



## Networking Platforms

Networking is essential for building a sustainable fashion business because it connects you with key industry players, potential partners, and customers. It helps you access resources, collaborations, and market opportunities that can drive growth while fostering innovation. Building strong relationships also enhances your brand's credibility and visibility, which are crucial for long-term success in the sustainable fashion sector.

### In EUROPE

- **Global Fashion Revolution Network:**
  - **Description:** It is a worldwide movement that pushes for more openness, sustainability, and fairness in fashion. It brings together people, brands, and organizations to make positive changes and ensure fair practices throughout the fashion industry.
  - **Website:** <https://www.fashionrevolution.org/about/find-your-country/>
- **Eurochambres Women network**
  - **Description:** It supports women entrepreneurs across Europe by offering a space to share experiences, network, and find solutions to business challenges. It helps women succeed and promotes policies that empower female business owners.
  - <https://www.eurochambres.eu/priorities/eurochambres-women-network-ewn/>
- **ImpactHub:**
  - **Description:** It is a global network that supports entrepreneurs by providing spaces to work, connect, and collaborate. It aims to inspire and enable people to create impactful businesses while strengthening the community around them.
  - **Website:** <https://impacthub.net/locations/>
- **Meetup:**
  - **Description:** This online platform connects people through local and virtual events based on shared interests. It helps users discover communities, network, and engage with others in both professional and social settings.
  - **Website:** <https://www.meetup.com>
- **Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC)**
  - **Description:** A global alliance of brands, retailers, and manufacturers committed to sustainable production. Provides tools like the Higg Index to measure and improve sustainability performance.
  - **Website:** [apparelcoalition.org](http://apparelcoalition.org)
- **Ellen MacArthur Foundation – Circular Economy**
  - **Description:** Works to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. Offers resources, case studies, and networking opportunities to integrate circular principles into fashion business models.
  - **Website:** [ellenmacarthurfoundation.org](http://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org)



## In AUSTRIA

- **The Vienna Business Agency**
  - **Description:** The Vienna Business Agency offers various programs and events to support entrepreneurs, including migrant women entrepreneurs. The agency provides resources and support for starting and growing a business, as well as networking opportunities with other entrepreneurs.
  - **Website:** <https://viennabusinessagency.at/events-workshops/>
- **Austrian Fashion Association:**
  - **Description:** The Austrian Fashion Association is a professional organization that supports fashion entrepreneurs and designers in Austria. The association organizes regular events, such as fashion shows, networking evenings, and workshops, to support fashion entrepreneurs and promote the Austrian fashion industry.
  - **Website:** <https://www.austrianfashionassociation.at/>
- **UnternehmerTUM**
  - **Description:** It is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Susanne Klatten to promote entrepreneurship, with a special focus on encouraging women to explore tech and start-ups. It offers support and inspiration for women in business.
  - **Website:** <https://www.unternehmertum.de/en/landingpages/womenstart-up>
- **Women in economy**
  - **Description:** Women in Economy is an Austrian platform that provides networking opportunities and events like the Ladies Lounge to support and connect women in business.
  - **Website:** <https://www.wko.at/fiw/ladies-lounge>
- **Women in Buisness**
  - **Description:** This platform offers resources and networking for female entrepreneurs in Austria, empowering women to succeed in business.
  - **Website:** [unternehmerin.at](https://www.unternehmerin.at)
- **Female Founders Afterwork Walk & Talk**
  - **Description:** This Meetup event in Vienna connects female founders and entrepreneurs for casual networking walks, encouraging idea exchange and support.
  - **Website:** [Meetup Event Female Founders Vienna](https://www.meetup.com/Vienna-Female-Founders-Afterwork-Walk-Talk/)
- **Lean In Networks connect groups of Circles and individuals**
  - **Description:** This network helps women connect through small, supportive groups called Circles, providing mentorship and networking for personal and professional growth.
  - **Website:** <https://leanin.org/circles-network/vienna>



## In BULGARIA

- **The BASE**
  - **Description:** The BASE is a free business academy offering training for startup entrepreneurs of all ages and backgrounds. It provides valuable resources for those looking to launch their own businesses.
  - **Website:** <https://startupfactory.bg/blogbg/obuchenia/base/>
- **SAET Academy - Upcycling Workshops**
  - **Description:** SAET Academy offers workshops focused on upcycling and sustainable fashion, teaching children how to creatively design and reuse materials.
  - **Website:** <https://saetacademy.com/services/моден-дизайн-за-деца#/>
- **Co-working Space and Design Academy**
  - **Description:** SAET Academy also provides a co-working space for designers and creatives, fostering collaboration and learning in Sofia.
  - **Website:** <https://saetacademy.com/services/sofia-creative-space>
- **Course for Creation of a Fashion Brand**
  - **Description:** This course from SAET Academy teaches young aspiring designers the skills to create their own fashion brands.
  - **Website:** <https://saetacademy.com/services>
- **Startup Factory**
  - **Description:** Startup Factory helps people start their own businesses by offering support, mentorship, and resources for entrepreneurs in Bulgaria.
  - **Website:** <https://startupfactory.bg/>
- **Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry:**
  - **Description:** The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports businesses through networking, resources, and advocacy for the Bulgarian business community.
  - **Website:** <https://www.bcci.bg/>

## In GREECE

- **Hellenic Clothing Industry Association (HCIA)**
  - **Website:** [stitched.gr](https://stitched.gr)
  - **Description:** HCIA represents the Greek fashion and textile industry, offering a platform for businesses to connect and collaborate.
- **Sustainable Fashion Network Greece**
  - **Website:** [sustainablefashion.gr](https://sustainablefashion.gr)
  - **Description:** This network brings together professionals, brands, and designers dedicated to promoting sustainability in fashion.



- **The Cube Athens**
  - **Website:** [thecube.gr](http://thecube.gr)
  - **Description:** It is an innovation hub that supports startups in various fields, including sustainable fashion. It's a hub for creativity and technology, offering networking events, mentoring, and support services.
- **Athens Fashion Club**
  - **Website:** [athensfashionclub.com](http://athensfashionclub.com)
  - **Description:** It's not only a fashion school but also a networking hub for fashion professionals. They organize fashion shows, exhibitions, and networking events to bring together designers, brands and experts.
- **Athens Fashion Trade Show**
  - **Website:** [fashionexpo.gr](http://fashionexpo.gr)
  - **Description:** This is one of the largest fashion trade shows in Greece, attracting designers, manufacturers, and buyers from across the region.
- **Eco Fashion Week Greece**
  - **Website:** [ecofashionweekgreece.com](http://ecofashionweekgreece.com)
  - **Description:** It is dedicated to promoting sustainable fashion and ethical practices. The event features fashion shows, workshops, and panels that focus on sustainability in the fashion industry - perfect for networking.
- **Athens Fashion Film Festival**
  - **Website:** [athensfashionfilmfestival.gr](http://athensfashionfilmfestival.gr)
  - **Description:** This festival blends fashion, cinema, and sustainability, creating a unique networking environment for creative professionals.
- **LinkedIn Groups:** Sustainable Fashion Greece Group, Greek Startups Group.
- **Facebook Communities:** Sustainable Fashion Greece, Startups in Greece.
- **Fashion Incubator Greece**
  - **Website:** [THE FASHION GATE | GREEK FASHION](http://THEFASHIONGATE|GREEKFASHION)
  - **Description:** This incubator program is designed to support emerging fashion designers and brands in Greece, with a strong focus on sustainability. Participants receive mentorship, business development support, and networking opportunities with industry veterans.
- **Egg - Enter•Grow•Go**
  - **Website:** [theegg.gr](http://theegg.gr)
  - **Description:** It's a comprehensive incubation and acceleration program for startups, including those in sustainable fashion. It provides access to mentorship, funding, a network of business professionals and investors.
- **Green Fashion Project by Generation Y**
  - **Website:** [GY FAST Fashion Archives - Generation Y \(generation-y.gr\)](http://GYFASTFashionArchives-GenerationY(generation-y.gr))
  - **Description:** It focuses on supporting sustainable fashion startups in Greece. The program offers mentorship, networking opportunities, and workshops designed to help businesses scale and succeed in the competitive fashion market.