

Targets and Roadmap

Sustainable Textiles Switzerland (STS) is a multi-stakeholder program organized as an association with the mission to contribute significantly to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Swiss textile and clothing sector along the entire value chain.

Based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the STS program has developed common goals and measures for a more sustainable Swiss textile and clothing industry. Actors from the Swiss textile and clothing sector can commit to the targets and the resulting measures.

Collaboration is key to implementing STS's targets and measures: synergies between members and with partners should be exploited to the full.



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emissions.

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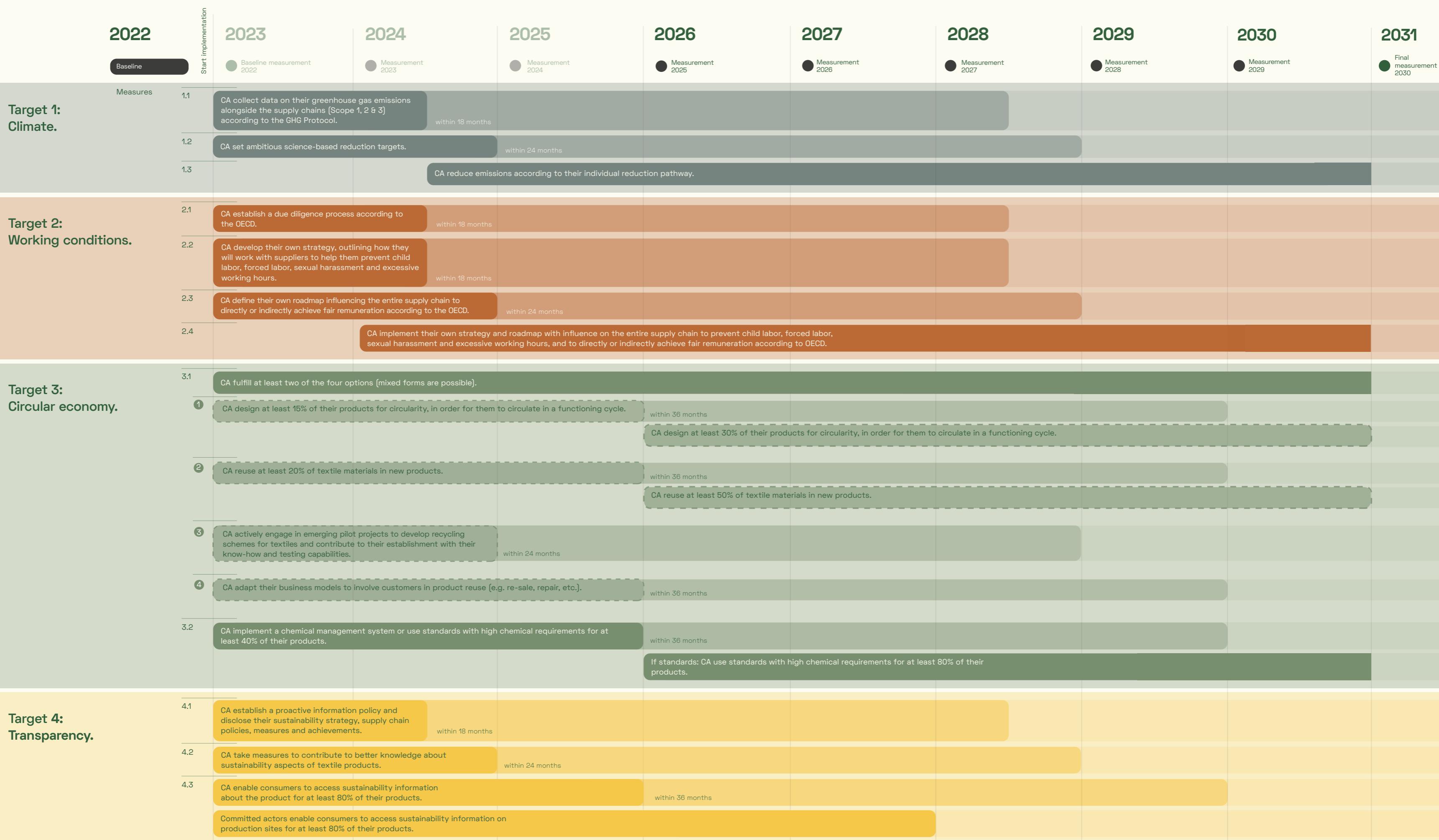
The actors are equally committed to all targets and measure their progress annually. A timetable, presented in the road-map, is set for the implementation of the measures. The year 2022 is considered to be the baseline year for the STS program. The implementation phase for each committed actor starts from the date of the commitment, but no earlier than January 1, 2023.

The committed actors implement the measures independently. They are supported by STS and can use the toolbox provided. The toolbox offers a wide range of support options tailored to the targets of STS. It will be continuously optimized and adapted to the roadmap.

Innovations in the field of materials, technology and digitalisation, as well as regional and global development and political framework conditions, are constantly advancing and can influence the measures for achieving the targets. STS reviews this influence annually and adapts the targets and measures to the new conditions if they are highly relevant. It is therefore recommended to always consult the current version for the current year.

Detailed information on implementation is provided in a separate guideline. This guideline is intended for members of the STS association only.

Roadmap





Target 1

Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Target for the Swiss textile and clothing sector:

By 2030, greenhouse gas emissions from the Swiss textile and clothing sector will be reduced by 50% towards a net zero target by 2050.

Measures taken by the committed actors:

- 1.1** Committed actors collect data on their greenhouse gas emissions alongside the supply chains (Scope 1, 2 & 3) within 18 months, according to the GHG Protocol.
- 1.2** Committed actors set ambitious science-based reduction targets within 24 months.
- 1.3** Committed actors reduce emissions according to their individual reduction pathway.



Target 2

Promotion of fair wages and humane working conditions for all.

Target for the Swiss textile and clothing sector:

By 2030, 100% of the Swiss textile and clothing sector is implementing its due diligence obligations across the entire supply chain, with a focus on working hours, forced labor, child labor, sexual harassment and wages.

Measures taken by the committed actors:

- 2.1** Committed actors establish a due diligence process according to the OECD within 18 months.
- 2.2** Committed actors develop their own strategy within 18 months, outlining how they will work with suppliers to help them prevent child labor, forced labor, sexual harassment and excessive working hours.
- 2.3** Committed actors define their own roadmap within 24 months after committing, influencing the entire supply chain to directly or indirectly achieve fair wages according to the OECD.
- 2.4** Committed actors implement their own strategy and roadmap with influence on the entire supply chain to prevent child labor, forced labor, sexual harassment and excessive working hours, and to directly or indirectly achieve fair wages according to OECD by 2030.



Target 3

Promotion of innovative business models toward a circular economy.

Target for the Swiss textile and clothing sector:

By 2030, at least 30% of the turnover of the Swiss textile and clothing sector will be generated with products designed according to circular economy principles.

Measures taken by the committed actors:

- 3.1** Committed actors fulfill at least two of the four options (mixed forms are possible).
 - 3.1.1** Option 1: Committed actors design at least 15%/30% of their products within 36 months/by 2030 in such a way that they circulate in a functioning cycle.
 - 3.1.2** Option 2: Committed actors reuse at least 20%/50% of textile materials in new products within 36 months/by 2030.
 - 3.1.3** Option 3: Committed actors actively engage in emerging pilot projects to develop recycling schemes for textiles within 24 months and contribute to their establishment with their know-how and testing capabilities.
 - 3.1.4** Option 4: Committed actors adapt their business models to involve customers in product reuse (e.g. re-sale, repair, etc.) within 36 months.
- 3.2** Committed actors implement a chemical management system within 36 months or use standards with high chemical requirements for at least 40%/80% of their products within 36 months/by 2030.

Target 4

Transparency, to ensure that sustainable purchasing decisions can be made.

Target for the Swiss textile and clothing sector:

By 2030, 80% of the Swiss textile and clothing industry will disclose social and environmental sustainability information.

Measures taken by the committed actors:

- 4.1** Within 18 months, committed actors establish a proactive information policy and disclose their sustainability strategy, supply chain policies, measures and achievements.
- 4.2** Committed actors take measures within 24 months to contribute to better knowledge about sustainability aspects of textile products.
- 4.3** Committed actors enable customers to access sustainability information about the product for at least 80% of their products within 36 months and about the production sites by 2028.