

EUROPEAN MAN-MADE FIBRES ASSOCIATION (#MMF)

CIRFS

- 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

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 polymermodified fibres (flameretardant, bioactive...)
- number one in clean production techniques
- Constantly investing
- Highly Innovative

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WHAT CIRFS DOES

- Representational role with European Union institutions on regulatory issues
- Defends members' interests in fighting for **fair** international trade
- Attacks trade 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

