



CALL FOR PAPERS

15-17 SEPTEMBER 2026
HOCHSCHULE NIEDERRHEIN IN MÖNCHENGLADBACH

Over generations, the textile industry has carried the reputation of being among the world's largest polluters. Today, however, it is actively reshaping itself to meet the urgent demands of sustainability, circularity, and social responsibility. Over the past few years, increasing regulatory pressure, rising consumer awareness, and disruptive global events have accelerated this transformation, reshaping supply chains, business models, and production techniques.

Print technology sits at the heart of this transition. Recent advances in automation, digitalisation, smart workflows, and sustainable chemistry are redefining efficiency, flexibility, and environmental impact. The push for nearshoring, waste reduction, and waterless processes continues to open new opportunities for screen and digital printing technologies alike.

The 3rd Textile Printing & Sustainability Conference (TPS 2026) explores the critical factors and global trends driving the textile industry today and tomorrow: from customer-centric, on-demand fashion and functional textiles, to decarbonisation strategies, traceability, and responsible value chains. The event brings together experts from both analogue and digital printing to share best practices, highlight innovations, and examine the benefits and trade-offs of different technology pathways in building a more sustainable textile future.

MAIN TOPIC AREAS

TECHNOLOGY

- **HARDWARE** (printheads, electronics, systems)
- **WORKFLOW AUTOMATISATION** (software, RIP, colour management, stitching, cutting)
- **CHEMISTRY** (inks, pre- and post-treatment)
- **APPLICATIONS** (home textiles, apparel, sports- and workwear, DTG, DTF, smart textiles)

SUSTAINABILITY

- **SITUATION TODAY**
- **TECHNOLOGY FOR WATER AND ENERGY REDUCTION**
- **CIRCULAR ECONOMY**
- **BUSINESS MODELS** (case studies and success stories)

MARKETS COVERED

- **FASHION** • **GARMENT** • **SPORTSWEAR** • **WORKWEAR** • **HOME TEXTILES** • **WEARABLES**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Conference language is English.
- The conference part of TPS takes place on **16-17 September 2026** at Faculty of Textile and Clothing Technology of HS Niederrhein in Mönchengladbach, Germany, with a parallel tabletop exhibition of approx. 30 booths. **All supplier presentations will need to book a networking tabletop.**
- The conference organisers will review all submitted abstracts to maintain the high quality of the conference. Only papers submitted on time and addressing subjects which are topical and relevant to the conference will be considered for inclusion in the conference programme.
- Although most of our speakers are representing the industry, we encourage non-marketing presentations. If you are discussing a proprietary technology or production technique, something only your company does, please try to emphasise the features and benefits of that technique in generic terms, not by brand or product name repetition.
- If you wish to consult your presentation idea please contact Maciej Bochajczuk at mb@esma.com or +32 484 721 026.
- The presentation time is **15 minutes**, to be followed by questions and answers round.
- Due to limited presentation slots, first-come, first-served principle applies.
- We will follow up this call for papers with phone calls and correspondence and we will remain available for further questions you may have about this and any other ESMA events.
- We will send the speaker guidelines and deadline for final presentation on receipt of the abstract along with confirmation of presentation slot.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 31 MARCH 2026

PLEASE SUBMIT

1. TITLE AND ABSTRACT OF 100 WORDS
2. SPEAKER'S PROFILE PHOTO AND BIO OF 50 WORDS
3. OPTIONALLY: PHOTOS OF DISCUSSED TECHNOLOGY/APPLICATION FOR PROMOTIONAL USE TO MB@ESMA.COM

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THAT WAS TPS 2024

"The variety and depth of the topics exceeded my expectations. This conference not only broadened my knowledge but also provided important connections for future collaboration."

Sandor Meszaros, Zschimmer+Schwarz



"The real added value of this conference is bringing so many different disciplines together at the same table. Only together we can stay strong and move in the same direction."

Sigrid Kleine, SPGPrints



"An interesting mix of current updates in regulatory environment and trends and advances printing technologies!"

Tuulia Inkinen, Sporting ID



"An excellent combination of new learning, innovative technology, debate and opinion, not usually accessible on-line or within the exhibition environment."

Dan Savident, Coveme