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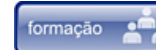
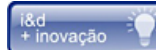
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Fun for fashion inspires MODTISSIMO [18th and 19th February]



Fun for fashion is the thematic of the **Future Textiles Forum (FTF)** in its 15th edition brought to the **33rd Modtissimo**. Dys **18th and 19th February**, at **Edifício da Alfândega in Porto**, in the heart of its historical centre classified as a world heritage site, the Future Textiles Forum (FTF) creates a contagious environment to the entire Modtissimo exhibition, spreading animation, catwalking shows and other events simultaneously showing national and international smart textile and clothing projects.

Standing on the concept created for October 2008, the **Future Textiles Forum (FTF)** comes again next days **18th and 19th February** to **Edifício da Alfândega in Porto** during **33rd Modtissimo**.

A large area is reserved for the FTF that has two main focuses: the concept of platform as a meeting-point between supply and demand of technical and functional textiles and also a thematic area, this time dedicated to **"FUN FOR FASHION"**.

The FTF welcomes the **University of Beira Interior** as new comer and repeating the concept of the previous 14 events, hosts companies and institutions, 15 this time exhibiting on **the floor: Alta Visibilidade, Artefita, Biodevices, CeNTI, Coltec, Fall Safe, Fisipe, Fitexar, Foot By Foot, Gulbena, Invescorte, J. Baptista, Lectra Portugal and Tearfil.**

The high-lights of R&D are on the consortium project called **COLDFIT**, which is about a thermal insulation suit for cold environments in a partnership between CITEVE (promoter), ADAI, Parkurbis and Tipsal.

"FUN FOR FASHION"

This area creates an environment that inspires the entire Modtissimo exhibition, spreading animation, catwalking shows and other events. *"It is a showcase of national and international smart textile and clothing projects, draw on scenarios representing different living styles and therefore Fun and Fashion are two crossed concepts"* says Fernando Merino, the Future Textiles manager of CITEVE.

At the **FASHION ZONE** there's a show case of invited guests like **Grado Zero Espace**, from Italy, and **Miguel Rios Design** and **Petratex** from Portugal.



Liquid Jacket



Link Vest



Kinetic Energy Wear

Grado Zero brings the **Liquid Jacket**, a retro 70's look motorcycling jacket made by ultra-thin leather, treated with Liquid Shell coating, making it UV and abrasion resistant while maintaining its softness and touch, and combined with a high thermal insulating material. The integration of the most advanced shock-absorbing system and an electroluminescent film brought to an increase in active and passive safety.

Also from Grado Zero the **Link Vest** a vest expressly designed for Airbus workmen, with the aim of letting them use at the same time all devices needed for assembling and maintaining aircrafts. Thanks to conductive yarns system and to a long-time ergonomic study, Link Vest is able to combine light-weight, user-friendly interface, comfort and safety. At the same time Link Vest could be useful for training children and/or disabled people: this is the reason why we integrated our Demo Kit with a Lego (Duplo) fire station that could be assembled using Link Vest.

Petratex brings a last generation model transforming a basic garment into artificial intelligence, creating a high performance garment. The **Kinetic Energy Wear** supports iPod technology using a keyboard on the outer shell, with a simple interface, easy to manage and pleasant to use. Further freedom of action and easy movements are achieved with this system. Connectivity is also extended to a gadget inside the pockets for heat supplying.



Finally, from Miguel Rios Design comes the **System 2k07**, a Modular System to build a set of bags, for use in an urban context, based on the added value of being able to play with the various components which constitute it, providing a wide variety of alternatives.

This system will be associated with other systems, through other modular products. This project has been at Design Week 2008 in Milan, invited by Experimenta Design, and has been integrated in the exhibition "Flexibility - Design in a Fast-Changing Society", during Turin 2008 World Capital of Design.

For **the FUN ZONE** several surprises are prepared. **CITEVE** developed with Portuguese companies several clothing using new production technologies, which are demonstrated through animation, lots of entertainment and daring, mixed with technology and gadgets. At the FUN ZONE there's also a workshop where the Future Textiles Forum and Modtissimo have prepared a gift surprise for visitors. Irresistible!

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