

# European Good Practices in Eco-creativity, natural fibres, short value chains

Digital Heritage

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# BACKGROUND



**Digital Heritage** activities have been developed within two major projects leaded by the Municipality of Prato:

TCBL - Textile and Clothing Business Labs - Horizon2020

- innovating and experimenting on new business models for in T&C industry
- core actions evolve around the network TCBL Business Labs Design, Place and Making, coupled with Business Cases experimenting new business models for T&C sector in real world setting
- Prato sets the heritage based Design Lab and Digital Heritage Business
   Case with the aim to preserve the the 'know-how' of the district

<u>CreativeWear</u> – Creative Clothing for the Mediterranean Space – InterregMED

- the project aims to recover and valorize the design heritage and "making" knowledge of Mediterranean cultures and to bring new energy to creative clusters by reinforcing their innovation capacity
- ▶ The project sets 5 creative hubs, one of which is situated in Prato and is called Heritage Hub – aiming to capitalise on districts' heritage to inspire creativity and give new identity to T&C productions





# **APPROACH**



#### Local textile heritage as a source of inspiration and innovation



- Main objectives:
  - Boosting creativity in textile design through the enhancement of local heritage
  - Fostering new marketing and communication strategies focusing on quality / creativity / cultural added value and heritage marketing

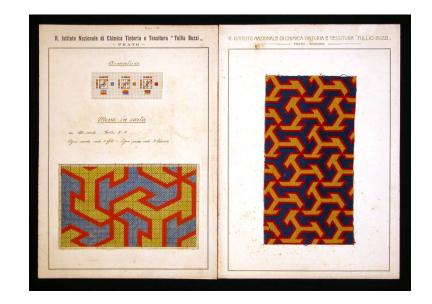




# GOALS



- Raise awareness and strengthen skills on archive preservation and enhancement
- Provide shared tools and methodologies
- Offer technical and creative advise
- Support testing / pilot activities in:
  - archives digitization
  - creative re-interpretation of textile heritage
  - new marketing strategies based on heritage marketing











#### Main activities

- development of a cataloguing software for museum and company archives
  - cataloguing campaign
  - software training
- development of small scale collections inspired by local heritage
- marketing and communication activities and media tools inspired by a creative and marketing team: focus on heritage brand marketing / product story telling and high territorial added value
- testing online marketing and sales campaigns









- Phase 1: Set up (Feb Jul 2017)
- Awareness raising activities on archive preservation and enhancement
- Terms of reference for platform design
- Prato Textile Museum, PIN, 3-4 textile enterprises work to codesign platform
- Starting a cataloguing campaign at the Prato Textile Museum









Feb – April |2017 Student experimental activity INSIDE THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE in collaboration with Marangoni Institute



February 2017 Workshop
RE/COLLECTION: APPROACHING THE ARCHIVE, in collaboration with Lottozero / textile laboratories







#### Phase 2: Experimenting (Aug - Dec 2017)

- Development of a cataloguing software for museum and company archives
- Software training for companies
- Design consulting to textile companies (design for sustainability)
- Marketing and communication activities and media tools: focus on heritage brand marketing / product story telling and high territorial added value







 Phase 3: Scaling up and out the TCBL community (Jan 2018 onwards)

- Development of small scale collections inspired by local heritage
- Installation of software in companies outside Prato
- Software training for companies (guidelines and webinars)
- Testing online marketing and sales campaigns





# THE HERITAGE MANAGER



https://creativewear.interreg-med.eu/en/external-database/







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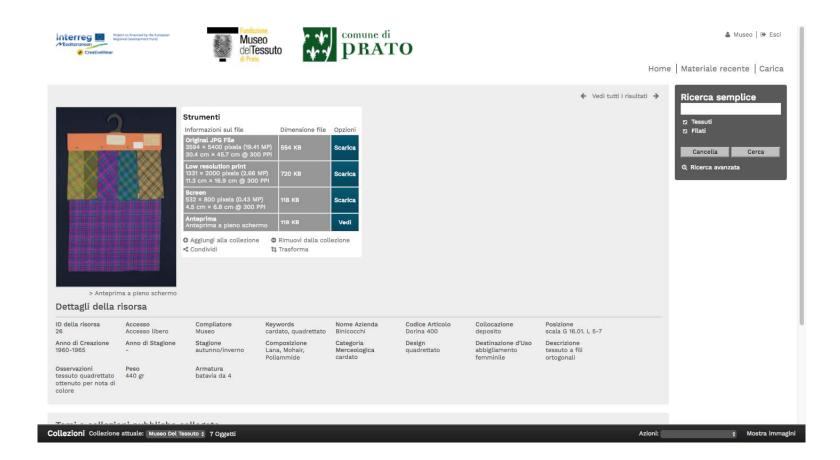






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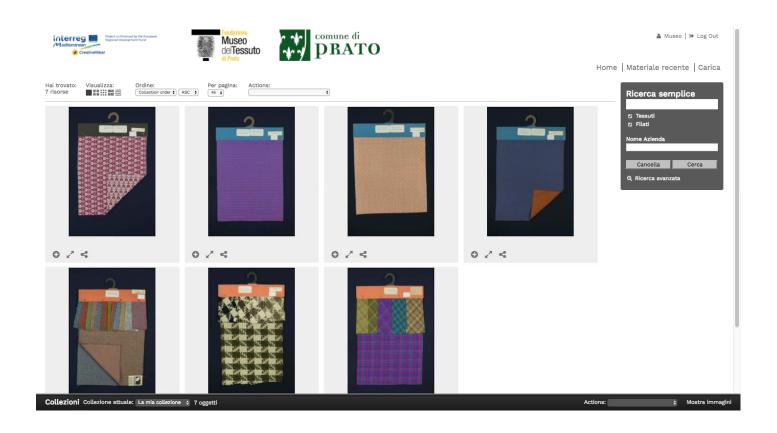






# RESET Interreg Europe

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# PILOT ENTREPRISES

Company	Production	Description
Marini Industrie	Fabrics	Historical textile factory in Prato, founded in 1945, now at the third generation of family. Today, the company brings together 4 brands and produces over 500 samples for each season. It is distinguished by the high quality of the products and the research carried out in close collaboration with the style offices of the great international fashion brands. The company archive has been preserved since the Seventies.
Inseta	Fabrics	A company dedicated to research and innovation both aesthetically and technologically. Fabrics are the result of 100% Italian processings and special finishing. The peculiarity of production lies in the use of a wide range of raw materials, fibers and yarns, and in the ability to perform complex high-level creative processes. The great variety of fabric produced makes it necessary to keep them for research purposes.
Lan. Bisentino	Fabrics	Active since 1944, the mill is engaged in the traditional production of woolen fabrics. Today, the company renews its traditional traditional production thanks to stylistic research, use of technology in the finishing process and the use of high quality raw materials: Australian and New Zealand virgin wool, South African mohair, Peruvian alpaca and Mongolian cashmere. The company also produces accessories such as scarves and plaid.
Lan. Faliero Sarti	Fabrics	A family business that stands out in the district of Prato for having specialized since the 1949s in the production of high fashion fabrics and pret-a-porter. It produces fabrics with the use of natural fibers of particular natural origin such as wool, cashmere, angora, silk, linen. It has an archive of over 26,000 samples from the company's origins to date, perfectly preserved and documented.



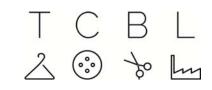




# WHERE ARE WE?

Company	Production	Description
Be.mi.va	Yarns	It is one of the first companies to produce, from the Prato district, fancy yarn for knitting. Born in the 1960s as a winter weaving yarn company, in the 1980s it specializes in high quality products for the emerging knitwear industry launched in the collections of Italian fashion designers. Today, the company produces high-quality yarns from complex fantasies boasting a rich and heterogeneous archive.
llaria Manifattura Lane	Yarns	Company active since 1967 in the production of high-quality yarn for knitting, weaving and needlework. It is distinguished for full-cycle production management, which allows it to control all stages of working processes and to guarantee the quality of products and processes. It is also distinguished for the choice of raw materials and for its social and environmental responsibility.
Industria Italiana Filati	Yarns	Born from activities in the textile industry since 1897, the company has been producing yarns since the 1960s and is now at the third generation family. In Italy it produces entirely knitwear, in Romania produces needle yarns. Since 2016 it has started to make weaving and jersey yarns to meet the new needs of the mills.
Trafi	Special fabrics	It was founded in 1982 as a yarn dyeing company with "astro dyeing" technique, which allows dyeing in four different colors to get a fancy yarn. From this beginning, the company has always developed new techniques to obtain products with special features: multicolor dyeing of fabrics, yarns and dresses; needle fabric and other innovative treatments.









Thank you for your attention!





