FACTS ABOUT

CIRFS

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- Founded 1950 as the Comité International de la Rayonne et des Fibres Synthétiques, took its present name in 2009
- Based in Brussels since 1992
- Representative association for the European **MMF** industry
- Representing circa 80% of European **MMF** production
- Members are **MMF** producers in the European Union, Switzerland, Turkey and Belarus
- Professional secretariat of six staff



EUROPEAN MMF INDUSTRY

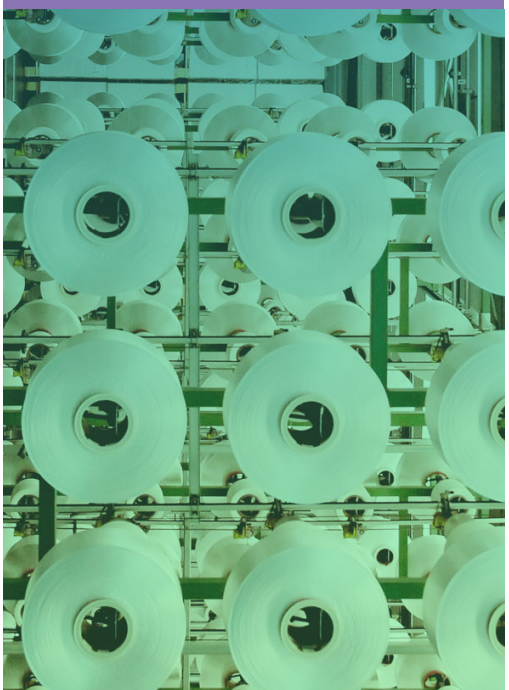
4.6 MILLION TONNES
OUTPUT IN 2018 (INCL. SPUNMELT)

€ 10.5 BILLION
SALES IN 2018 (EU)

€ 2.5 EXPORTS
(EU)

CA.250
PLANTS

CA. 20.000
EMPLOYEES





EUROPE IS A LEADER

- **3rd world's largest MMF producer**
- World's largest producer of **polypropylene fibres**
- World's largest exporter of **acrylic** and **cellulosic fibres**
- World's largest single-site production unit for **acrylic fibres**
- Global leader in **polymer-modified fibres** (flame-retardant, bioactive…)
- number one in clean production techniques
- Constantly investing
- Highly Innovative

WHAT CIRFS DOES

- **Representational role** with European Union institutions on regulatory issues
- Defends members' interests in fighting for **fair international trade**
- Attacks t**rade barriers and distortions of competition** inside Europe
- Encourages innovation in **MMF**
- Promotes objective technical standards and test methods, through its **BISFA** affiliate
- Demonstrates the **advantages** and **sustainability** of **MMF**
- Draws attention to the need for European institutions to take account of **international competitiveness** of European industry in setting new regulations
- Works for **scientific approach** to regulations covering chemical safety and employee health
- Provides members with **market information and analysis**
- **Links with other industry stakeholders**, upstream (chemicals) and downstream (textiles)
- Strictly respects **anti-trust rules**
- Takes **user, consumer and public interest** into account in all activities



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