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> as a reliable commercial partner

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> approx. 250 employees
> 25,000 m² research and production area

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FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Construction and architecture
Building materials with textile components, fiber-based materials

Health and Care
Textile implants and regenerative medicine, wound treatment products, diagnostic and monitoring systems, smart textiles, drug delivery and therapeutic systems

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Functional clothing, climate-controlled textiles, illuminated textiles, acoustic textiles, smart textiles
COMPETENCES

Polymer Synthesis
Polymers for fibers and matrices, precursors for carbon fibers, ceramic fibers, cellulose and biopolymers

Fibers and Yarns
Wet spinning technologies, dry spinning technologies, melt spinning technologies, bicomponent spinning technology, texturizing and drawing, nonwoven technologies, staple fiber technologies, winding technologies

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Spacer technologies, weaving, braiding, knitting, joining technologies, tissue engineering, membranes, braiding pultrusion, structure winding

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Sol-Gel Technology, dyeing and finishing, printing technologies, nanotechnologies, physical and chemical methods, coating, minimal application technologies, integration of electronic components, development of sensory and actuatory properties

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