TASK FORCE

# **Digital Supply Chain Management**

Speed and transparency are the critical elements of a successful and sustainable textile supply chain. This working group has set itself the goal of establishing a blockchain-based solution for this purpose.

The project initiators from trade, science and IT service providers all have core expertise and the necessary previous experience to successfully drive such a project forward.

## What exactly do we want to accomplish?

The aim of the working group is to establish a digital network of textile companies and other relevant stakeholders to enable an efficient exchange of trustworthy quality, sustainability and status information directly between the involved actors.

To this end, the blockchain is intended to create a trust and

- effective certification tracking of social and environmental standards.
- Initiate a blockchain-based supplier network to ensure the origin and authenticity of information exchanged between companies
- Focus on creating transparency within the supply chain.

## All parties benefit from transparency:

- The influence of a company for the creation of transparency in the supply chain is often too small. A cooperation of all actors along the supply chain offers far greater chances of success.
- Procuring companies reduce risks and accelerate procurement processes through more comprehensive and faster visibility into status, compliance, and risk parameters.
- Supplying companies reduce the effort and time required to provide the evidence and thus improve their overall competitive position and future viability.
- Through effective, widespread implementation of the blockchain can generate cost benefits on all sides.

## No one loses their competitive advantages:

How can textile supply chains be transformed into supply networks without giving up the competitive strategic advantage of having one's own anonymized pool of suppliers?

Our targeted digital network is therefore based on the principles of independence and neutrality:

Autonomy: Each individual organization makes its own decisions about information provided and shared with business partners.

Neutrality: The technological and organizational measures to be used ensure the greatest possible independence from individual participants or third parties (including decentralized digital infrastructures based on blockchain technology).

We would be very pleased to welcome further members to the working group who are interested in developing joint solutions for these important issues.

**Kick-Off Meeting** on 01.03.2021

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## Who is with us?



### evan GmbH

Blockchain platform for trusted digital collaboration between companies.



### KiK Textilien und Non-Food GmbH

Since 1994, successful basic supplier in the textile discount and non-food assortment.



### ITA Academy GmbH

Advises and supports industry in the digital transformation with the Digital Capability Center in Aachen.



### Bremer Baumwollbörse

Represents the raw material cotton and thus an important part of the supply chain.



Ernstings Family GmbH & Co. KG Textile retailer for a transparent and sustainable supply chain.