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## **Invitation letter**

Experts of Textile Flagship 1 of the European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing took an initiative to create a COST Action network on Flax and Hemp circular and green economy, during the workshop organizing by Institute of Natural Fibers & Medicinal Plants in Poznan on 6.02.2018.

COST Action is the longest-running European framework supporting trans-national cooperation among researchers at any career stage, engineers and scholars across Europe.

The aim of our COST Action network is to develop new ideas of flax/hemp circular and green economy through collaborative efforts and construction of community around emerging science & technology topics.

The main proposer of the COST Action is Institute of Natural Fibers & Medicinal Plants supported by Saxion University of Applied Science. The Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants is an interdisciplinary research centre with 88–year tradition of work on flax/hemp with international standing, involved in complex research on obtaining, processing and multidirectional application of fibrous raw materials.

COST Actions are bottom-up science and technology networks, open to researchers and stakeholders with a duration of four years. COST does not fund research itself, provides funds for organizing conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges, and dissemination activities, or other networking activities.

Knowing your experience in flax and hemp area and/or bast fibers recycling, we invite you and your company/institution to be a partner in the COST Action network. We believe that your competences can be complementary to expertise of other partners. Our joint work allows to find good solution for all flax/hemp problems including recycling, causes of increase of research impact on policy makers, regulatory bodies and national decision makers as well as on the private sector.

We are waiting for you in our flax/hemp community.

In case you accept the invitation please contact to Malgorzata Zimniewska (email: <u>gosiaz@iwnirz.pl</u>). Afterwards you will be asked to fulfil online Cost Action form.

Your Sincerely

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