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Dr. Jan Mahy is Professor at Saxion University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands, where he leads the research group of Sustainable & Functional Textiles ([www.saxion.nl/sft](http://www.saxion.nl/sft)). Jan has held positions in fibres and technical textiles industries for over 30 years, including research, development, innovation, business development and general management roles.

As a physicist by education (PhD solid state physics, University of Antwerp, Belgium) he has been leading global expert teams in expertise centres, R&D projects and innovative ventures related to high performance fibers and textiles. He holds several patents in this field and has published numerous peer-reviewed papers and held keynote lectures in international conferences.

In the field of sustainable textiles, Jan is chairman of the TexPlus Foundation ([www.TexPlus.nl](http://www.TexPlus.nl)), a Dutch regional initiative of circular textile partners aimed at promoting consumer awareness and developing tools and technologies for the transition to a circular textile economy. Saxion UAS is considered to be the “hub” of recycling technologies in the Netherlands, and a recognized partner in Horizon 2020 consortia related to “smart industry” and “circularity” calls.

As a member of the Board of NETFAS ([www.netfas.eu](http://www.netfas.eu)), he has contributed to the international collaboration of Universities of Applied Sciences across the EU in the area of Textiles & Fashion. On behalf of NETFAS he has been elected member of the Board of European Technology Platform Fibres, Textiles & Clothing ([www.textile-platform.eu](http://www.textile-platform.eu)).