

Field trip 2025

PYRATEX®

An inside look at scaling sustainable next-gen fibers

Hosted by PYRATEX®, Christine Goulay, Dana Davis, Circ®, and Positive Materials in Barcelos region, Portugal

Friday October 17, 9:30am–4:30pm

Depart from and return to Porto Airport

Join a curated one-day collaboration event designed to connect fashion brands, solution providers, and implementation experts to address key challenges in scaling sustainable next-gen fibers. The field trip, for up to 30 people, aims to help break down silos, bridge knowledge gaps, and connect brand vision with manufacturing expertise.

What you'll experience:

- Guided tours of a yarn-spinning facility and dye house, both supply chain partners of PYRATEX® and Positive Materials.
- A showroom session, with scaled fabric innovations ready for use in collections.
- A networking lunch with the opportunity to join micro-forums on topics tailored to your needs.

Curated by implementation experts Christine Goulay (Sustainabelle Advisory Services) and Dana Davis Consulting, along with innovative material companies PYRATEX® and Positive Materials, and next-gen fiber innovator Circ®.

Recommended for:

Brands ready to incorporate next-gen fibers into their future collections, with a focus on MMCFs and circular knitted fabrics.

NOTE: The minimum number of attendees is 15 people.

Cost: 250 USD

Includes:

- Transportation by bus from and to Porto Airport
- Two behind-the-scenes tours (yarn and dyeing).
- Lunch, snacks, and drinks.
- Optional 15-minute one-to-one pre-event call to discuss your specific interests and help tailor your experience.

NOTE: Attendees are responsible for their individual travel to and from Porto Airport.

What to bring:

- Comfortable footwear

Agenda:

- 9:30am Travel from Porto Airport to the area of Barcelos.
- 10:15am Yarn-spinning facility visit. See how innovative fibers can be transformed into yarn in a scaled production setup.
- 12:00pm Travel to next site.
- 12:30pm Dye house visit. Explore various dyeing methods, including innovative bacteria dyes and other dye alternatives.
- 1:30pm Networking lunch with a showroom session of innovative materials and taking part in the micro-forums.
- 3:30pm Return travel to Porto Airport.

NOTE: Places on the tour are limited. Please register now to secure your place.

Travel from the conference:

Conference attendees can fly in from Lisbon (LIS) to Porto Airport (OPO) the night before or on the TAP Air Portugal 8:05am flight in the morning. The tour will conclude with a drop off at Porto Airport at approximately 4:30pm.

Quick questions for attendees (will appear during registration):

1. Are you involved in the sourcing process and interested in incorporating next-gen fibers and textile-to-textile recycled materials into your future collections?
2. What is your comfort level with working with innovative materials?

Please only sign up for this field trip if you intend to attend. Field trip hosts spend time and financial resources to provide this opportunity for our attendees. *** NO REFUNDS, credits, or any reimbursements will be issued for no-shows.**

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