



FROM RESEARCH TO REPLICATION: TECHTEX ADVANCES ITS IMPACT

The TECHTEX project continues to make important progress in strengthening technical textile skills for the Moroccan textile industry. In June 2026, project partners gathered in Marrakesh, Morocco, for the Project Meeting held alongside the participation of TECHTEX in the AUTEX 2026 Conference.

The meeting offered an important opportunity to review the progress achieved so far, coordinate the remaining activities and prepare the next phase of implementation, with a particular focus on the replication of the TECHTEX training programme in Morocco.

TECHTEX AT AUTEX 2026

One of the main highlights of the reporting period was the participation of TECHTEX in the AUTEX 2026 Conference, held in Marrakesh. The conference provided the project with an international platform to present its activities, achievements and research findings to academics, researchers, trainers, students and representatives of the textile industry.

Prof. Arzu Marmaralı from Ege University, TECHTEX Project Coordinator, presented the overall project journey, outlining its objectives, implementation progress, key activities and main achievements.

Her presentation retraced the development of TECHTEX from the initial analysis of Morocco's technical textile sector and the identification of skills and training gaps to the design of the training curriculum, the development of 20 learning modules, the creation of the MOOC and e-learning platform, and the implementation of the international Train-the-Trainers programme.

During the conference, Assoc. Prof. Sotiria F. Galata from the University of West Attica presented the study: Bridging Skill Gaps in Morocco's Technical Textiles Sector: A Study of Skills, Training Gaps, and Industry-Academic Alignment."

Based on the research conducted within TECHTEX, the presentation highlighted the importance of investing in workforce development, addressing existing skills and training gaps, and strengthening cooperation between vocational education institutions and industry. It also underlined the need to align vocational education and training with international standards in order to support the sustainable growth of Morocco's technical textile sector.



REPLICATION TRAININGS IN MOROCCO

Following the completion of the curriculum, training resources and replication methodology, TECHTEX has entered one of its most important implementation phases: the Replication Trainings in Morocco. The replication activities build on the experience of the five-day Train-the-Trainers programme, organised at Ege University in Izmir in July 2025.

The aim is to transfer the knowledge, educational resources and innovative teaching approaches developed within TECHTEX into practical training activities adapted to the Moroccan context.

The replication model combines face-to-face and digital learning and is based on blended learning, flipped classroom methods, practical activities, case studies and exchanges with industry stakeholders. The activities are designed to strengthen the autonomy of Moroccan partners in using TECHTEX training modules, support their integration into existing education and training programmes, and reinforce cooperation between vocational education providers and the textile industry.