**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 (EU)
- CA. 250 PLANTS
- CA. 20,000 employees
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

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

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