



Franco-Quebecker Symposium: A Success Benefiting Companies!

From 24 to 26 November 2010, UP-tex organized the **Franco-Quebecker Symposium dedicated to new materials and textile techniques** on behalf of the French Government. This significant event was designed to be as operational as possible as well as to favour bilateral exchanges between companies (B2B) and other research & innovation stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic.

And the outcome is very positive. Indeed, this event gathered more than 150 participants and led to the

organization of the same number of bilateral business meetings. **Plus, 10 technological agreements have been signed at this occasion!**



After having hosted TEXCOMP — world scientific congress on textile composites — from 26 to 28 October 2010 in Lille, UP-tex is proud of having contributed to strengthening technological, scientific, and economic partnerships between France and Quebec.

On the way towards new projects and horizons!

DEPOLTEX: a 'Green' Promising Project

Carried out by the French company IDRA, based in Boulogne-sur-Mer, the **DEPOLTEX project** (on functionalized geotextiles having remediation properties on silts and mud polluted by heavy metals) has been labelled by UP-tex and the « Mer PACA » cluster.



Financed by the French interministerial single fund (FUI), this project gathers 11 partners, including 7 companies (from which 5 are based in the Nord-Pas de Calais region) and 4 research centres.

DEPOLTEX aims at promoting eco-conception, developing functionalized geotextiles at the preindustrial level as well as to set-up mobile or fixed units capable of processing sediments on site for exploitation and using purposes.

This €3.4 million project will last 3 years and is expected to lead to the development of substantial innovative remediation solutions.

An ambitious story is starting!

UP-tex involves itself at the EU level

UP-tex gets more and more acknowledged at the EU level as a **major European stakeholder in the fields of research & innovation in textiles' materials and clusters' policy.**

During the last few months, UP-tex for example:

- Participated in a **workshop on EU research & innovation programmes** in the framework of a **conference on SMEs** jointly organised by the European Commission and the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council (La Hulpe, 17 and 18.11.10);

- Made an **interview** published on the website of the European Commission dedicated to **European Technology Platforms** (see [here](#));
- Got involved in a **panel on the EU activities to support the internationalisation of clusters** that took place during the 6th Sophia Antipolis Forum for Clusters (17.11.10) that hosted the General Assembly of the European Cluster Alliance.

UP-tex also attended the EU conference on clusters (Brussels, 29.09/01.10.10).

ABOUT US

UP-tex is a French **dynamic research driven** cluster composed of about a hundred members, and gathering textile, upstream and downstream companies, research and technology transfer centres, as well as universities. It aims at becoming a **European benchmark in the field of Advanced Textile Materials, Sensory Perception Technology and Mass Customization by 2015.**

UP-tex promotes research and innovation by federating the best competencies, assisting its members in the definition of projects, helping them in attracting funds and giving them access to an Intelligence Platform. UP-tex also sets up working groups on how to foster innovation.

Textile is a material which contributes to sustainable development and serves **new functional requirements** in fields such as **health care and hygiene, transport, civil and building engineering, leisure activities, clothing and protective equipment.**

UP-tex TOWARDS EUROPE

UP-tex is committed to promoting an **ambitious EU policy on clusters and European wide interclustering.**

After having opened an office in Brussels in 2007 and contributed to the creation of **CROSSTEXNET**, a textiles ERA NET launched in November 2009, UP-tex is now **willing to develop its relations with other European clusters to elaborate new textile materials and applications (medical care devices, building engineering, transport, recycling, etc.).**

Let's make the European policy on clusters become a milestone of the EU 2020 strategy for a more competitive Europe !



Some pictures of the Symposium...



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Best wishes for this New Year 2011!

