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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On December 3, 2024, the highly anticipated Sustainability Talks Istanbul took place at the Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center. The event successfully brought together key stakeholders from leading textile companies, manufacturers, global brands, and seasoned industry professionals, all convening at the heart of sustainability.

Now in its fifth year, **Sustainability Talks Istanbul 2024** is centered around the theme **#ActNow**, urging immediate and collaborative action for a sustainable future. With an additional focus on **#CommitToAction** and **#ThriveWithSustainability**, the event calls on all stakeholders to transform their sustainability goals into tangible steps. The time has come for the sector to move beyond pledges and take concrete action toward a greener, more resilient future.

This year, Sustainability Talks Istanbul brought together over **1,100 participants**, **40 sponsors**, a large exhibition area, and **42 stands**, uniting industry leaders, sustainability innovators, and technology pioneers. The event provided an opportunity to showcase innovative solutions addressing the key challenges in the textile value chain. These exhibitors will showcase groundbreaking solutions addressing the pressing challenges of the textile value chain. From responsible raw material sourcing to traceability, energy and water efficiency, and minimal resource utilization, Sustainability Talks Istanbul offers a



The Sustainability Talks mobile application was actively used by participants to follow the full-day program, access detailed profiles of speakers and sponsors, and interact with other attendees. The app, which will provide access to resources and content throughout the year, enriched the event experience by keeping participants updated with real-time notifications.

Additionally, the event provided a dynamic networking environment where future collaboration opportunities were discussed, and potential partnerships were explored. Participating organizations showcased their **sustainability-focused technologies and products**, creating a platform for meaningful interactions and innovation-driven dialogues. This further strengthened the event's role as a catalyst for industry transformation.

Sustainability Talks Istanbul 2024 once again emphasized the necessity of translating sustainability strategies into tangible results through practical implementations. The most important message of the event:

**“The future has arrived! Now is the time to act!”**



**ACT NOW** 

The event, serving as a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and inspiration, once again took on its mission to drive impactful change in the industry this year. Businesses were informed about growth and development opportunities by integrating sustainability into the core of their operations.

Ahmet ÖKSÜZ

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At the 5th Sustainability Talks Istanbul, held under the theme “Act Now”, **Ahmet Öksüz, Chairman of the Istanbul Textile and Raw Materials Exporters' Association (İTHİB)**, emphasized the pressing need for a balanced approach to sustainability in the textile industry. Speaking at the event, which brought together industry leaders at Hilton Istanbul Bomonti, Öksüz highlighted the challenges faced by producers, including product returns and rejections, which significantly increase carbon emissions through reverse logistics. He called on brands to share responsibility for sustainability, stating, “*If we truly aim for sustainability, consumers and brands must tolerate the differences in recycled and conventionally produced goods, as the carbon footprint of returns is substantial. Brands must be as committed to sustainability as producers.*”

Öksüz also underscored the environmental impact of the textile industry, noting that fashion contributes 10% of global carbon emissions, with only 1% of textile fibers being recycled into new garments. He urged stakeholders to address these challenges through innovation and collaboration, highlighting İTHİB's ongoing engagements with Türkiye's Ministry of Trade and other governmental bodies to foster sustainable transformation in the sector.





**Bikem Kanik, Board Member at Orbit Consulting**, delivered a thought-provoking speech emphasizing the fundamental role of sustainability as a transformative force in the textile industry. She underscored the importance of building a collaborative ecosystem where stakeholders—including industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers—engage in the active exchange of insights, advancements, and best practices. Bikem Kanik emphasized that the textile industry is at a critical juncture where it must take urgent and concrete steps in a period marked by increasing global challenges and an accelerating pace of change. Kanik introduced two core themes that set the agenda for the event. The first, "**ActNow**", serves as a rallying cry for businesses to take swift and decisive action to stay ahead in the rapidly evolving landscape of sustainability. This theme acknowledges that the delay in adapting to sustainable practices could result in missed opportunities and the inability to compete effectively in the future. The second theme, "**Thrive with Sustainable**", focuses on resilience as a cornerstone of long-term success, encouraging companies to integrate sustainability not just as a compliance measure but as a strategic imperative that drives innovation, adaptability, and growth.

**Halit Gümüşer, Board Member at Kipaş Textile** emphasized the critical importance of fostering collaboration among stakeholders across the textile value chain, including manufacturers, brands, and policymakers, to address the complex challenges and opportunities in sustainability. A key focus of Gümüşer's address was the need to spotlight commercially successful projects as tangible examples for the industry to emulate. By showcasing these initiatives, the event aims to inspire businesses to adopt innovative solutions and align their operations with sustainability goals. He also called on Turkish textile producers to take a more proactive role in leading sustainability efforts, noting that their unique position in the global supply chain provides them with both the responsibility and the opportunity to drive transformative change. Gümüşer invited all attendees to share their suggestions and critiques openly, underlining the shared mission of advancing sustainability in the textile sector. His closing remarks reiterated the importance of collective effort and innovation in creating a more sustainable future for industry and beyond.





Presented by **Giuseppe Gherzi, Managing Partner of Gherzi Textile Organisation AG**, the session outlined the transformative forces reshaping the global textile industry. Key trends include the rise of circular production models, chemical recycling technologies, and the increasing influence of legislative frameworks such as the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and the U.S. Forced Labor Prevention Act. Gherzi highlighted innovations like smart textiles, automation in garment production, and 3D printing, as well as the shift towards fast and ultra-fast fashion balanced by a growing resale market projected to reach \$350 billion by 2028. With a systems-thinking approach, the presentation underscored the need for transparency, traceability, and collaboration to navigate these complex changes and drive sustainable growth across the textile value chain

**Dr. Hakan Karaosman of Cardiff University** underscored the critical necessity of achieving decarbonization in the fashion industry through a just and equitable transition. He illuminated the challenges posed by paradoxical tensions, including order imbalances, unreliable third-party audits, and the systemic neglect of workers' well-being. Advocating for a paradigm shift, Dr. Karaosman emphasized the importance of inclusive governance, decentralized decision-making, and community-informed strategies to address these systemic issues. His presentation highlighted the need to transcend transactional, cost-centric systems in favor of socio-ecological frameworks that prioritize both people and the planet. By implementing evidence-based action plans and fostering meaningful engagement with marginalized communities, Dr. Karaosman articulated a compelling vision for reshaping fashion supply chains to align with sustainability and equity imperatives.



# Innovative Technologies for Sustainability Panel Showcases Pioneering Solutions for a Greener Future

The Innovative Technologies for Sustainability Panel, moderated by **Brooke Roberts-Islam (Techstyler / Forbes)**, brought together experts from leading organizations to highlight groundbreaking advancements that are shaping the future of sustainable textile and fashion practices. The discussion centered on transformative solutions designed to minimize resource consumption, enhance transparency, and drive circularity in the industry.



**Burak Orhan Arifioğlu** from **Karacasu Textile** presented an innovative spray-based dyeing technology developed at their R&D Center. This method, specifically designed for synthetic staple fibers, significantly reduces dye, water, and energy consumption, making it a game-changer in sustainable dyeing processes.

**Julio Perales** from **Archroma** introduced the **Denim Halo Technology**, an advanced approach to yarn dyeing that not only conserves resources but also enhances ease of washing and offers significant advantages for laser finishing techniques, showcasing its dual benefits for production efficiency and sustainability.



Representing **Dupont**, **Mehmet Demir** unveiled the EcoForce Finish Technology for their Nomex product line, aligning with the company's ambitious 2050 Net-Zero Emission Goals. This innovative finish is bio-based, with over 50% renewable content, and completely free of PFAS, setting a new standard for environmentally friendly performance materials.

**Özgür Atsan** of **RE&UP** emphasized their comprehensive recycling solutions, focusing on poly-cotton blends and pre- and post-consumer feedstocks. With their philosophy of "closing the textile loop beyond recycling," RE&UP offers a one-stop solution for creating a truly circular textile ecosystem.

Finally, **Suraj Bahirwani** from **Birla Cellulose** showcased Green Track, a blockchain-powered platform that ensures maximum traceability and transparency throughout the entire manufacturing process. This innovation reinforces Birla Cellulose's commitment to sustainability and accountability across the supply chain.

The panel demonstrated the textile industry's dedication to addressing environmental challenges through cutting-edge innovation. These technologies provide actionable solutions for conserving resources, reducing emissions, and fostering a transparent, circular economy, setting a benchmark for the global shift toward sustainability.





**Selda Ineler, Business Development and Sustainability Manager at TextileGenesis,** emphasized the critical role of traceability in advancing ethical sourcing and regulatory compliance within Türkiye's textile industry. Highlighting the platform's 360° engagement model, Ineler showcased how TextileGenesis enables supply chain transparency by progressively onboarding Tier 1 and upstream suppliers. Trusted by over 150 global brands, TextileGenesis leverages advanced modules to ensure complete traceability, aligning with international standards such as GOTS and BCI. This approach positions Türkiye as a leader in sustainable textile practices, enhancing its competitive advantage on the global stage.



**Paula Fontell, CEO of Ethica,** outlined a transformative vision for the textile industry rooted in circular business ecosystems. Fontell detailed strategic approaches that encompass circular product-service design, ecosystem modeling, innovative consumer interfaces, and cutting-edge technological solutions. By pioneering circular value chains, Ethica offers a pragmatic and actionable roadmap for businesses to transition toward sustainability, ensuring an optimal balance of feasibility, viability, and desirability. This holistic framework fosters cross-industry collaboration, aligning stakeholders toward a unified vision for a circular economy in textiles. Fontell's insights underscored Ethica's commitment to driving impactful and scalable actions that contribute to global sustainability objectives, positioning the company as a leader in sustainable innovation within the textile sector.



**AKSA Acrylic Marketing Manager Enida Hançer** highlighted the company's customer-centric sustainability approach. The presentation emphasized key principles like reduce, reuse, recycle, and repair, alongside durable product features such as UV resistance, tear strength, and extended lifespan. Hançer outlined a lifecycle framework, covering every stage of textile production from design to recycling, promoting collaboration across the value chain. The session underscored Aksa Acrylic's dedication to advancing sustainability and circular economy practices in the textile industry.

# Döngüsellik: Hammaddeden Ürüne Uzanan Yolculuk Paneli

## Circularity: The Journey From Feedstock to Product Panel

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## Driving Circularity in Textiles: Insights from Industry Leaders

**The Circularity: The Journey from Feedstock to Product Panel**, moderated by **Karla Magruder** of **Accelerating Circularity**, brought together key voices from the textile industry to explore innovative solutions for advancing circularity. Panelists shared groundbreaking technologies, highlighted the importance of collaboration, and emphasized strategic priorities for a sustainable future.

**Atakan Koru** from **UNIFI** introduced the Repreve Program, a pioneering initiative transforming recycled plastic bottles into high-performance fibers, reducing waste, and driving sustainable innovation. **Claudia de Witte** from **Naia™ from Eastman** discussed Naia Renew, a cutting-edge solution using Carbon Renewal Technology (CRT) to deliver sustainable textiles

that balance environmental responsibility with modern fashion demands. **Anil Noyin** from **Control Union** emphasized the necessity and importance of global standardization of definitions and frameworks to ensure consistency and clarity in textile recycling. Representing **LACOSTE**, **Patrick Vignal** underscored the need to prioritize cellulosic fiber recycling, including organic cotton, while reaffirming Lacoste's commitment to sustainability through careful raw material selection and innovative design processes.

The panel demonstrated the critical role of technological advancements, collaboration, and strategic focus in building a circular textile ecosystem, inspiring the industry to take meaningful steps toward a more sustainable future.



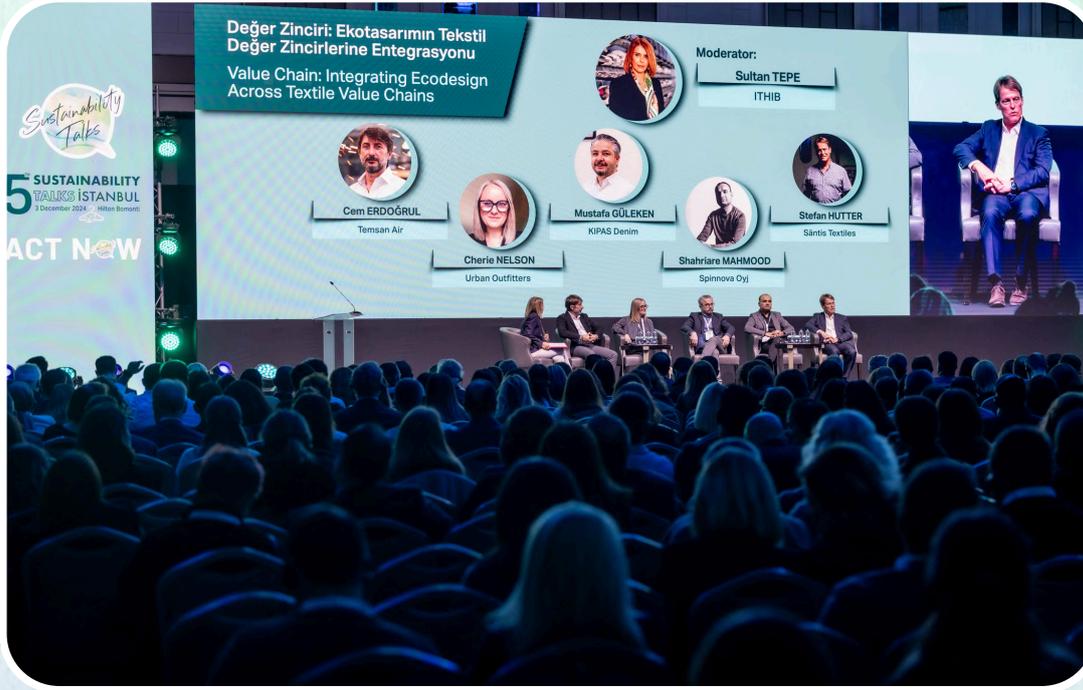
The presentation, delivered by **Mustafa Yüksel**, **Country Manager of BASF Agricultural Solutions in Türkiye**, highlights FiberMax® cotton fiber as a benchmark for quality and sustainability in textile production. The focus is on its exceptional durability, high tensile strength, smoother surface, and uniform dye application. Backed by BASF's innovative Yousustain.net platform, the program supports sustainable farming practices, including carbon footprint reduction, soil biodiversity enhancement, and water resource optimization. With a robust framework of 75 protocols covering farmers, ginners, cotton quality, and supply chain management, FiberMax® ensures traceability and superior standards at every stage, advancing responsible consumption and production practices in alignment with global environmental goals.

**Julian Aisslinger**, **Head of Sustainability, Innovation, and Responsible Communication** at **MARC O'POLO**, presented the brand's forward-thinking "It's On Us 2030+" strategy during Sustainability Talks Istanbul 2024. The roadmap highlights a bold vision to transition to 100% preferred fibers by 2030, achieve a 70% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions, and incorporate circular design into 50% of its collection. Core initiatives focus on enhancing supply chain transparency, ensuring fair and safe working conditions, and advancing women's empowerment across the textile value chain. Through innovation, accountability, and a commitment to traceability, MARC O'POLO aspires to establish itself as a leader in sustainable fashion while addressing global environmental and social challenges.



# Value Chain: Integrating Ecodesign Across Textile Value Chains Panel Highlights Collaborative Innovations

The Value Chain: Integrating Ecodesign Across Textile Value Chains panel, moderated by **Sultan Tepe** from **ITHIB (Istanbul Textile and Raw Materials Exporters' Association)**, brought together key industry leaders to discuss how ecodesign principles can reshape the textile value chain toward sustainability and innovation.



The discussion showcased the RCO 1000 project, a groundbreaking initiative transforming cutting and production waste into 100% recycled denim. **Stefan Hutter** from **Santis Textiles** introduced the technology behind the sustainable fabric. **Mustafa Güleken** of **Kipaş Denim** detailed the efforts to scale production, while **Cem Erdoğan** from **Temsan Air** highlighted the technological contributions that enabled its success.

The panel also explored 100% post-consumer chemical recycling, an innovative solution led by **Shahriare Mahmood** from **Spinnova Oyj**,

offering a distinct and sustainable alternative to man-made cellulosic fibers. Representing **Urban Outfitters**, **Cherie Nelson** emphasized the importance of brand collaboration in bringing these innovations to the market.

This collaborative dialogue underscored the power of integrating ecodesign across the value chain, proving that sustainability and innovation are achievable through partnerships, advanced technologies, and a shared commitment to progress.



**Saurer is a key enabler of the transformation; offering a full portfolio of machines for production of sustainable yarns already today**

**Pre-Spinning:** flexible solution for recycled fibres in blowing/carding



**Rotor: BD Series** is the pioneer in recycling applications



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**Autoairo:** the new class for spinning chemically recycled fibres



**Ring: Zinser 51** for ring-spun yarns from recycled fibres



**CompactTwister:** strengthens yarn spun with recycled fibres



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**Pia Terasa, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Saurer Group,** showcased the company’s pivotal role in advancing sustainable textile manufacturing. With over 170 years of industry expertise, Saurer offers a cutting-edge portfolio of spinning and twisting machinery tailored for processing recycled fibers, including the Autocoro for fully automated yarn recycling and the BD Series for short fiber applications. Through initiatives like the Recycling Atelier Project, Saurer addresses the complexities of mechanical and chemical recycling, pushing the boundaries of recycled fiber spinning.

Positioned as a transformative partner in the shift towards circular fashion, Saurer leverages its technological leadership and innovation to optimize yarn production processes and support the global transition to a sustainable textile industry.



# Transforming Fashion and Textiles: Insights from the Low-Carbon Transition Panel

The **Low-Carbon Transition in Fashion and Textile Industry Panel**, moderated by **Hakan Karaosman** from **Cardiff University**, brought together key stakeholders to discuss decarbonization strategies, innovative energy solutions, and success stories in reducing carbon emissions. The panel highlighted actionable solutions and commitments made by brands, as well as their impact on producers and supply chain partners.



**Filiz Akkanat Tunç** from **Arık Bey Tekstil** shared insights into the challenges producers face in meeting brands' decarbonization commitments, outlining practical solutions to overcome these hurdles. She emphasized the importance of aligning producer capabilities with ambitious sustainability goals to ensure meaningful progress.

**Thomas Matiz** of the **Lenzing Group** provided a perspective from raw material and fiber production, focusing on collaborative partnerships across upstream and downstream supply chain stakeholders. He detailed how these partnerships drive actionable steps toward decarbonization while fostering innovation and efficiency.



**Muzaffer Gölcü** from **Roro Energy** discussed the significant role of energy consumption in industrial processes, highlighting that 60% of energy in the sector is used for heat production. He presented innovative solutions, such as renewable energy-powered induction technologies for steam generation, showcasing their potential to revolutionize energy efficiency in industrial applications.

The panel demonstrated the textile and fashion industry's commitment to a low-carbon future, emphasizing the critical role of collaboration, innovation, and actionable strategies in achieving decarbonization goals.

**Cotton USA EMEA Regional Representative Nezihi Aslankeser** highlighted the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol's pivotal role in promoting sustainable cotton production and enhancing traceability and accountability within the textile supply chain. With over 1.7 million acres enrolled, the protocol sets a global benchmark by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, optimizing resource use, and improving soil health through regenerative farming. Its advanced digital platforms provide verifiable data, enabling brands, manufacturers, and retailers to align with global sustainability standards and drive meaningful progress toward responsible sourcing and sustainability goals.



# S-Talks Open Discussion: The Transformation and Future Evolution of Sustainability: Economic, Sociological, and Philosophical Perspectives

Bikem Kanik, Board Member of Orbit Consulting, and Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kasım Han (Beykoz University & TED University) emphasized the critical necessity of sustainability in economic transformation. They highlighted that ignoring sustainability poses significant risks for institutions, stressing the importance of adopting financial and economic measures aligned with sustainability principles. The discussion underscored that addressing carbon emissions and climate change is vital for maintaining trade, particularly with European markets. Key points included the role of raw materials and labor in circular economies, the importance of transitioning from supply chains to value chains, and the need for standardized regulations to ensure resource efficiency and sustainable living amidst declining resources and rising consumption.



Presented by **Ebru Özküçük Güler**, Chief Sustainability Officer at **RE&UP Recycling Technologies**, the session showcased RE&UP's innovative approach to addressing the global textile waste crisis. With a unique technology that transforms textile waste into next-generation recycled fibers, RE&UP achieves up to 70% lower environmental impact compared to virgin materials, significantly reducing Scope 3 emissions, water usage, and land footprint. The company integrates physical and digital traceability tools, enabling full transparency across the value chain, and aligns with global sustainability goals through its zero waste and zero water waste ambitions. By positioning itself as a key player in the circular economy, RE&UP is driving transformative change in the textile industry and expanding its operations globally to become a leader in next-generation textile recycling technologies.



# Shaping Circularity: Nordic Insights into the Future of Fashion and Textiles

The panel "Shaping Circularity: The Scandinavian Experience in Fashion and Textiles", part of the Sustainability Talks Istanbul, explored how circularity principles can revolutionize the textile and fashion industries. Moderated by **Rikke Therkildsen**, Regional Sustainability Advisor at the **Danish Consulate General**, the session highlighted innovative approaches and collaborative efforts across Scandinavia, supported by the **Nordic Council of Ministers**.

## Döngüsellığı Şekillendirmek: Moda ve Tekstilde İskandinav Deneyimi

### Shaping Circularity: Nordic Insights into the Future of Fashion and Textiles



Moderator:

**Rikke THERKILDSEN**  
Royal Danish Consulate  
General



**Gisle Mariani MARDAL**  
F&TA (Norwegian Fashion &  
Textile Agenda)



**Jeppe HOLMEHAVE**  
Danish Technological Institute



**Holger JOHN**  
UPM Biochemicals



**Dr. Roxana BARBIERU**  
TreeToTextile AB



**Gisle Mariani Mardal**, representing the **Norwegian Fashion & Textile Agenda (NFTA)**, focused on the fundamental need to transform business models in the textile industry. He emphasized the importance of integrating sustainable design practices that prioritize product longevity and reduce dependency on fast-changing fashion trends. Mardal also highlighted the role of consumer behavior in driving systemic change, stressing that altering cultural expectations around fashion is crucial to achieving true circularity.

**Jeppe Holmehave** from the **Danish Technological Institute (DTI)** shared insights into large-scale projects like Reshoot, which brings together design innovations, recycling technologies, and consumer behaviors. He detailed initiatives such as "Closing Loops," which connects Denmark and Türkiye in circular textile systems. Holmehave underscored the significance of cross-industry partnerships and collaborative learning to address barriers and develop sustainable solutions.



**Holger John**, representing **UPM Biochemicals**, presented groundbreaking advancements in bio-based polyester production. Using renewable woody biomass, UPM's innovative processes significantly reduce reliance on fossil-based raw materials. John highlighted UPM's industrial-scale biorefinery in Germany, which transforms cellulose into bio-based monoethylene glycol, enabling the production of polyester with a 30% bio-content. These technologies demonstrate scalable solutions for sustainable industrial practices.

**Roxana Barbieru** of **TreeToTextile AB** discussed next-generation cellulose fiber innovations that cut emissions by up to 90% compared to conventional cotton and polyester. Barbieru emphasized the importance of resource-efficient processes and collaborative prototypes, such as 100% cellulose garments designed with H&M. These projects showcase how regional supply chains can drive circularity at scale while offering cost-efficient and sustainable alternatives for the textile industry.

The panel underscored the urgent need to scale technologies and adopt circular practices globally. Through innovation, collaboration, and alignment with EU regulations, the Scandinavian model provides a robust framework for transitioning the textile industry toward a more sustainable future. This discussion highlighted the potential for other regions to learn from and adapt these strategies to achieve a truly circular economy.





As part of the **European Climate Pact**, **Marwa Zamaray**, Climate Pact Ambassador, conducted a comprehensive survey throughout the day using QR code responses to assess key perspectives within Türkiye's textile and apparel industry. The survey explored critical themes, including labor practices, environmental accountability, and readiness for sustainability regulations. Insights revealed mixed sentiments regarding brands' fair treatment of suppliers and their community support following Türkiye's recent earthquakes. Participants acknowledged the sector's contribution to climate change while highlighting gaps in compliance with sustainability regulations and the need for increased investment in sustainable practices. The responses underscored a strong commitment to embracing future sustainability standards, reflecting Türkiye's potential to lead transformative change in the global textile industry.



**The Fifth Sustainability Talks Istanbul** has once again demonstrated its vital role as a global platform for addressing the pressing challenges and opportunities in the textile and fashion industries. Through thought-provoking discussions, innovative solutions, and actionable insights, the event has united industry leaders, manufacturers, brands, policymakers, and young professionals around a shared mission: to drive meaningful progress in sustainability.

From groundbreaking technological advancements to the integration of circular practices and the pursuit of low-carbon transitions, the event has highlighted the critical importance of collaboration, transparency, and accountability in shaping the future of the industry. Stakeholders from across the value chain have reaffirmed their commitment to taking tangible steps toward a greener, more resilient, and equitable textile ecosystem.



As we reflect on the key themes of

**#ActNow #CommitToAction #ThriveWithSustainability**

the message is clear: sustainability is not just a necessity but a transformative force that enables growth, innovation, and global impact. With Türkiye playing a pivotal role in this journey, the collective efforts showcased at Sustainability Talks Istanbul 2024 offer a blueprint for accelerating sustainable transformation on a global scale.

**The time for action is now.**

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# STI 2024 Testimonials



**Brooke Roberts-Islam**  
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I just wanted to say thank you for such a great event and for such kind and professional hosting throughout. I have heard excellent feedback about the event and learned a great deal from the program.

## SUOMI FINLANDIYA

As the country partner of the event for three years running, we wish to thank the organizers, partners, and participants of Sustainability Talks Istanbul for leading the way towards a new and sustainable direction for the global textile and clothing industry.



**Julian Aisslinger**  
Marc O'Polo

Thank you so much again for the incredible hospitality. Its been a great pleasure and great to see how much innovation is happening around Istanbul.



**Shahriare Mahmood**  
Spinnova Oyj

It was a pleasure to participate to the STI. Thanks for the wonderful organization.



**Holger John**  
UPM Biochemicals

I believe it was a very well-organized and great event. It was a perfect platform to connect and exchange ideas with all levels in the fashion supply chain.



**Mehmet Demir**  
DuPont

As always, it was a very well-organized and high-quality event.



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A big thank you to all the participants, organizers, and partners. Let's continue to work together towards a more sustainable, transparent, and responsible textile industry!



**Cherie Nelson**  
Urban Outfitters

Congratulations on staging an impressive and valuable event – inspiring the sector to ACT NOW. I loved hearing such a variety of perspectives spanning fibre to garment production and brands.



**Marwa Zamaray**  
European Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to share my two cents at such an absolutely phenomenal event. Sustainability Talks Istanbul was truly inspiring, and the level of engagement and openness was remarkable.



**Filiz Akkanat Tunç**  
Ark Bey Textile

The event was very well-organized, and bringing the right stakeholders together provided an extremely beneficial and inclusive experience for us.



**Muzaffer Gölcü**  
Roro Energy

It was a great honor for me to participate in such an important event as Sustainability Talks Istanbul and to have the opportunity to share our views on sustainability in the textile industry.



**Patrick VIGNAL**  
Lacoste

It was a great experience, to hear , share and connect! The format is perfect, not too large , not too small, complete end to end supply chain actors.



**Şevin Yalçın**  
Consulate General of Sweden in Istanbul

It was truly a pleasure collaborating with the Orbit Consultancy at Sustainability Talks. We greatly value this partnership and hope to continue our collaboration in the future.



**Annabelle Georgina Hutter**  
Säntis Textiles

Hands UP if you want some of my 100% recycled merch and big thumbs up if you like the fact that I match the colours and mood of The Sustainability Talks Istanbul .



## RE&UP Recycling Technologies

It's inspiring to be part of meaningful discussions about shaping a sustainable future for the textile industry.



We extend our gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed and participated in this gathering, which has created significant awareness for the green transformation journey of our textile industry.

## Doç. Dr. Hakan Karaosman Cardiff University



Thank you, The Sustainability Talks Istanbul, Kipaş Holding, Istanbul Textile and Raw Materials Exporters Association (ITHİB) and The Orbit Consulting for the invitation. I was honoured to participate in the fifth edition of the Sustainability Talks Istanbul.



We look forward to continuing the conversation and working together!



We look forward to being part of this inspiring event and discussing the future of the industry with other industry experts.



Thank you to everyone who joined us at The Sustainability Talks Istanbul! It was great connecting with many of our customers and partners, and engaging in meaningful discussions.



We would like to thank all our stakeholders who accompanied us in this inspiring event. We will resolutely continue to work to build a more sustainable future together.

## Halit Gümüşer Kipaş Textiles



I would like to thank all our speakers, audiences, sponsors, Kipas Textiles and The Orbit Consulting team who contributed greatly to the organization of this event.



## Burak Orhan Arifioğlu

Karacasu Tekstil

Sustainability Talks continues to be a very special event featuring realistic discussions on sustainability in the textile industry.



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Huge Thank You for the event organizers The Orbit Consulting, Kipas Textiles and Istanbul Textile and Raw Materials Exporters Association (ITHİB) for such an inspiring and insightful event. This was a true highlight of the year for circular textiles & apparel.



## Jack Fairhurst

Alchemie Technology

Thank you for organising and hosting such an amazing event, emphasising the importance of #ActNow in the textile sector. It was particularly refreshing for everyone in attendance working across the supply chain to be so transparent in discussing the current state of the textile industry and highlighting the actionable solutions available to reduce our industry's impact on the environment.

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Thank you for joining us on this journey to drive real change in the industry. Let's continue to act now and make a lasting impact!



## Bikem Kanık

Orbit Consulting

First of all, I would like to thank the entire Orbit Consulting team, Kipas Textiles, who believed in the project from the very beginning and provided us with all kinds of support in our cooperation, our strategic partner Istanbul Textile and Raw Materials Exporters Association (ITHİB), all our sponsors, valuable speakers, moderators and panelists...



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