

Texploration - Official Rules of Participation

Promoter and Organizer

"Texploration" (the "Initiative") is an initiative conceived and promoted by MagnoLab – Rete di Imprese, Via Alcide De Gasperi 26, 13882 Cerrione (BI), Italy (the "Promoter"), and organized by Fabrick S.p.A. (through its brand "dpixel"), Piazza Gaudenzio Sella 1, 13900 Biella (BI), Italy (the "Organizer"). Hereinafter, the Promoter and the Organizer are jointly referred to as the "Organization."

1. Purpose

The Initiative aims to identify new use cases capable of:

- Improving current processes used within the textile supply chain;
- Enhancing existing products in use within the textile supply chain;
- Maximizing the value of corporate information assets and offerings;
- Identifying new technologies/products/services with potential applications in the target sectors or adjacent fields;
- Identifying new sustainable solutions or business models;
- Identifying new maintenance and/or evolutionary solutions;
- Finding complementary solutions and/or new business models that may impact the textile supply chain. Sustainability and positive impact are mandatory cross-cutting requirements for any identified use case.

2. Timeline

The Initiative will take place from 6 April 2025 to 31 December 2025. The final event will be held between November and December 2025, at a physical location to be defined.



3. Eligible Participants

Given the technical nature of "Texploration," the Initiative is addressed to new innovative players (startups, spin-offs, and innovative SMEs – collectively referred to as "Teams") in order to explore the technological frontier on the topics of interest.

Participants must be of legal age as of the Initiative's start date. Employees and/or consultants/collaborators/suppliers of the Organizer are excluded. Applicants are informed that participation in the Initiative does not entail any right to receive compensation, in any form, and that any expenses incurred to participate (such as accommodation or travel costs) will not be covered and/or reimbursed by the Organization.

4. Registration Rules

Participation is free and guaranteed to anyone meeting the eligibility criteria, subject to registration through the F6S Platform within the timeframe indicated in Article 6. The registration process includes completing a form available at magnolab.com/texploration/. Acceptance of these Rules is mandatory. Registrations submitted through other channels or outside of the specified timeframe will not be accepted. Personal data will be processed by the Organization in accordance with applicable personal data protection regulations. The Organization reserves the right to verify the authenticity of the information provided and to immediately exclude anyone who submits false or misleading data.



 Registration Period - Participation Rules - Admission Criteria The registration period for "Texploration" will be from 7 April 2025 to 31 May 2025.

Eligible entities:

- Startups
- Spin-offs
- Innovative SMEs

Admission to the Initiative will be based on the following criteria and/or principles, in order of priority:

- 1. Level of interest expressed by MagnoLab in the proposed project;
- 2. Level of innovation compared to the reference market;
- 3. Chronological order of submission.

Selected applicants ("Participants") will be notified via email to the address provided in the registration form. If the email is incorrect or cannot be delivered for reasons not attributable to the Organization, the applicant will be automatically excluded, and the Organization reserves the right to select the next eligible applicant.

6. Application Procedure

The application must be submitted through the F6S platform at <u>https://www.f6s.com/texploration/apply</u> and completed in full via the online form accessible from the website magnolab.com/texploration/. Applications submitted through other means, incomplete applications, or applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

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7. Conditions of Participation

Incomplete, irregular, or late applications will be rejected. The Organization reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all submitted information by any necessary means. The Organization also reserves the right to modify or cancel the Initiative in the event of exceptional and unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control. By registering, Participants explicitly accept these Rules. Any violation of the Rules, either before or during the Initiative, will result in disqualification at any time.

8. Participation Requirements

To participate, applicants must meet the Organization's registration criteria, submit the application correctly, and fully accept these Rules and any referenced documents.

9. Implementation of the Initiative

After the registration period ends, the Organization will select the admitted Participants. Each Participant must choose a name that does not reference or infringe registered trademarks or rights of third parties, and does not contain or relate to content that incites violence, discrimination, obscenity, or public indecency. Failure to comply will result in exclusion.

10. Code of Conduct

"Texploration" is an ethical Initiative. Each Participant agrees to:

- Respect these Rules;
- Accept the decisions of the Organization;
- Treat other Participants respectfully;
- Avoid language or content that incites violence, discrimination, obscenity, or defamation;



- Refrain from developing projects unrelated to the submitted proposal;
- Respect copyright, trademarks, and all reserved rights;
- Comply with personal data protection and confidentiality laws.

The Organization is the sole and final authority regarding application of the Rules and the Code of Conduct. Participants are solely responsible for their equipment and personal belongings. The Organization is not liable for theft, loss, or damage. Participants are solely responsible for the content of their projects and shall indemnify the Organization against any third-party claims. By accepting these Rules and participating in the Initiative, each Participant agrees to use any materials or equipment provided with the utmost care and to strictly follow all safety and conduct instructions.

11. Project Evaluation – Jury, Awards, Selection Criteria

Projects advancing to final selection will be evaluated by a jury appointed by the Promoter and Organizer, composed of innovation experts, business development professionals, and textile industry representatives. Evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Project utility and value;
- Relevance to stated objectives;
- ESG compliance;
- Creativity and innovation;
- Clarity and completeness of presentation;
- Commercial potential;
- Feasibility of the proposed use case.



There will be no monetary awards. Teams selected by the jury may have the opportunity to collaborate with companies in the textile supply chain to co-develop their ideas.

Admission decisions are at the sole discretion of the Promoter and Organizer and are final and not subject to appeal.

12. Final Deliverables

Deliverables may include:

- Concept/mockup;
- Proof of Concept (PoC);
- Functional prototype;
- Demo.

All deliverables must comply with applicable safety regulations. No funding will be provided unless formal written agreements are made.

13. Warranties

Each Participant warrants that the project:

- Does not contain third-party IP without authorization;
- Does not infringe third-party rights, including patents, trade secrets, contracts, publicity rights, or data protection laws;
- Is not under contract with third parties;
- Does not contain defamatory or offensive content;
- Does not promote violence or discrimination;
- Complies with all applicable laws.



Participants expressly agree to indemnify the Promoter, the Organizer, and any partners or collaborators from any third-party claims.

14. Intellectual Property

Participants retain ownership of their developed intellectual property. The Promoter reserves the right to acquire commercial usage rights or ownership through formal agreements. All names, trademarks, and distinctive signs cited in the Initiative remain the property of their rightful owners. Any data (including photos and text) provided by or collected during the Initiative remains the exclusive property of the Organization.

Projects presented during the Initiative may be publicly disclosed for promotional purposes. The Organizers accept no responsibility for the use or development of submitted ideas by third parties.

15. Image and Work Publicity Release

Participants authorize the Organizer to record and use their image and/or voice, without compensation, during the Initiative. Such images and videos may be used for promotional purposes, including online publication, without right of review or approval.

16. General Conditions

The Promoter and Organizer reserve the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the Initiative in the event of technical failures, fraud, or other unforeseen circumstances. They may disqualify any Participant who tampers with the application process, violates the Rules, or acts inappropriately.

17. Reservation of Rights

The Organization reserves the right to disqualify Participants who misuse the Initiative or engage in fraud. The Organization may also modify the Rules or add attachments or rewards, provided that these do not harm the Participants. In



case of suspension due to events beyond the Organization's control, no liability or reimbursement will be owed to Participants.

18. Confidentiality

Participants may receive confidential information during the Initiative and agree to:

- Maintain strict confidentiality;
- Use such information solely for participation in the Initiative;
- Keep confidentiality obligations effective until the information becomes public by means other than breach.

Confidential information does not include information already public, previously known to the Participant, or authorized for disclosure by the Organization.

19. Personal Data Processing

In accordance with Article 13 of the GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679), the Promoter, as Data Controller, will process Participants' personal data solely for the purposes of executing and managing the Initiative. Data may be shared with third-party service providers. Data will be retained only for the time necessary and as required by law. Participants may exercise their rights under Articles 15–22 of the GDPR by contacting <u>info@magnolab.com</u>.

20. Disputes and Competition

Participation implies unconditional acceptance of these Rules. Any disputes will be resolved at the discretion of the Promoter and Organizer. No exclusivity is granted. Participants waive claims regarding the presence of direct competitors within the Initiative.



21. Jurisdiction

Any dispute shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Biella, Italy.

22. Liability and Indemnity

Participants shall indemnify the Organization from any damages, costs, or legal claims resulting from violations of these Rules or negligent conduct.

23. Cybersecurity

Participants must use secure IT systems and licensed software.

24. Acceptance of the Rules

Participation implies full and unconditional acceptance of these Rules. If any provision is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.