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PROGRAMME

9.00	Registration
9:30	Welcome by **Mr Gwenole Cozigou**, (Director at DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission) **Mr Nejib Karafi,** (CETTEX)
9.45	*EU policy on the modernisation of textiles and clothing industry* **Mr Gwenole Cozigou**, (Director at DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission)
10.00	*Economic trends & developments in the EU textile & clothing industry* **Mr Francesco Marchi,** (EURATEX)
10.20	*Technical textiles in the European Union* **Mr Aldo Tempesti,** (EURATEX Technical Textiles WG)
10.40	Debate
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	*Application potential of technical textiles in the Mediterranean Region* – Innovative technical textiles for water management **Dr Jamal Sarsour**, (ITV-Denkendorf) – Innovative technical textiles for earth-quake protection **Dr Thomas B. Messervey,** (D'Appolonia SpA)
12.10	*Developing textile excellence in bilateral Euro-Mediterranean partnerships – the example of the TEMP project* – The EU perspective: **Mr Helder Rosendo,** (CITEVE) – The Mediterranean perspective**:** **Mr Nejib Karafi,** (CETTEX)

12.50	Debate
13.00	Lunch break
14.30	*Technical textiles as a response to the climate change – the application of technical textiles in agriculture* **Mr Jacques Tankere**, (TEXINOV)
14.45	*Technical textiles – the research and innovation challenge in the EU* **Mr Lutz Walter,** (Research & Development, EURATEX)
15.00	*Technical textiles – the research and innovation challenge in the Mediterranean countries* – The case study of Turkey **Prof. Dr Arzu Marmarali,** (Textile Engineering, Ege University) – Technical Textile in the Mediterranean: joining the efforts of research, business and investment actors: **Ms. Elena Murzakaeva**, (TEXTECHMed)
15.45	Coffee break
16.00	*The financing of research, innovation and cooperation on technical textiles* – Funding opportunities for technical textiles and innovation within European research programme for EU Member States and the Mediterranean Region **Mr John Cleuren,** (DG Research, European Commission) – National funding opportunities for technical textiles and innovation in the Mediterranean Region **Dr Mohamed Abou-iiana**, (Textile Technology Centre, Egypt)
16.45	Debate
17.15	Closing remarks by **Mr Luis Filipe Girão**, (DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission)