

## CIRCULAR FASHION AGREEMENT

WORKING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE





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Catalonia has historically been characterized by having a powerful textile industry

Climate crisis

## **The Circular Fashion Agreement is born**



## Advancing the circular economy

**Dialogue and consensus** process with the sector



## In Catalonia our record is not good either

1 Waste Agency of Catalonia (2017) Analysis of municipal textile waste in Catalonia. Estimate based on data for 2015 from the CITYC (Centro de Información Textil y de la Confección). 2 Waste Agency of Catalonia.

Each person consumes  $21.5-26 \ kg$  of textile products per year in Catalonia.1



## More than 147,000 t/year

of textile waste is used for power production or deposited in landfill sites in Catalonia.<sup>2</sup>



### **Only 12% of textile waste is collected separately in Catalonia**

## New regulations to foster change

There is a regulatory trend in Europe, Spain and Catalonia to further the transition of the textile sector towards greater sustainability and the circular economy

There are short-, medium- and longterm objectives for all the new regulations, but they will not be achieved without a significant change among all the stakeholders involved

#### **EUROPE**

#### **Circular Economy Action Plan, EU Strategy for Textiles:**

- Scheme for the separate collection and management of waste textiles (2025).
- Targets for sorting, reusing and recycling textile waste (there is an emphasis on extended producer responsibility).

#### SPAIN

#### Spanish Circular Economy Strategy + Waste Law:

- Ban on incineration and depositing unsold excess production in landfill (2021).
- Targets to prepare for the reuse and recycling of municipal waste and separate collection of textile waste (2025).
- Planned application of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) principle to textile waste 3 years after the new law on waste comes into force.

#### **CATALONIA**

#### **General Programme of Prevention and Management of Waste** and Resources of Catalonia (PRECAT):

• Strategy for the prevention and management of municipal textile waste in Catalonia 2020-2025.

#### Draft waste law in Catalonia

- Promote maximum reuse of textile materials incorporate a second-hand section
- Encourage selective collection of textile waste • Establishments +1,200m2 that sell textile products must

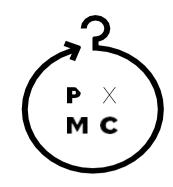


The Circular Fashion Agreement is an initiative that promotes a voluntary agreement to further the transition of the textile sector towards a circular model, based on a comprehensive perspective that brings together all the public and private stakeholders in the value chain

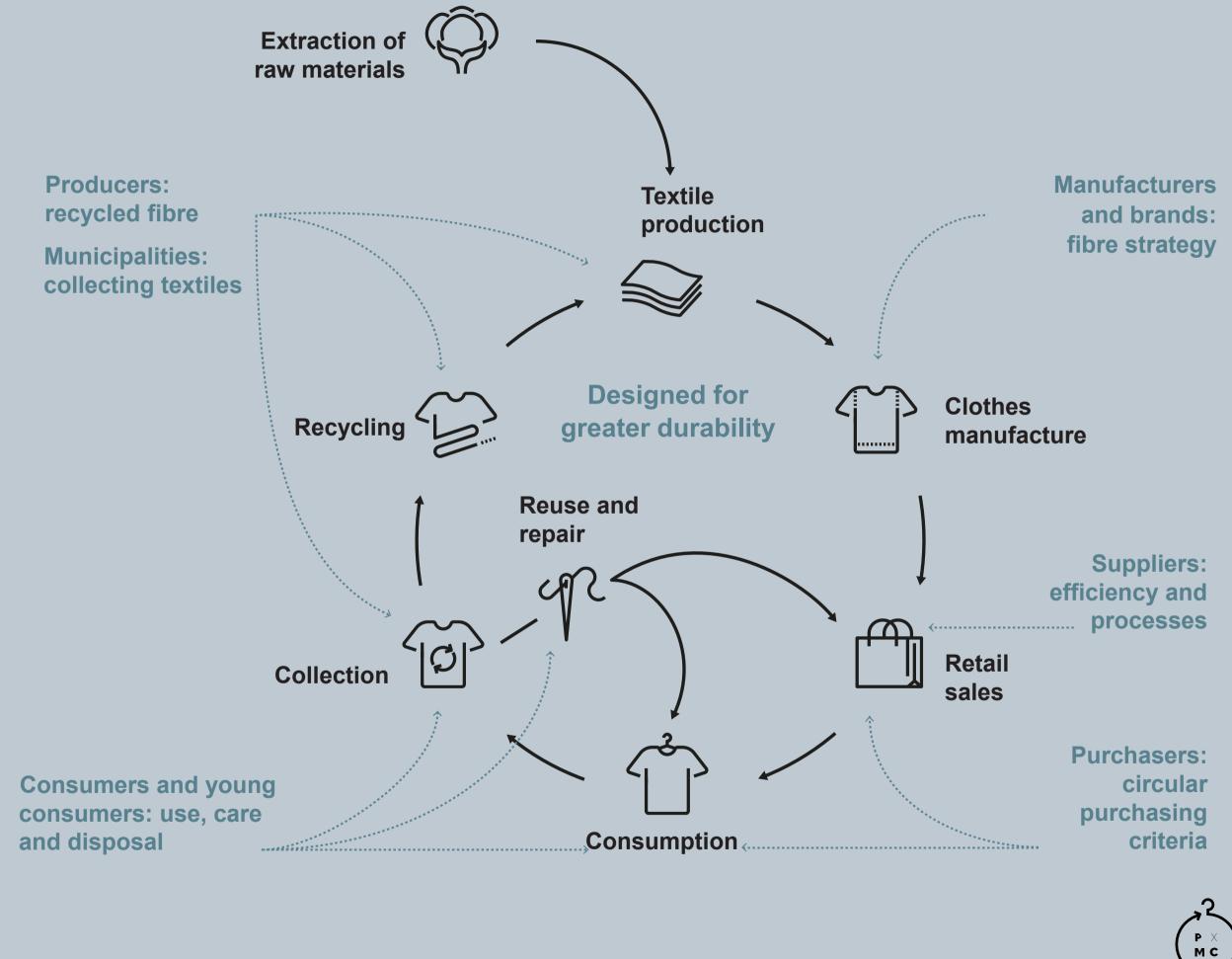


Together, we can create a better future for business, society and the natural world.





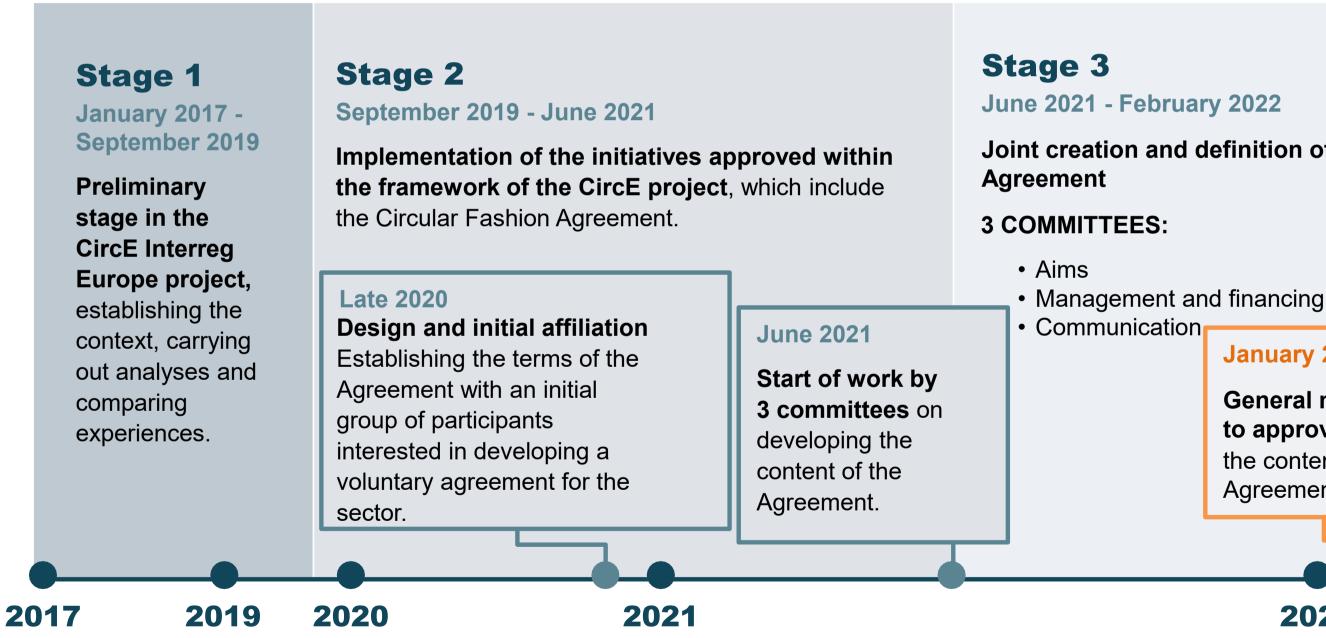
# More than 70 members:







## The Agreement, a cocreation process open to all the stakeholders in the sector



Joint creation and definition of the

**Stage 4** March 2022 - 2025 **Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR) becomes compulsory

#### Implementation of the Agreement and action plan

#### January 2022

**General meeting** to approve the content of the Agreement.

2022

#### **March 2022**

Affiliation to the Agreement and formal acceptance.

**EPR IN NATIONAL TEXTILE SECTOR** 



2025

# Overall objectives of the Agreement for 2024\*

	Reduce the generation of textile waste (kg/person/year)	↓ ↓ Increase the % of textile waste collected separately ↓	Increase the % of the collected separate recycled	textile waste ely that is
OBJECTIVES	<b>Reduce generation</b> by 5-10%	25-30% of textile waste collected separately	55-60% of textile waste prepared for reuse	40-50% of textile waste recycled
	(currently 21.5 kg/person/year and 163,478 t/year)	(currently 11.7%)	(currently 50%)	(currently 40%)



## Segmentspecific goals



Producers (textile industry
and distribution to end
customers)

- Increase durability
- Increase recyclability
- Reduce/eliminate the use of harmful substances
- Develop strategies for cleaner, more efficient production
- Reduce the environmental impact of micro-fibres
- Increase the % of recycled textile material incorporated in products
- Adapt the industry to the requirements of circular textile production
- Collection of textile waste at points of sale
- Ensure preparations are made for the reuse of all textiles collected
- Organise campaigns to raise consumer awareness



#### Waste managers

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- Increase the % of textiles reused, on the local, national and European levels (in that order of priority)
- Increase the % of textiles recycled, on the local, national and European levels (in that order of priority)
- Sort textile waste collected in Catalonia locally
- Ensure traceability and transparency in the flows processed and their destination
- Contribute to the development of local recycling industries



Local government

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- Increase the number of collection points per inhabitant
- Increase separate collection in terms of kg/person/year
- Intensify efforts to raise awareness among the general public and in government
- Implement public procurement of circular textiles to foster demand
- Establish a model for contracting the collection of textiles in each region that will encourage separate collection and reuse



# Segment-specific goals



#### **Government of Catalonia**

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- Develop policies that contribute to a circular system in the textile sector
- Give institutional support to initiatives promoted by the Agreement
- Implement the public procurement of circular textiles to foster demand
- Support the joint funding of projects developed within the context of the Agreement
- Contribute to raising awareness among the public and in government
- Support the development of the local recycling industry



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Universities, research and technology centres

- Promote circular design at all stages of the training cycle for fashion students and professionals working in the field
- Innovate in materials and technologies



#### **Environmental** third sector

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- Take part in initiatives promoted by the Agreement
- Publicise action taken by the Agreement to promote circularity in the sector
- Encourage waste prevention and separate collection, and promote reuse among the general public/consumers



# Actions initiated through the signing of the AGREEMENT

#### WG1 TEXTILE WASTE COLLECTION

Improvement in the collection, sorting and resale of products

**Pilot scheme for increasing textile** collection in a region

Creation of a framework for contracting the collection of clothing and training in municipalities to address the problem of textiles

Trials to increase the local sale of second-hand clothing and other forms of reuse

#### WG2 RECYCLING

R&D&I projects and development of the recycling industry and its applications

Trials to develop local recycling schemes for non-reusable textiles **Design and implementation of a strategy for green public procurement of circular textiles** 

Viability study of an eco-label to measure its impact on sales

Ecodesign

#### WG3 CIRCULAR PRODUCTS

Eco-label Durability Recyclability Ecodesign

#### WG4 AWARENESS

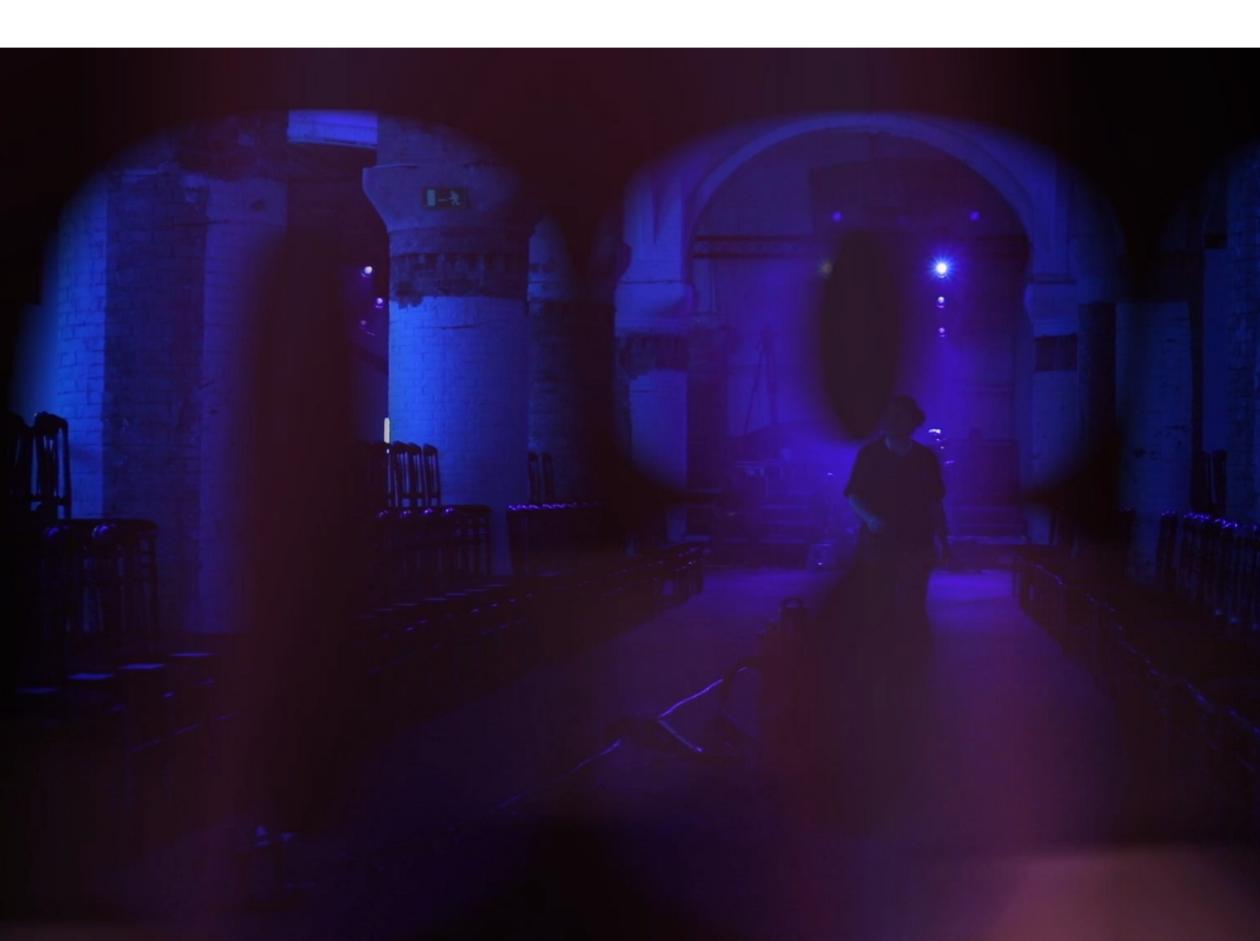
Sociocultural changes Raising awareness among consumers

Training and support in the circular economy for the textile sector

**Communication campaign to raise public awareness** 



## **080 REBORN: second hand fashion show**





080bcnfashion 7h

Propelling circular fashion. 080 Reborn brings second-hand clothing from specialised shops and waste managers to the runway.

Learn more about it here:

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