

Global Entrepreneurship Centre
invites you to a Call for Solutions

Transforming the Textile Industry



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GEC Call for Solutions

Based in Germany, the Global Entrepreneurship Centre (GEC) is an innovation hub and impact investor for scaling sustainable technology innovation and entrepreneurship. It addresses the scaling challenges faced by promising deep-tech startups with a clear focus on sustainable development goals, circular economy and climate protection from all over the world.

The textile industry is in need of a change!

With its current way of working, the textile industry is among the most polluting industries on the planet.



The need for more
sustainable materials



Hazardous and polluting
wet processes



Huge amounts of textile
waste

The solutions we seek

In our current Call for Solutions we are seeking technology startups addressing the most pressing sustainability challenges of the textile sector with a **special focus on material innovation**.



Material innovation & fibre processing innovation

- Biobased and next-generation materials
- Process innovation for existing materials

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As a founder or startup team

You are driven to make a difference! Your goals: successfully scaling your technology startup for tremendous impact! You're working hard to further develop your technology, gain traction with initial customers and convince investors of your fantastic business plan!

Tasks are piling up and you may ask yourself:

- What are the relevant priorities to scale our business, team and technology?
- How can we secure sufficient investment to make a massive impact?
- How can we move from pilot projects to commercial agreements with our customers?
- Is our innovation sufficiently protected enough to scale up?
- What processes do we need to establish to enable exponential growth?

The GEC scale-up journey

The GEC supports founders of sustainability technology-focused startups (sustechs) through the scale-up process. Your scale-up journey starts with the GEC Catalyst module to strengthen your foundations for scaling. Startups that successfully complete the GEC Catalyst module may be eligible for the GEC Scaling Factory and GEC Sustainability modules.

The Factory and Sustainability modules consist of individualised in-kind services to advance your startup to the next level and become the sustech you strive to be. The whole GEC scale-up journey is worth up to €200,000 in the form of convertible loan investment through in-kind services.



Ready to scale for impact?

Become part of our evolving ecosystem for sustech startups and gain access to our services and sector-specific expertise to scale your impact.

Please note that we will select participants on a rolling basis, so we recommend not waiting until the end date to apply!

Apply until 14 May!

We didn't answer all of your questions?

If you have any questions, please reach out to



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