

**Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius**  
**Commissioner for Environment, Oceans**  
**and Fisheries**  
**European Commission**

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Dear Commissioner,


On behalf of EURATEX' President Alberto Paccanelli and our representatives from the European textiles industry (Amann, Lenzing, Utextbel, Zegna), I would like to thank again for hosting yesterday's round table, to discuss the upcoming EU Textiles Strategy.

As indicated by all speakers, the European textile industry is fully committed to embrace sustainability, and has made important efforts already. The important question is how we organise further progress in this field, taking into account the realities on the ground. "Smart" regulation, science-based targets, investment in innovation, engagement with consumers and retailers, should be among our priorities. We should take care of maintaining a global level playing field for our industry – considering the huge imports of textile products – and reconcile sustainability and competitiveness.

The best way to design and implement such a strategy is through dialogue, involving all stakeholders of the textile value chain. Our CEO's are committed to the process which you launched yesterday, and look forward to a next meeting. Meanwhile, EURATEX' team in Brussels remains in close contact with your services to make progress on the various dossiers which are on the table.

Finally, as indicated by our president and several CEO's, you would be most welcome to visit some textile manufacturers in Europe – from any part of the supply chain. We will happily organise that in cooperation with your team.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General