

WEARABLE TECHNOLOGISTS **ENGAGE WITH ARTISTS FOR** RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

Winner of the EU Horizon 2020 'Innovation Action' ICT-36-2016 Award



















WEAR sustain is a new, £3m project, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation initiative.

Runs from January 2017 to December 2018,

Aims to engage **wearable technology stakeholders** to work more closely with **designers and artists** across Europe, to shift the development of the EU wearables and e-textiles industries towards a more sustainable and ethical approach.

Over next two years the program will bring together the rich European landscape of wearable technology and smart textile stakeholders toward addressing core ethical and sustainability issues head on at the research & development stages.



















The project is managed by a consortium of 7 organisations across 5 EU countries:

IMEC (Brussels, Belgium) **University for the Creative Arts** (Epsom, UK) **Queen Mary University of London (UK) Berlin University for the Arts, UdK**(Berlin, Germany) **Blumine** (Milan, Italy) **Digital Spaces Living Lab** (Sofia, Bulgaria)

We Connect Data (Brussels, Belgium)













WEAR will:

- Develop a sustainable European network of stakeholders and hubs, to connect and push the boundaries in the design and development of ethical wearables;
- Encourage cross-border and cross-sector collaboration between creative people and technology developers to design and develop wearables;
- Develop a framework within which future prototypes can be made that will become the next generation of what ethical and aesthetic wearables could/should be;
- Lead the emergence of innovative approaches to design, production, manufacturing and business models for wearable technologies;
- Make citizens, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders more aware of the ethical and aesthetic issues in making and use of wearable technologies..

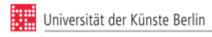








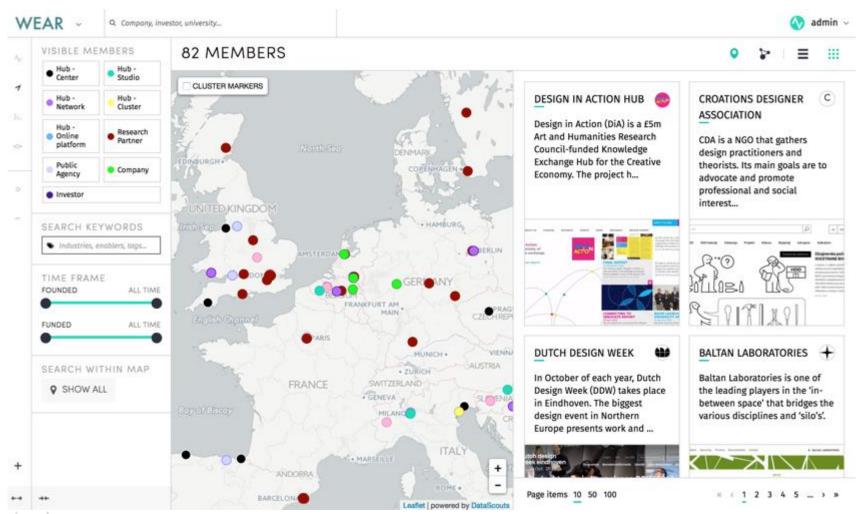








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WEAR ECOSYSTEM

Be part of the next generation of wearables
|
40+ Network of Hubs & Advocacy Centres

Aesthetic Ethical Support













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SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

Art & Tech Collaboration

Open Calls:

(Cross Border::Cross Sector)

€2.4m Funding:

48 Innovation Awards €50k each

Prep for market













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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Networking & Events Symposia Local Meet-ups Digital Platform



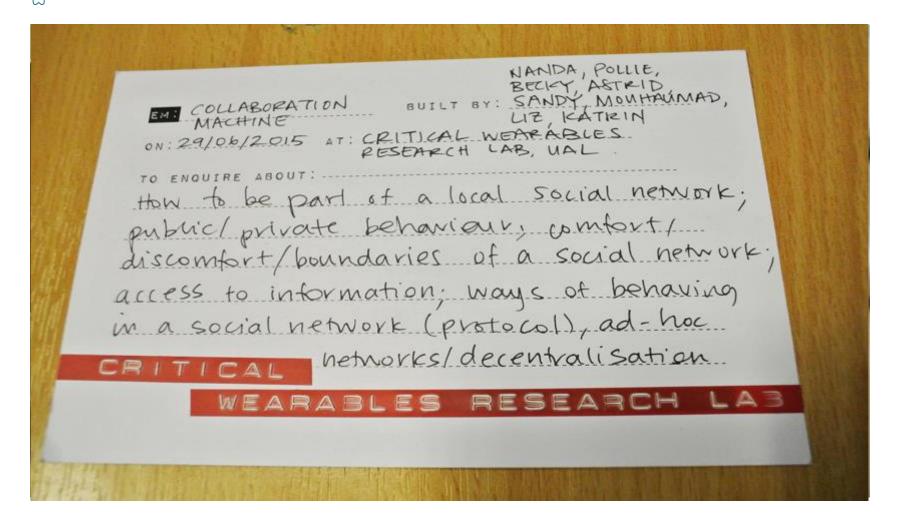














ETHICS & SUSTAINABILITY

Personal
(Data)

|
Environmental

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Material

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Critical

(e.g. labour practices, supply chain, commerce etc.)













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WEAR Sustain- SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY & TOOLKIT



















THANK YOU!

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