

# NEWSLETTER

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## Fashion Earth Alliance

Erasmus+ CoVE project for a greener and skilled Fashion Industry

# FEA-VEE Recognised as Good Practice Project by the European Commission's DG EMPL

FEA-VEE has been officially recognised as a **Good Practice project** by Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), the European Commission department responsible for employment, social affairs and inclusion policies. The recognition comes within the framework of the **Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)** initiative, highlighting FEA-VEE's contribution to advancing excellence in vocational education and training (VET) across Europe.



**FEA-VEE PROJECT RECOGNITION  
AT EU LEVEL AS A GOOD PRACTICE!**

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This acknowledgment represents a significant milestone for the project and affirms the value of its continuous efforts at EU level. It also reinforces the consortium's commitment to strengthening vocational excellence ecosystems through collaboration, innovation, and cross-sectoral partnership.

## Featured in Official EU Publications

FEA-VEE's Good Practice status is documented across several official European Union publications:

[Unlocking Potential – Publications Office of the EU](#)

FEA-VEE is featured on page 24 of the brochure.

[Advancing European Centres of Vocational Excellence \(CoVEs\) – Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion](#)

The project is referenced multiple times throughout the report (pp. 47–89).

### [CoVE Case Studies Annex – Publications Office of the EU](#)

FEA-VEE is included as a detailed case study (pp. 98–104).

The publications are also expected to be announced in the [News section of the DG EMPL website](#) in due course, further expanding the project’s visibility at European level.

### **Strengthening the Impact of Vocational Excellence**

Being recognised as a Good Practice project provides valuable visibility for FEA-VEE and underscores the impact of the consortium’s collaborative approach. The acknowledgment reflects:

- strong multi-stakeholder cooperation
- alignment with EU policy priorities in VET and skills development
- demonstrated innovation and sustainability in vocational excellence

This achievement is the result of the dedication, expertise, and strategic engagement of all project partners and stakeholders involved.

## FEA-VEE Multiplier Event in Ruse Inspires Sustainable Fashion and Young Talent

On April 1, 2026, the FEA-VEE project successfully hosted a vibrant multiplier event in Ruse, Bulgaria, bringing together students, educators, and fashion professionals for an inspiring workshop titled “The Clean Waters of the Danube.”

Held at the Vocational High School in Clothing in Ruse, the event combined creativity, sustainability, and innovation, highlighting the important role of young designers in shaping the future of the fashion industry.



The programme began with a presentation by the Bulgarian Fashion Association, introducing the FEA-VEE project and outlining opportunities for the internationalization of Bulgarian fashion. Participants then attended a highly engaging motivational lecture and multimedia presentation “Fashion and Society” delivered by renowned designer Ivan Donev, encouraging young talents to think critically about the social and environmental impact of fashion.



The highlight of the event was the hands-on creative workshop, where participants designed and created a textile panel from recycled materials, transforming sustainability concepts into real artistic expression. This interactive session provided a unique opportunity for students to experiment, collaborate, and apply eco-conscious practices in fashion design.

The event successfully promoted sustainable thinking, creativity, and practical skills, while reinforcing the FEA-VEE project’s mission to connect education with industry and support the next generation of fashion professionals.



# FEA-VEE Project at TexTailor Expo 2026, Plovdiv, Bulgaria – Empowering Skills for Sustainable Fashion

From **March 19–21, 2026**, at **Hall 6, International Fair Plovdiv**, we proudly presented the **FEA-VEE project** during **TexTailor Expo 2026**, engaging with fashion and textile professionals, educators, and industry stakeholders.

During the exhibition, we showcased the key achievements and ongoing work within the project:

## Training & Skills Development

Development of innovative training materials focused on **sustainable fashion**

Supporting the upskilling of current and future professionals in the sector

## Study Visits for Young Fashion Professionals

Organizing and implementing international study visits

Providing hands-on learning experiences and exposure to real business environments



## Knowledge & Policy Impact

Development of a **policy report** addressing skills needs and sustainability challenges in the fashion

industry Promotion of an **upcoming textbook on teaching sustainability in textile and fashion**, featuring **good practices and real examples from the sector**.

The expo provided an excellent platform to:

- Share results and gather feedback from industry experts
- Build new partnerships between education and business
- Promote sustainable transformation through knowledge and skills

The strong interest from visitors confirmed the importance of initiatives like FEA-VEE in shaping a more sustainable, skilled, and resilient fashion ecosystem.

## FEA-VEE WAS FEATURED IN EU'S OFFICIAL REPORT

Thrilled to share a major milestone for the FEA-VEE project! We are incredibly proud to announce that our work has been featured in the European Commission's latest official reports highlighting the impact of Erasmus+ Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs): "Unlocking Potential: A Spotlight on Erasmus+ Centres of Vocational Excellence" and "Advancing European CoVEs".

Seeing FEA-VEE recognized as a contributor to innovation and excellence in Vocational Education and Training (VET) across Europe is a huge honor.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit of our entire partnership. We remain committed to future-proofing VET and shaping a stronger, more resilient future for learners and businesses.

### the FEA-VEE project

Supporting the green and digital transitions in fashion:



#### The challenge

The fashion and textile industry needs to adapt training programmes to support sustainable and digital economic models. Countries with traditional, inter-generational learning approaches – where people of all ages learn together and from each other – lack formal digital skills education, leaving learners underprepared for the evolving industry.

#### The approach

**FEA-VEE** has developed sector-specific digital skills by offering hybrid internships that connect remote learners to digital projects such as graphic design. These internships are complemented by transnational study visits to Spain and Germany, which bring together learners from all project countries.

The project has integrated digital modules, including VR and Extended Reality, while maintaining a focus on the creative essence of fashion. Learners have been taught not just how to use tools, but when and why to apply them. **FEA-VEE** has also raised awareness of sustainable practices in textiles, such as using three-dimensional printing for material recycling, and has facilitated cross-country exchanges of good practices.

#### The outcomes

- Learners have gained digital design competencies that can be applied directly to modern fashion workflows, while also developing an understanding of sustainable practices through the practical application of digital technologies.
- The combination of hybrid internships and flexible digital modules has increased access to high-quality, industry-relevant training all over Europe, helping prepare a workforce capable of supporting the sector's green and digital transitions.
- The project explores cooperation with the European Alliance for Apprenticeships
- Modules on green entrepreneurship strive to help people to learn how to establish their own businesses in fashion through green principles and circular models and can support the return of the industry back to Europe.
- By showing that digital tools are accessible and versatile, the project has highlighted how the green and digital transitions can complement each other, supported by cross-country exchange of good practices.

"FEA-VEE tries to provide awareness that green and digital can go hand in hand, enabled by the exchange of good practices from country to country."

- FEA-VEE project partners

## FEA-VEE IS LAUNCHING A BOOK ON SUSTAINABILITY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES

The FEA-VEE Project is soon launching a book dedicated to teaching sustainability in fashion and textiles. The book will be available in both hardcopy and online formats and will be translated into the six project languages: Bulgarian, Greek, Romanian, German, Swedish, Spanish, plus English.

This publication highlights key sustainability practices for training in the fashion and textile industry and features a rich dataset of success stories - complete with images and inspirations from sustainably performing companies across the six partnering countries.

The book is going to be available in hardcopy & online, translated into: Bulgarian, Greek, Romanian, German, Swedish, Spanish + English.

Reserve your FREE hardcover through FEA-VEE partners!



**#FEA-VEE** IS SOON LAUNCHING A BOOK, DEDICATED ON SUSTAINABILITY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES

The image shows a promotional graphic for a book. On the left, two book covers are displayed. The front cover is dark blue with the title 'THE BOOK of Teaching SUSTAINABILITY in the Fashion and Textiles Industries' in white and light blue text. It features a stylized globe graphic made of green and blue geometric shapes. A small European Union logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the book cover. To the right of the books is the FEA-VEE logo, which consists of a stylized globe made of green and blue geometric shapes, with the text 'FEA-VEE Fashion Earth Alliance Vocational Excellence and Enterprise' below it. Below the FEA-VEE logo is a white box containing the European Union flag and the text 'Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union'. At the bottom of the graphic, the hashtag '#FEA-VEE' is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by the text 'IS SOON LAUNCHING A BOOK, DEDICATED ON SUSTAINABILITY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

## FEA-VEE POLICY REPORTS

FEA-VEE Policy Reports – Shaping the future of sustainable fashion & textiles

Over the past years, the FEA-VEE project has produced three key policy reports documenting labour market skills, sustainability practices, and green entrepreneurship in the fashion and textiles industries across six European countries:

- D6.1 – Labour Market Skills for the Fashion/Textiles Industries
- D6.2 – Reforms Supporting Sustainability in the Fashion/Textiles Industries
- D6.3 – Reforms Supporting Green Entrepreneurship in the Fashion/Textiles Industries
- D6.4 –FEA-VEE Initiative Policy Report

These reports represent key project results, highlighting progress, trends, and policy recommendations in each area.

Explore all reports and learn more here: [FEA-VEE Learning Center](#)



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