

## Program

**Final conference “DIGI4WEARABLES** - Digital Tools for Wearable Products for the Shoe Industry

**Date: 11 December 2025**

**Venue: Sheshi “Nënë Tereza” Nr.1, Tirana 1019**

**Room - Aula Magna**

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| <b>09:30 - 10:00</b>                     | <b>Registration of participants</b>  |  |
| <b>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ermira SHEHI</b> |  |  |
| 10:00 - 10:10                            | <b>Welcome speech</b>  | <p><b>Prof. Dr. Akli FUNDO</b><br/>Rector of PUT</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Elfrida SHEHU</b><br/>Vice Rector for Scientific Affairs of PUT</p> |
| 10:10 – 10:20                            | <b>Overview of the Footwear Industry in Albania</b>                                      | <p><b>Prof. Dr. Genti GUXHO</b><br/>Dean of the Mechanical Engineering Faculty</p>   |
| 10:20 - 10:35                            | <b>Digi4Wearables Project - Results and Impact for Footwear Industry in Albania</b>      | <p><b>Prof. Dr. Ermira SHEHI</b><br/>Head of Textile &amp; Fashion Department</p>  |
| 10:35 – 10:55                            | <b>Innovation and sustainability in the Footwear Industry: The Portuguese case study</b> | <p><b>Dr. Florbela SILVA</b><br/>Technology Center of Portugal Footwear</p>  |
| 10:55 - 11:10                            | <b>The benefits of cooperation &amp; the Digi4Wearables project opportunities</b>        | <p><b>Eng. Rita Suoto</b><br/>Technology Center of Portugal Footwear</p>   |

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| 11:10 – 11:30                            | “Opportunities provided by the Erasmus+ and other European initiatives for non-EU countries in terms of education, entrepreneurship, environment, youth etc.” | <b>Dimosthenis Papakonstantinou</b><br><b>Agni Vytaniotou</b><br>Creative Thinking<br>Development, Greece |
| <b>11:30 - 11:50</b> <i>Coffee Break</i> |   |   |

| <b>Digitalization in the Footwear Industry in Albania and Partner Countries</b><br>Moderator: Eng. Rita Suoto |  |   |
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| 11:50 - 12:10   | <b>Creative Design: Introduction, Examples, Best Practices</b>   | <b>Prof. Assoc. Dr. Nikolaos Efkolidis</b><br><b>Prof. Dr. Panagiotis Kyratsis</b><br>University of Western Macedonia, Greece |
| 12:10 - 12:25   | <b>ProEksport Albania - Supporting Footwear Companies to be competitive in the European Market</b>             | <b>Edvin Prence</b><br>Head of ProEksport Albania Association   |
| 12:25 - 12:45   | <b>Digi4Wearables E-LEARNING Platform - A Valuable Resource for the Footwear Industry</b>                      | <b>MSc. Eng. Armand Agolli</b><br>ATOM Computers  |
| 12:45 - 13:00   | <b>Empowering Albania's Footwear Industry through Digital Transformation and Skilled Workforce Development</b> | <b>Prof. Assoc. Tatjana Spahiu</b><br>Head of Teaching Group<br>“Garment Technology and Design”                               |
| <b>13:00 - 13:30</b> <i>Lunch Break</i>   |  |   |

| <b>Sustainable Materials and Digital Technologies for Footwear Industry</b><br>Moderator: Agni Vytanioti |   |   |
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| 13:30 - 13:50  | <b>Developing Sustainable Materials for the Footwear Industry - First Results</b> | <b>Prof. Dr. Holger Cebulla</b><br>Technische Universität Chemnitz, Germany |
| 13:50- 14:10   | <b>Digitalization in footwear industry - Best Practices from ProDyn Company</b>   | <b>Etleva LARO</b><br>“PRODYN” Company, Tirana                              |

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| 14:10 - 14:25                     | <b>Footwear Performance &amp; Testing - overview from ALBACO SHOES Company</b>        | <b>Dritan KOÇI</b><br>"ALBACO SHOES" Company, Tirana  |
| 14:25 - 14:40                     | <b>ALBANIAN BRAND MITO by CATERINA FIRENZE - Its best Practices on Sustainability</b> | <b>Kriton Prendi</b><br>MITO by CATERINA FIRENZE  |
| 14:40 - 14:55                     | <b>Mali Footwear Company - Business case of digitalization and recycling</b>          | <b>Alfred Mali</b><br>"Mali" Company, Lezha   |
| 14:55 - 15:10                     | <b>Enhancing Sustainability and Resource Efficiency in Albanian's Footwear Sector</b> | <b>Prof. Assoc. Majlinda Hylli</b><br>Quality Manager<br>"Laboratory of Physical-Mechanical and Chemical of Textile and Leather |
| <b>15:10 - 15:30 Coffee Break</b> |   |   |

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| <b>Students Projects presentation</b><br>Moderator: Prof. Assoc. Tatjana SPAHIU |  |   |
| 15:30 - 15:40   | <b>Zero Waste, Full Flex – Denim Reborn</b>                  | <b>Albina Vaka</b><br>Master student Textile and Fashion Department     |
| 15:40 - 15:50   | <b>Confetty - Where elegance whispers comfort</b>            | <b>Fabiola Pysqyli</b><br>Master student Textile and Fashion Department |
| 15:50 - 16:00   | <b>Interconnection between tradition and recycling</b>       | <b>Fjorela Qevani</b><br>Master student Textile and Fashion Department  |
| 16:00 - 16:10   | <b>Eco-Luxe Footwear – Upcycled Luxury Sneaker Prototype</b> | <b>MSc. Dorina Haxhiaj</b><br>Fital Company                             |
| <b>16:20 Discussions &amp; Conclusions</b>                                      |  |   |