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MODACC travels to the Netherlands to explore advanced models of circularity and textile waste management

From 20 to 22 January 2026, MODACC travelled to the city of Enschede (the Netherlands) to take part in a study visit focused on textile circularity, public policies and textile waste management solutions, within the framework of the European TEXAD project.

The activity took place in a city with a strong industrial tradition linked to the textile sector. Enschede lost a significant part of its productive activity decades ago, but has successfully transformed its former industrial facilities and accumulated know-how to become a European benchmark in textile waste management. Today, the city stands out for its prevention, collection, sorting and recycling systems, as well as for its ability to generate new economic activities from these processes.

Over three days, the delegation had the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into how this transformation process has led to the creation of an ecosystem where public authorities, industry, knowledge centres and social stakeholders coexist, with a clear commitment to circularity as a strategic pillar.

The programme was structured into different blocks, enabling a comprehensive approach to textile waste management. Visits were made to sorting and treatment facilities, industrial initiatives specialising in fibre recycling and valorisation, as well as innovation spaces and training centres linked to circular textiles. Technical sessions were also held with public policy makers and national bodies, focusing on European textile policies, the regulatory framework related to the ESPR, the Digital Product Passport (DPP) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), as well as models of collaboration between companies and local administrations.

During this study visit, MODACC was accompanied by organisations from the Catalan ecosystem such as Coleo, Eurecat and the Institut Anna Gironella de Mundet, fostering the exchange of experiences and knowledge between territories.

These types of actions enable textile and fashion companies in Catalonia to explore real alternatives for the reuse of industrial spaces, identify new ideas and approaches, draw inspiration from existing operational models and establish connections with other European stakeholders actively working in the field of circularity.

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About the TEXAD project

The European TEXAD project aims to improve municipal policy instruments to move towards more circular management of textile waste. The project addresses areas such as prevention, separate collection, sorting, logistics, waste valorisation, the use of smart technologies and consumer awareness, as well as the adaptation of local policies to the new requirements of European legislation.