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NeckarAlb



Technical textiles in the Neckar-Alb region:  
**Transforming tradition  
into innovation**

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# One industry, one cluster, one strong location

The Neckar-Alb region is one of Germany's most tradition-steeped centres for technical textiles. Over 220 companies from the industry offer 15,000 jobs. The cluster has grown thanks to its stable foundation: For over 100 years, Neckar-Alb has been a strong textile region continually adapting to the requirements of the global market. This path has led both traditional and young companies to technical textiles.

These companies produce protective textiles, e.g. for fire services or police. They contribute to high-tech transportation, such as the Airbus A380 or German ICE trains. They help to treat patients, for example with stents or respiratory masks. And they develop important components for the industry, such as tubular braids, brushes, or filters. An extraordinary scientific foundation, close networking with regional manufacturers of textile equipment, and a powerful infrastructure make for a dynamic environment.



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## **Welcome!**

The cluster of technical textiles in the Neckar-Alb region is strong, steeped in academics and featuring an excellent network. A perfect location for your company.

A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a grey shirt, is focused on operating a white embroidery machine. She is using a stylus to interact with a large touchscreen display on the machine. The machine has several spools of thread on top and is positioned on a white table. In the background, there are other industrial machines and a clean, bright factory environment.

## **A solid network based on economics and research**

When assessing a potential site for your company, don't underestimate the value of good networking – no matter whether within the industry or with a related sector.

# Better together

A cluster generates synergies, especially when companies are closely linked to scientific groundwork and other industries. Here, Neckar-Alb can tout its advantages like few other regions. Take for example Albstadt-Sigmaringen University, which offers courses in textile production technology for technical textiles as well as textile and clothing technology. The result: highly qualified professionals trained locally. Furthermore, the centre for interactive materials (IMAT) which bundles expertise in the areas of fibre, textile and non-woven technology at Reutlingen University.

The cluster of technical textiles in the Neckar-Alb region represents the professionalisation of the spatial cluster. Cluster management supports local companies in implementing innovative ideas. Key topics include smart materials or 3D textiles as well as protective and pharmaceutical clothing. Construction textiles, hygiene, interior design, and aerospace are among the topics of the future. Technology transfer at a regional level takes top priority. With its actions, the cluster also makes its contribution to internationalising the region as well as to technology transfer.

# A place to feel at home

A misty landscape of the Swabian Mountains. The foreground shows a dark silhouette of trees on a hillside. In the middle ground, a thick layer of white mist fills the valleys between rolling hills. In the background, a wind turbine is visible on a distant hill under a pale, overcast sky.

Good locations provide not only companies and entrepreneurs, but also their employees with a place to feel at home. The beautiful landscape of the Swabian Mountains offers top quality of life. Companies feel a strong connection to their employees.

Neckar-Alb region

# Welcome to the future

In the middle of the economic powerhouse of Southern Germany between Stuttgart, Zurich and Munich lies the Neckar-Alb region with the administrative districts of Tübingen, Reutlingen and Zollernalb.

As part of the European metropolitan region of Stuttgart, it is the home to the future of high-tech industries. Its exceptional infrastructure provides a quick link to the motorway network by means of the A8 and A81. The Stuttgart International Airport can be reached in just around 20 minutes. Excellent universities make for a productive innovative atmosphere, which is reflected in the high innovation index. For researchers, visionaries, professionals, and families: every year, the Neckar-Alb region becomes a home to more people.

# We'd be happy to help you

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# The perfect location for your technical textiles

A close-up photograph of a white technical textile needle and a piece of white mesh fabric. The needle is on the left, and the mesh fabric is on the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

The Neckar-Alb region is the perfect location for you because ...

... traditional and young companies packed with innovation form a strong cluster.

... our researchers and developers are perfectly networked with other pioneering industries and we have an outstanding innovation index.

... both companies and employees feel at home here – and we are at the very top of location rankings.

... the infrastructure with the A8 and A81 as well as the Stuttgart International Airport form a strong foundation together with the surrounding economic zone.

And now it's your turn: Simply contact us. We will support you in guaranteeing your company's future.

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