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EuRIC applauds ENVI Committee for its vote on the own-initiative report on the Sustainable Textiles Strategy

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EuRIC Textiles, the textile reuse and recycling branch of the European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) **welcomes the adoption of the own-initiative report on the Sustainable Textiles Strategy** by the ENVI Committee on 27 April.

While EuRIC Textiles applauds the ENVI Committee's focus on the **establishment of harmonised EPR schemes** for textiles placed on the market for the first time and recalling the importance of following the waste hierarchy, it is surprised to see that recycling is not included in the operations that should primarily benefit from EPR contributions. Nevertheless, EuRIC Textiles appreciates the overall ambition behind the own-initiative report and the focus placed on the textile reuse and recycling industry.

*"We are pleased to see that the report includes a call for the inclusion of **recycled fibre content** in new textile products while we continue to stress that these fibres should come from post-consumer textiles. We also appreciate that it demonstrates the importance of **developing end-of-waste criteria** and stresses the need to establish criteria to **distinguish between used goods, such as second-hand clothes and waste**"* said Mariska Boer, President of EuRIC Textiles. *"These measures are strongly supported by the European textile reuse and recycling industry and will support the whole textile value chain in moving towards a more circular economy. Our industry is key to accelerate this transition since it gives textiles a second life either through preparation for reuse or recycling"* she concluded.

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For press-related enquiries, please contact Florence Le Levreur, EuRIC Communication Advisor, by email at flelevreur@euric.org or by phone at +32 (0) 489 09 46 02. The [European Recycling Industries' Confederation \(EuRIC\)](#) is the umbrella organisation for the recycling industries in Europe. Through its member federations from 21 European countries, EuRIC represents more than 5,500 large companies and SMEs involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams. They represent a contribution of 95 billion EUR to the EU economy and 300,000 green and local jobs. By turning waste into resources, recycling reintroduces valuable materials into value chains over and over again. By bridging circularity and climate neutrality, recyclers are pioneers in leading Europe's industrial transition.

