



## **1st Thematic Seminar**

"Recycling in textile and waste disposal"

Textile blankets made from plastic bottles wastes CITEVE - Maria José Carvalho

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## **CITEVE** - textile technology campus





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## **CITEVE** – main areas of activity



Laboratorial Testing



Product & Process
 Certification



Technology & Engineering



Sustainable Production



 Design & Fashion Intelligence



Training & Coaching



- Standardisation
- Clusterisation and intercluster cross-fertilisation
- Industry 4.0 & Shop of the Future
- International consultancy



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## **CITEVE** –some figures





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## **CITEVE - Worldwide**





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## **CITEVE – Committed people**





The stakeholder



## **Têxteis Penedo, S.A. company**

- Portuguese textile company, located in Guimarães (north of Portugal)
- Founded on 11 December 1975/ begun activity in January 1976
- Production of home and hotel textile products
- Quality management system (ISO 9001), certified since 2000
- Research, development and innovation management systems (NP 4457), certified since 2013
- In process of STeP by Oeko-Tex® (sustainable textile production) certification
- Website: <a href="http://www.tpenedo.pt/en/home">http://www.tpenedo.pt/en/home</a>





## Têxteis Penedo, S.A. idea

The idea was motivated by two key factors:

- the company interest in explore new and sustainable fibres and
- a client challenger to use recycled fibres



textile blanket using polyester recycled from plastic bottles (PET), from the urban wastes circuit (post-consumer).

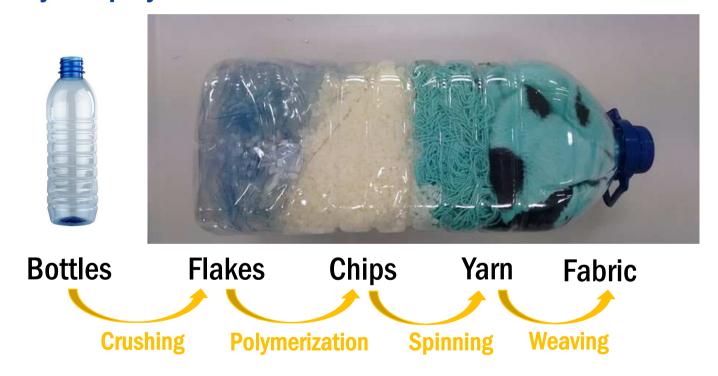




The process



## **Recycled polyester from bottles**

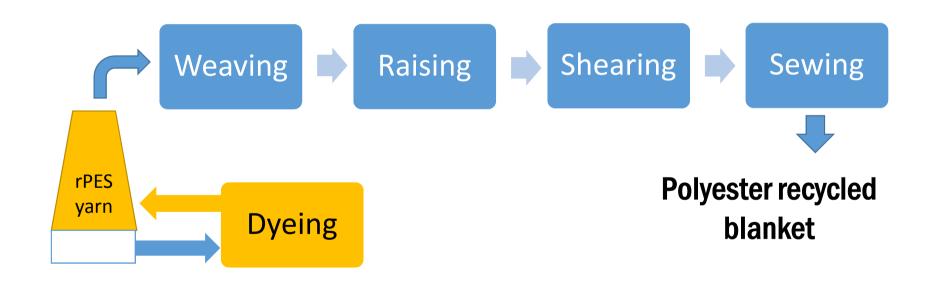




The process



## Têxteis Penedo, S.A. process





# **Textile blankets made from plastic bottles wastes**The product



## Têxteis Penedo, S.A. product

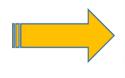
Blanket made of recycled fibre (polyester)

Improved since the initial development - process and products

**Enlarged the variety of blankets produced** 

Very soft blanket, comfortable, with good washing and drying behaviours









**Initial blanket** 



# **Textile blankets made from plastic bottles wastes**The difficulties



## Têxteis Penedo, S.A. main difficulty

Finding the right textile process adjustments for work with the recycled polyester yarns, namely in the weaving and finishing processes, since the recycled fibres need more care, during production

Weaving

Raising

Shearing



The results



## **Supply chain impact**

The production of textile blankets made from plastic bottles wastes has an effective and direct added value, in economic, environment and social terms, for the company that developed the product and for the supply chain involved in all process, from the urban wastes bottles sorting, and collection to the client







The results



## **Environmental impact**

The use of recycled polyester, produced from PET post-consumer wastes, in comparison to virgin polyester has a positive environmental impact, because it means:

- Preservation of a non-renewable resources (petroleum)
- Less energy need to be produced: between 33% to 53% less energy
- Lower CO2 emissions during production : 54.6% fewer CO2 emissions

**Source:** <a href="https://oecotextiles.wordpress.com/2009/07/14/why-is-recycled-polyester-considered-a-sustainable-textile/">https://oecotextiles.wordpress.com/2009/07/14/why-is-recycled-polyester-considered-a-sustainable-textile/</a>





The results



## **European waste policy**

Effective contribute to waste policy in

**European Union** 

Waste
Framework
Directive
(Directive
2008/98/EC)
waste
management
hierarchy

7th
Environment
action
programme
maximizing
recycling and
re-use



The transferability



## **Main conditions**

The main conditions to an textile company implement the production of a textile article made from plastic bottles wastes are having:

#### **Raw material**

 availability of polyester recycled proved to be from plastic bottles wastes (origin certification)

#### **Process**

 technology need or partnerships with companies for any technology lack

### **Competence**

 develop workers skills to respond to the process and product specificities

#### Market

 Recognize the environmental add value of recycled products



The transferability



## Replication

This good practices can be replicate by other textile companies, to produce the same kind of textile product or others

 PET recycling to make fibres can increase, if more consumers recognize the interest to buy recycled textiles products





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