability performance of textile products in the context of the foreseen ecodesign requirements.

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As expressed above, FEAD and its members are ready to enter into dialogues with the manufacturing industry to explain the needs at ecodesign level for recycling.

Action 17. Improving traceability and transparency in the textile value chain through the proposed Digital Product Passport.

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Action 18. Developing KPIs for the textiles ecosystem to monitor the progress of the green and digital transformation in the framework of the project 'Monitoring of European industrial ecosystems'.

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Action 19. Support a fairer and more inclusive European Union through the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Social Economy Action Plan.

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Action 20. Implement the EU Gender Equality Strategy to make progress towards a gender-equal Europe and mainstream the gender perspective taking into account both women's and men's interests and concerns.

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Action 21. Support up-and reskilling, access to lifelong learning and training opportunities through for example, the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles ecosystem, to ensure workers are skilled for the twin transition.

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Action 22. Consult the social partners on the direction and content of initiatives for the ecosystem through the European sectoral social dialogue for the textiles ecosystem.

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Action 23. Foster innovation and research on sustainable manufacturing processes and innovative technologies with low-carbon footprint for the development of new safe and sustainable by design chemicals and materials to make products circular, as well as support development of new digital technologies under the work programmes of Horizon Europe, Digital Europe and LIFE.

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Action 24. Explore the possibilities for focused and generic support for R&I on textiles under Horizon Europe.

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Action 25. Increase access and interaction of SMEs in the textiles ecosystem to/with tech support structures (for example through tech federations, digital innovation hubs, campuses, incubators, clusters, industry alliances).

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Action 26. Explore the possibility to create a thematic group on digital innovation in the textiles ecosystem within the network of EDIH to boost cooperation and bottom-up contributions within the network, as well as ecosystem specific indicators in the EDIH mapping tools – allowing for example better identification of hubs supporting actions for the ecosystem.

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Action 27. Support SMEs for development of digital skills through the Pact for Skills for the textiles ecosystem in cooperation with multi-stakeholder skills partnerships at local and regional levels.

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Action 28. Implement the standardisation request on IT standards and protocols for the proposed Digital Product Passport, by CEN/CENELEC/ETSI and relevant stakeholders.

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Action 29. Support research projects to test prototypes of Digital Product Passports for the sector through the Digital Europe Programme.

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Action 30. Establish cooperation with European standardisation organisations (for example CEN, CENELEC) and industry to identify and fill main standardisation gaps for innovative digital technologies relevant for the textiles ecosystem (including via the Annual Union Work Programme for European Standardisation).

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FEAD and its members are ready and willing to enter into dialogues with the standardization organisations to explain the needs for waste management and recycling.

Action 31. Connect Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries of actions supporting the textiles ecosystem to the 'Standardisation Booster' platform.

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Action 32. Implementation of the Waste Framework Directive, including separate collection for textile waste as of January 2025.

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FEAD strongly supports the mandatory separate collection of textile waste from 2025 to stimulate recycling, move up the waste hierarchy for textile waste and reduce cross contamination by other waste streams. It is important to encourage appropriate collections schemes to enable sorting and recycling. Textile is a waste stream that needs special treatment to enable sorting and recycling. Therefore, it is important not only to maintain mandatory separate collection, but also to enhance appropriate collection. That means not only to reduce cross contamination by other waste streams but also to reduce contamination by moisture or other contaminations.

FEAD emphasizes that to ensure a level playing field and the environmentally sound management of textile waste, only permitted companies can be allowed to treat the waste in line with EU legislation.

In addition, FEAD stresses that to encourage further private sector investment in the circular economy, household waste markets must be open to competition and that a level playing field must be guaranteed for all private operators in the waste market.

Action 33. Promote creation of innovative sorting and recycling hubs specialised in textile waste management across Europe for example with Hubs4Circularity support, funded by Horizon Europe, the national recovery and resilience plans, national or regional investments and programmes for infrastructure development.

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There is a clear need to develop novel recycling technologies for textiles in Europe. FEAD members are e.g., investing in infrared fibre detection/sorting, which will enable automatic sorting.

Action 34. Connection of textiles ecosystem actors with relevant common European data spaces to enable the development of data-driven business models including through the Digital Europe Programme.

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Action 35.

Access of textile ecosystem actors to funding for the development of data driven business models, including the development of data spaces in the Horizon Europe programme.

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Action 36. Communicate and increase awareness on funding opportunities for the ecosystem in renewable energy (for example solar panels) with funding for example from the Recovery and Resilience Facility, cohesion policy funds, InvestEU, the Innovation Fund, the Modernisation Fund, Horizon Europe, and the LIFE programme.

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Action 37. Set up Pact for Skills Multi-Stakeholder Local Partnerships under the EU Pact for Skills for the Textiles Ecosystem in relevant Member States/Regions, with dedicated support from the Single Market Programme (action grant of EUR 1.2 million from the SME Pillar – Work Programme 2023).

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Action 38. Engage the ecosystem companies, education providers, trade unions and other stakeholders to commit to jointly agreed actions and targets under the EU Pact for Skills, for example increase the use and accessibility of mentoring and apprenticeships schemes, incorporate new skills profiles responding to green and digital skills needs in vocational, education, training policy and curricula.

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Action 39. Gather intelligence for green and digital skills via the Textiles EU Pact for Skills Multi-Stakeholder Local Partnerships and the Textiles Skills Observatory.

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Action 40. Organise events and awareness-raising activities on the attractiveness of the sector and new opportunities to work in the industry around the European Year of Skills.

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Action 41. Develop skills and capacities of textiles ecosystem education staff and students through Erasmus+ mobility opportunities for vocational and higher education.

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Action 42. Promote women participation to managerial and senior positions in companies, for example via the EU Pact for Skills actions, raise awareness on EU programmes facilitating the exchange of entrepreneurial and management experience such as Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs.

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Action 43. Communicate and increase awareness on funding opportunities for the textiles ecosystem such as Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, LIFE, ESF+, InvestEU, Innovation Fund, the Single Market Programme, cohesion policy fund and Recovery and Resilience Facility, for example through the transition pathway stakeholder support platform.

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Action 44. Explore support possibilities for R&I on textiles under Horizon Europe, including for a possible partnership. Build participation and cooperation with relevant European Partnerships and initiatives under Horizon Europe and other EU funding programmes.

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Action 45. Use and promote the Green Public Procurement criteria to facilitate the inclusion of green requirements in public tender documents.

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FEAD has long acknowledged the relevance of GPP as a powerful tool to boost the circular economy and green innovation. As determined by the Commission's Communication of 15 May 2023 on a revised monitoring framework for the circular economy (COM(2023) 306 final), the EU spends around 14% of GDP (around EUR 2 trillion per year) on the purchase of services and goods through public procurement. Therefore, its role should be strengthened to promote the market for secondary raw materials and stimulate investment in recycling capacities. GPP should become the default choice with a "comply or explain" clause, allowing for exemptions only on objective and justified grounds.

Please find the contribution of FEAD's Vice-President on GPP on page 21 of our Digital Magazine: https://fead.be/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FEAD-Digital-Magazine-July-2023-Vol.1-1.pdf

Action 46. Undertake reforms to support the sustainability, digitalisation, resilience and the social dimension of the textile industry's transition through the Technical Support Instrument.

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Action 47. Liaise with national defence authorities to ascertain how the ecosystem could contribute to the development of military capabilities.

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Action 48. Reskilling of workers through the Pact for Skills to take into account a war situation.

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Action 49. Develop plans to increase the readiness to shift production and prioritize deliveries for defence purposes to sustain Armed Forces, defence companies and other relevant sectors in case of crises of war.

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Action 50. Set up contingency plans to handle disruptions in supplies of input materials, water and energy, as well as plans to handle situations where the workforce is mobilized for war efforts. These plans should build on a mapping of supply chains and dependencies.

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Additional comments

Do you have comments or suggestions for the commitments, the co-implementation of the transition pathway for the textiles ecosystem, or feedback about this commitment collection form?

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