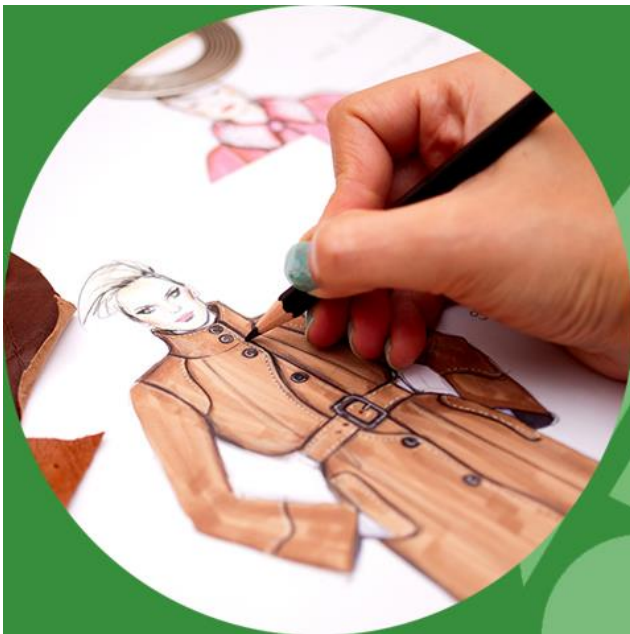


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Erasmus+ CoVE project for a greener and skilled Fashion Industry

STUDY VISIT IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

The first study visit of the ERASMUS+ FEA-VEE project was successfully held in Terrassa, Spain in July 2025 with the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) as the host institution. This immersive experience brought together participants selected by the project's partner entities: 60 participants from 6 European countries (Bulgaria, Greece; Germany, Romania, Spain and Sweden), all from the textile and fashion sectors. The visit had a strong focus on textile sustainability, innovation, and social impact.



Study Visit Participants in front of the Textile Research Institute of the UPC (INTEXTER)

The agenda combined academic sessions, visits, and hands-on activities. Participants explored current challenges in textile research and visited UPC's textile engineering facilities. An Ecodesign Hackathon was organized as a key activity of the FEA-VEE project, aimed at fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and sustainable innovation.

The visit included field trips to leading organizations such as Teixidors and Roba Amiga, which provided real-life examples of ethical production models and circular economy initiatives. In addition, a session with the CEO of the company Technitiger offered valuable business insights into innovation and entrepreneurship in the sector.



Pictures taken during different moments of the visit to Roba Amiga



Visit to the different phases of the Teixidors production process

The programme also included cultural and educational activities, such as a “digitalization in textiles” master class and a visit to the Textile Museum and Documentation Centre, where participants got a session about the sustainability of fast fashion and took part in creative fashion illustration sessions.



Presentation by prof. José A. Tornero on Textile Digitalization and Sustainability

The week concluded with a Hackathon focused on eco design including the final presentations, where teams showcased their proposals to a jury board. The event highlighted the creativity, teamwork, and practical application of the knowledge acquired, reinforcing the project’s goal of promoting vocational excellence and sustainable innovation in the fashion and textile sectors.



Red dot team winner of the Hackathon

STUDY VISIT IN PFORZHEIM, GERMANY

The second study visit of the FEA-VEE project took place from 26 to 31 October 2025, organized by ITKAM – The Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany, with the support of the German partner VDMD – Network of German Fashion and Textile Designers.

Given the strong concentration of textile manufacturers in Baden-Württemberg - especially in the Neckar-Alb region - Pforzheim was selected as the host city. The choice reflected the city's relevance within the creative and textile industries.



Company visit at Klaus Modelle

Pforzheim, located around 55 km north-west of Stuttgart and home to approximately 133,000 residents as of mid-2024, has a well-established industrial base. It hosts about 330 companies in the creative sector and more than 380 enterprises active in jewelry and clock-making, industries historically connected to textile craftsmanship. The study visit program integrated company visits, cultural experiences and collaborative workshops to foster an international professional network.

A total of 48 participants from Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, Sweden and Greece took part in the study visit, joined by 13 German students from Sigmaringen Fashion College. Activities included a visit to the

Pforzheim Jewelry Museum, where participants explored exhibitions spanning several millennia of jewelry history. The program continued at Burg Rabeneck with the “Workshop for Trend Research,” during which participants worked in supervised groups to develop a systematically derived colour chart for the upcoming VDMD Summer 2027 collection.



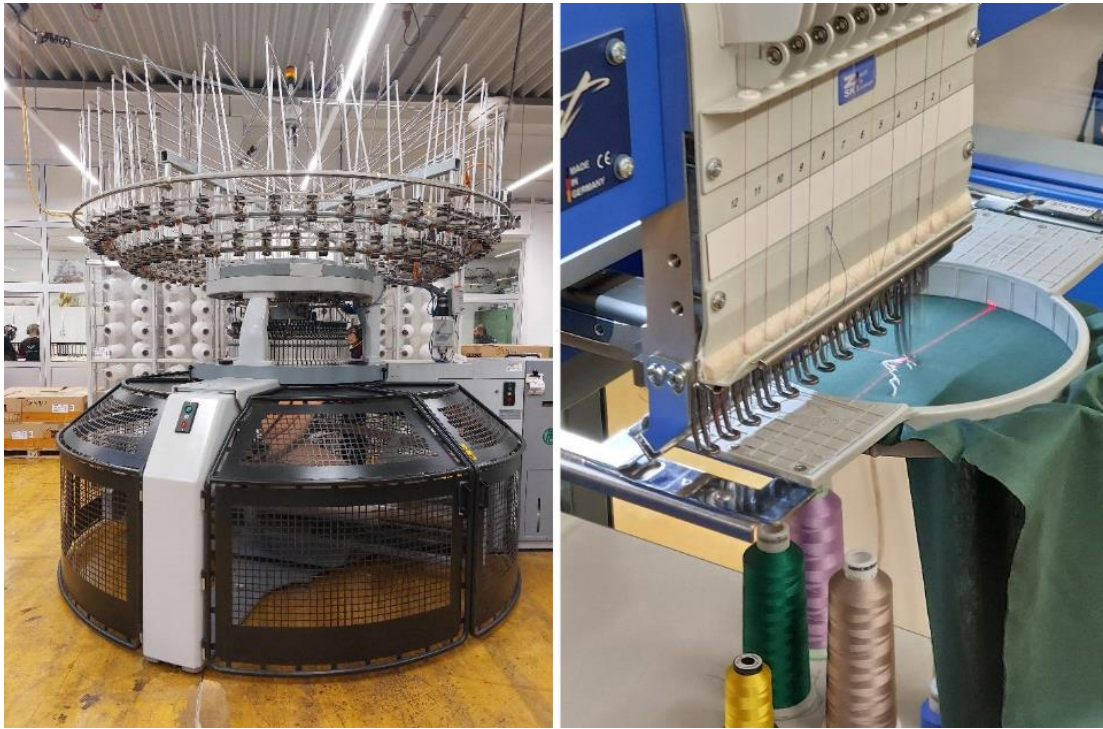
Trend Research Workshop at Burg Rabeneck



The itinerary also featured visits to Trigema - one of Germany's oldest and most sustainably operating textile manufacturers - and the Sigmaringen Fashion School, a leading institution in fashion and textile education.

At Burg Rabeneck, two workshops were held: one on Digital Pattern Recognition led by Antoine Doubacis, focusing on sustainable pattern development and digital sampling, and another

session on colour communication through digital tools. These sessions examined how colours behave on different materials, how digital patterns can be applied to 3D garments and how models appear under varied lighting conditions.



Machineries at Trigema

The second workshop, presented by Markus Borsch from EAT, introduced the EAT Yarn Creator and demonstrated collaborative development of virtual yarns and patterns. Another session by René Lang explored the use of artificial intelligence in fashion, explaining AI systems and their ecological, social and economic benefits - from waste reduction and circularity support to improved working conditions and increased innovation. The study visit concluded with a final gathering in Pforzheim, where participants received certificates of attendance and completed evaluation questionnaires.



Study visit participants with their certificates of attendance at the conclusion of the program

FEA-VEE @ FORUM ON VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE 2025

We are proud to share that FEA-VEE participated in the Forum on Vocational Excellence 2025, held in beautiful Kolding, Denmark on 8th-10th September 2025. During these inspiring days, we had the opportunity to:

- Present our project to participants from across Europe
- Exchange ideas and best practices with other CoVE consortia
- Discuss the future of vocational education, innovation and international cooperation

A special highlight was our participation in the workshop “CoVEs on the Move”, where we presented FEA-VEE’s International Study Visits for Fashion and Textile Learners in Academy and Business. Our contribution focused on the added value of mobilities within our project, highlighting how study visits enrich learners’ experiences by combining academic and business perspectives. Mobilities not only strengthen skills in fashion and textiles but also foster intercultural understanding, confidence, resilience, networking and career readiness.



The Forum provided an excellent platform to connect, learn and inspire each other — ensuring that vocational excellence continues to be driven by learners and defined by cooperation.

FEA-VEE POLICY REPORT ON GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP



We are glad to announce that the Fashion Earth Alliance – Vocational Excellence and Enterprise project has officially released its latest policy document:

The “Policy Report on Reforms Supporting Green Entrepreneurship in the Fashion / Textiles Industries” (D.6.3) is now available in our Learning Center, alongside other essential project materials.

You can now access:

[Policy Report on Reforms Supporting Green Entrepreneurship in the Fashion / Textiles Industries \(D.6.3\)](#) — our latest release focusing on promoting sustainable innovation and the entrepreneurial shift toward green business models across Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Romania, Spain, and Sweden.

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6TH FEA-VEE PROJECT MEETING IN BARCELONA

With FEA-VEE heading towards the finish line, it was time for the penultimate partners meeting and so the partnership gathered in sunny Barcelona at Cambra de Comerç de Barcelona to discuss the outcomes and next steps for the remaining project time.

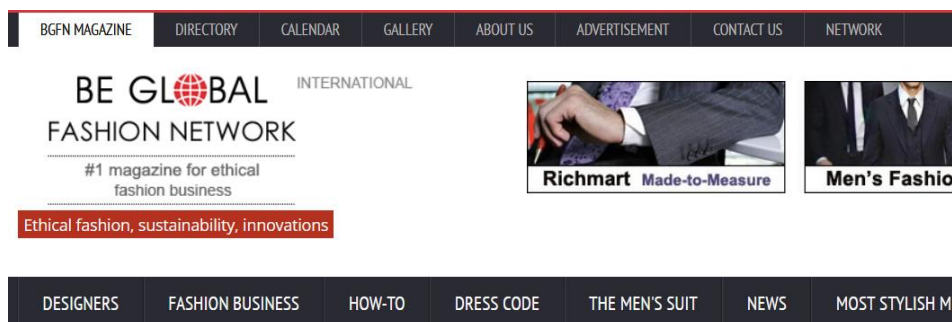


With the majority of our activities successfully completed, the top priorities on the agenda were the reviews of the recently concluded study visits to [Spain](#) and [Germany](#). The partners discussed the feedback received from the participants of both events and looked back at the chosen activities as well as some challenges that occurred during the implementation.

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FEA-VEE WAS FEATURED AT BE GLOBAL FASHION NETWORK

An article about the study visit in Spain was published in the international fashion magazine [BE GLOBAL FASHION NETWORK](#). Being recognized by such an influential platform is a great honor for the project team and a meaningful affirmation of the work carried out together.



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by Silvia Kabaivanova, 25 August, 2025

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