

Digitalization and sustainability are key to resiliency

Data presented during the annual assembly of ACIMIT, held on July 1, 2022, proved decidedly positive, showing that in 2021 the sector recovered significantly compared to 2020, to the point of returning to pre-Covid levels. Specifically, Italian textile machinery production amounted to €2.39 billion (+35% over 2020 and + 5% over 2019), with total exports amounting to €2.03 billion (+37%).

However, expectations for the future are uncertain. 2022 remains a year replete with unknown factors, starting with the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, along with the persistence of the pandemic. Difficulties in finding raw materials and components negatively affect the completion and fulfillment of orders processed as far back as 2021. Furthermore, rising energy costs and inflationary trends affecting numerous commodities are depressing overall business confidence.

The Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT), Milan/Italy, aims to support the Italian textile machinery sector through digitalization and sustainability. The road to digital transformation has already led numerous manufacturers to completely rethink their production processes, rendering them more efficient and less expensive. The association has focused decisively on its Digital Ready project, through which Italian textile machinery that adopts a common set of data is certified, with the aim of facilitating integration with the operating systems of client companies.

The Sustainable Technologies project highlights the commitment of Italian textile machinery manufacturers in the area of sustainability. At the heart of the project is the Green Label, a form of certification specifically for Italian textile machinery which highlights its energy and environmental performance.

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