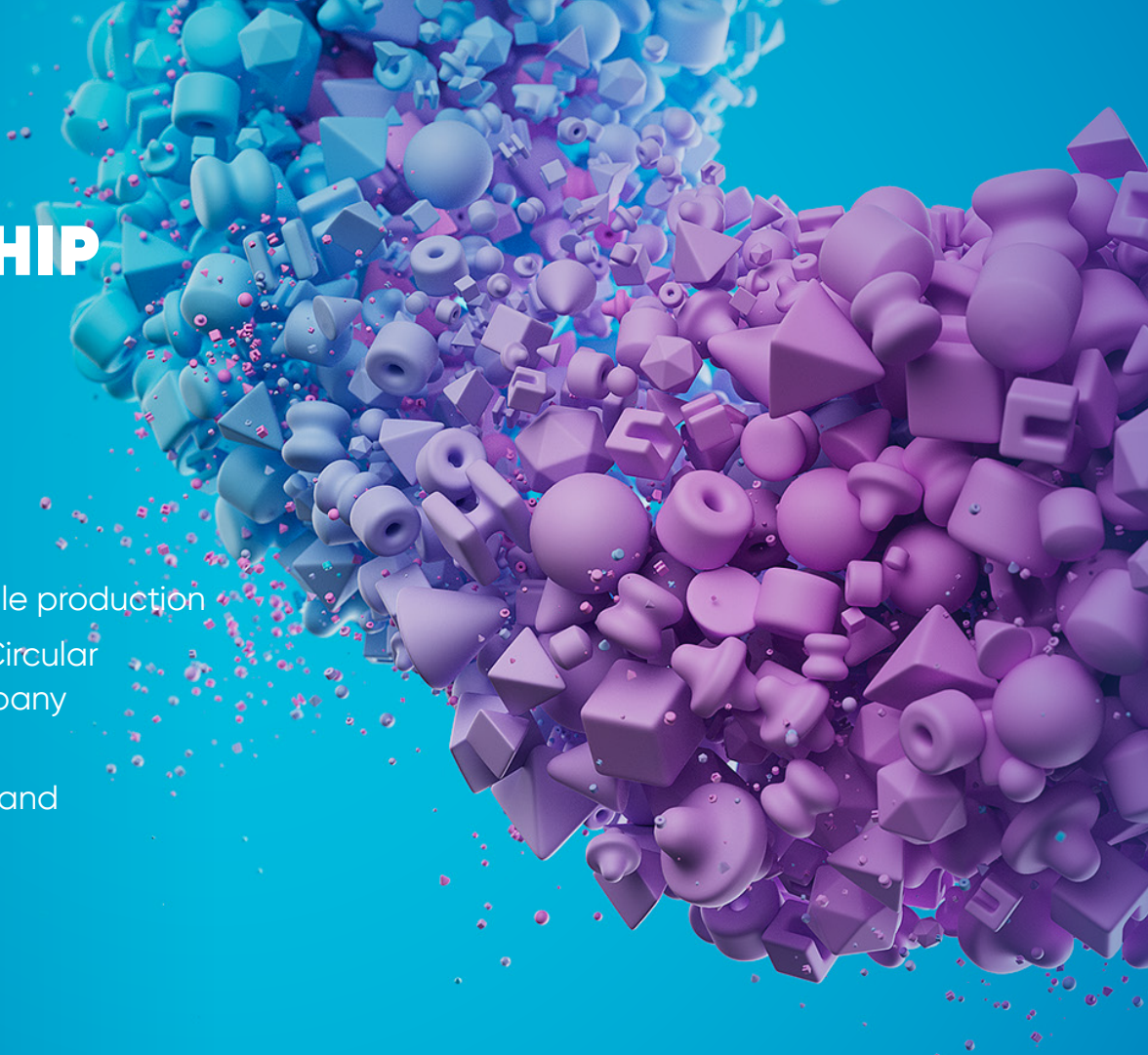


CIRCULAR ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

- The FPS Economy encourages the circular economy in Belgium
- This also includes more circular textile production
- Read the study by Centexbel and Circular Wallonia to discover how your company can contribute to long-life textiles.

Looking for inspiration for more reuse and textile repair? Then this slideshow is just the thing for you!



WHAT ARE THE ISSUES WITH TEXTILE PRODUCTION AND FAST FASHION?

- **Textiles and the environment:**
in the EU textile production ranks third among the most environmentally damaging factors.
- **Resource consumption:**
in terms of water and soil use, textile production is the sector with the second-largest impact.
- **Waste figures for fast fashion:**
 - 5.8 million tons of clothing is discarded each year,
 - the equivalent of 11 kg per person per year.

Textile production and the fast fashion industry come at both a financial and ecological cost.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR CIRCULAR TEXTILE PRODUCTION IN BELGIUM?

- **Lack of know-how:**
moving textile production abroad has resulted in a shortage of industrial equipment and know-how to carry out clothing repairs. Big players often have the necessary knowledge in house but all too often they work in a vacuum.
- **Lack of promotion:**
repairing clothes or having them repaired is not (sufficiently) promoted to the general public through marketing campaigns.
- **Training gaps:**
there is also a lack of customised training to stimulate circular economy and specific repairs in the textile industry.
- **Insufficient waste awareness:**
our waste streams need additional streamlining: we lack awareness of the quantities of textiles, leather and other reusable materials in our household waste.

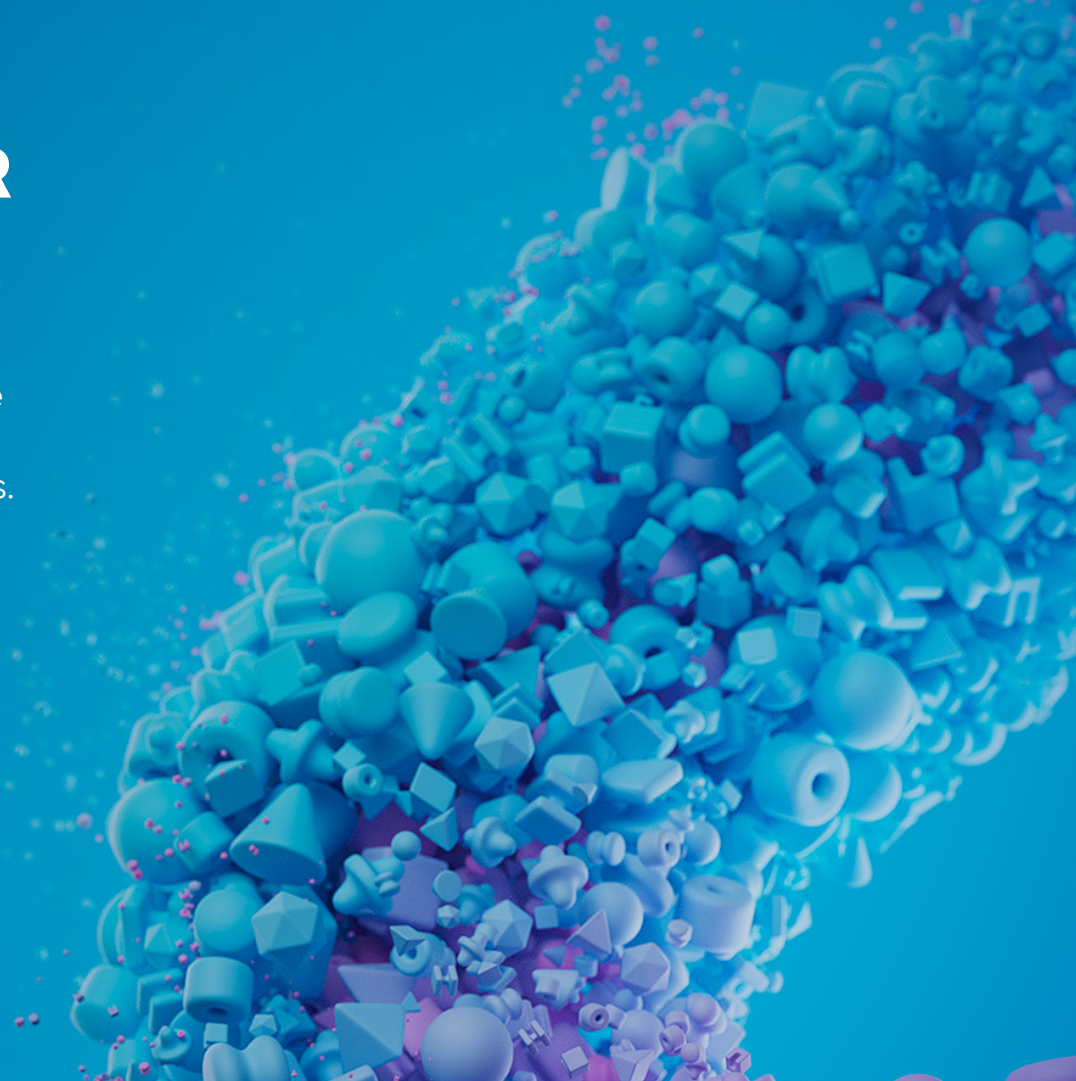
IS CLOTHING REPAIR THE SOLUTION?

- **Ecological benefits:**

repairing clothing not only helps to reduce the environmental impact of the clothing industry but also brings economic benefits.

- **Economic opportunity:**

in Wallonia in particular, a more circular economy for textiles and leather creates a market potential of at least 70 million euros and 1,440 new jobs.



WHAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR ENTREPRENEURS IN TEXTILE REPAIR?

- **Repairing more expensive clothing:** focus on repairing clothing and shoes that cost more than €200. The study shows that repairs are not profitable when they cost more than 20-30% of the purchase price of a product.
- **Stimulation through repair fee:** an annual repair fee between 15 and 40 euros per person would be an efficient way of stimulating consumers to get their articles repaired.
- **Knowledge sharing:** foster knowledge sharing among major and minor players in the clothing industry.

