



European Commission

Enterprise and Industry Directorate General

Euro-Mediterranean Conference

Textiles and Clothing Sector at the Time of Globalisation: Managing Structural Changes and Remaining Competitive

12 June 2007
Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel
Istanbul/Turkey

9h00 Registration

10h00 – 10h30 Opening session

Welcoming address

Mr. Ismail Gulle, President of Textiles Board of ITKIB

Mr. Suleyman Orakcioglu, President of Ready Made Garment Board of ITKIB

EU policy on managing structural changes

Mr Patrick Hennessy, Director/European Commission – Directorate General of Enterprise and Industry

10h30 - 13h30 Session I: Public policy approach towards managing structural changes in the textile and clothing sector - policies and instruments to address structural changes

Chair: William Lakin, Director General/Euratex

Mr. Ziya Altunyaldiz, Deputy Director General/Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade of Turkey

Mrs Gina Faraj, Advisor/Ministry of Industry and Trade in Jordan
“Jordan’s Apparel Industry – Laying Down the Foundation”

Coffee break (20min)

Mr Mohamed Lachkar/Ministry of Industry and Trade in Morocco

“Textile-Clothing Emergence Plan: accompanying measures for resurgence of the sector”



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Session II: Structural change in textile regions – role of regional authorities

Chair: William Lakin, Director General/Euratex

Mr. Dave Quayle/Committee of Regions of the European Union

“Success factors of local and regional strategies to anticipate and manage restructuring”

Mr. Jerzy Kropiwnicki, President of General Assembly of European Textile Collectivities Association and Mayor of the city of Lodz

“Local and regional strategies to manage structural changes”

Mr. Néjib Karafi, Director General/CETTEX

“Regional strategy to support and develop the textile and clothing sector”

Open debate

13h30 - 15h00 Lunch

15h00 - 18h00 Session III: How to tackle social consequences of restructuring – role of industrial and social partners

Chair: William Lakin, Director General/Euratex

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“How European textile/clothing industry tackles restructuring?”

Mr Patrick Itschert, General Secretary/European Trade Union Federation of Textiles, Clothing and Leather

“Managing structural changes in a socially responsible way”

Session IV: Enterprise strategies - recipes to manage changes at enterprise level (best practices)

Chair: William Lakin, Director General/Euratex

Mr. Mohamed LFal, Director General/Moroccan enterprise HANADIL

Moroccan experience

Coffee break (20min)



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Mr François Castro, Consultant/French enterprise *CASTEX*
French experience

Mr Mohamed Turk, Chairman/Jordan Garments, Accessories and Textile
Exporters Association
“Unity and collaboration for survival and success – Jordan experience”

Mr Ekrem Akyi•it, President/Turkish enterprise *Collezione*
Turkish experience

Open debate

18h00 **Concluding remarks**

20h00 **Gala dinner (organised by ITKIB)**