

Future of textiles in Europe

GftZ presents its goals at this year's BIR World Recycling Convention

At this year's BIR World Recycling Convention from October 25-27 in Prague (Czech Republic), Nicole Kösegi presented the goals and guidelines of the Future of Textiles Association (GftZ).

Over 800 participants from 418 businesses in the international recycling industry attended the event. Nicole Kösegi, spokeswoman of the GftZ and COO Collection & Procurement at SOEX Textilvermarktungsgesellschaft mbH, was invited as one of sixteen guest speakers to talk about "fundamental basics of high-standard textile reuse and recycling processes" in the textiles division.

Speaking to an international audience from 54 different countries, Ms. Kösegi explained what drives current changes in the recycling of used textiles and what opportunities exist to continuously assure a value-adding treatment of this waste stream along the five steps of the waste hierarchy. Against this backdrop, Ms. Kösegi presented an overview and selected examples of the guidelines for a sustainable use and high-quality recycling of used textiles currently being created by the GftZ.

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Nicole Kösegi at the BIR in Prague on October 27, 2015

The response to her presentation showed that GftZ's goal of creating standardized guidelines that allow for the most value creation in

the used textile waste stream is met by broad international interest and that an international exchange in this matter is wanted.

The GftZ also realizes a need to create a stronger European network in order to raise potential cooperation to the next level.

Currently, the draft guidelines for a sustainable use and high-quality recycling of used textiles are being discussed and finalized with national decision-makers.

The GftZ sees itself on the right track and wants to seek out more dialogue with international stakeholders and decision-makers in the future.

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About Gemeinschaft für textile Zukunft (GftZ – Future of Textiles Association)

A sustainable use of textiles and a high-quality collection, sorting and recycling of waste textiles are the goals pursued by the GftZ. The focus of the association is the development and establishment of guidelines for the sustainable use and high-quality recycling of waste textiles. Partners of the GftZ, which was founded in 2014 and has its headquarters in Berlin, are companies with daily business in collection, sorting, recycling and marketing of waste textiles. GftZ is open to start a dialogue with interested stakeholders covering all questions regarding the future of textiles.