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THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROJECT

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2ND WORKSHOP – SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS ON FOREST FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING

Outlook

- DIF-Jacket: context and main goal
- The partners
- Partners activities
- Main outputs and activities - 2020
- Next steps

CONTEXT:

R & D THERMAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

declining trend of firefighters' *on site* injuries and fatalities



MAIN GOAL:

New jacket with active thermal management

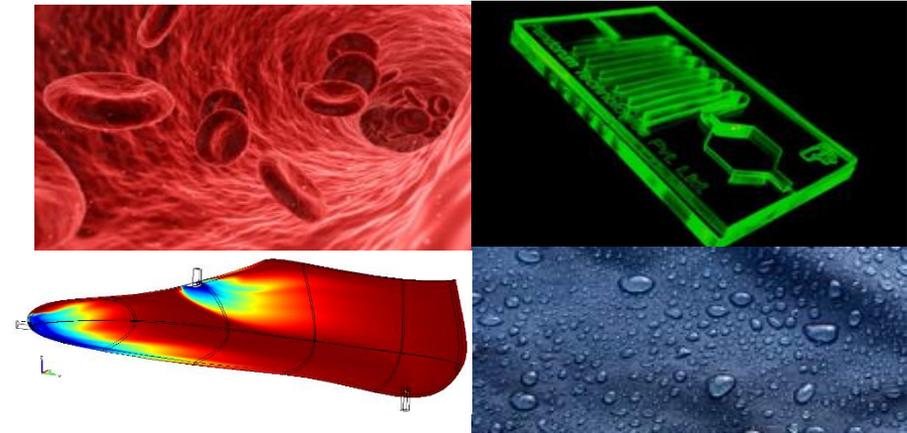
How:

- Combination of protective clothing components prepared in different layers
- Numerical models to optimize the design



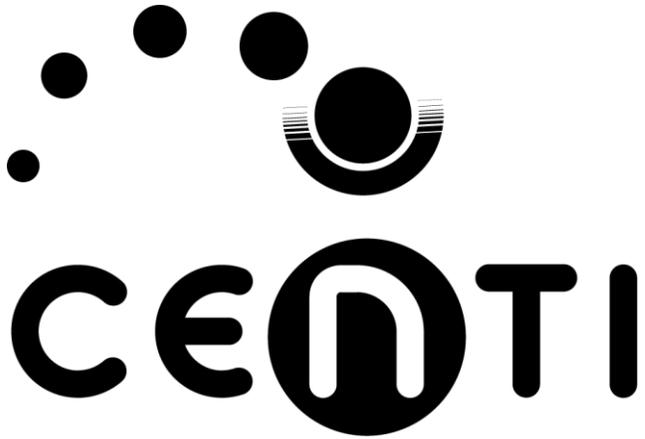
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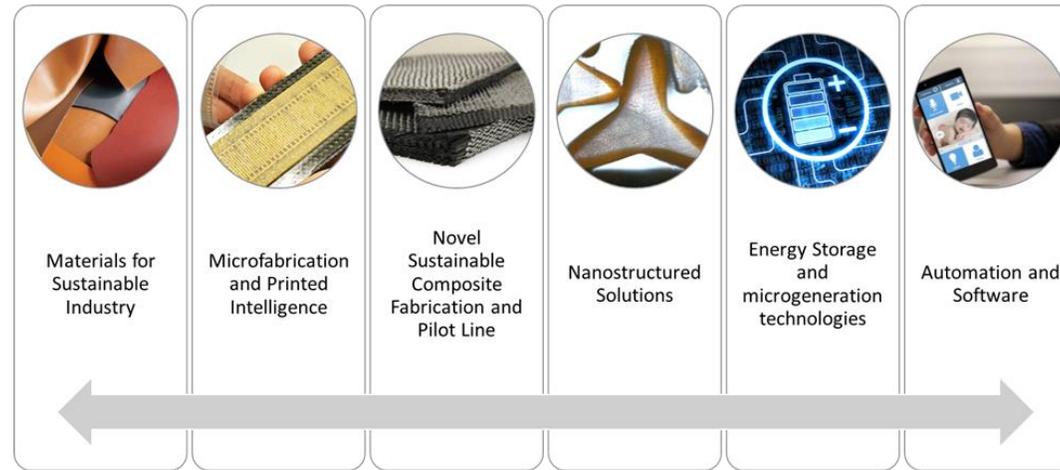


EXAMPLES OF RESEARCH SUB-TOPICS:

- Multiphase flows
- Biological Fluids
- Microfluidics
- Fuel Cells
- Systems for hydrogen generation and storage
- Heat and Mass Transfer in Textiles



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and Smart Materials



**Automotive
& Aeronautics**



**Architecture
& Construction**



**Sports, Health,
Protection & Well-being**



Private Non-Profit RTD Institute established in 2006.

Focus on Research, Technological Development, Innovation and Engineering in areas of smart and functional materials for industrial sector.

- *Multicomponent fibres*
- *Smart materials/devices*
- *Multifunctional coatings*
- *Printed and Organic electronics*
- *Embedded Smart Systems*
- Laboratory validation to industrialization (lab2fab)



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Laboratorial activities



R&D + Innovation



Product standards and certification



Technology Watch

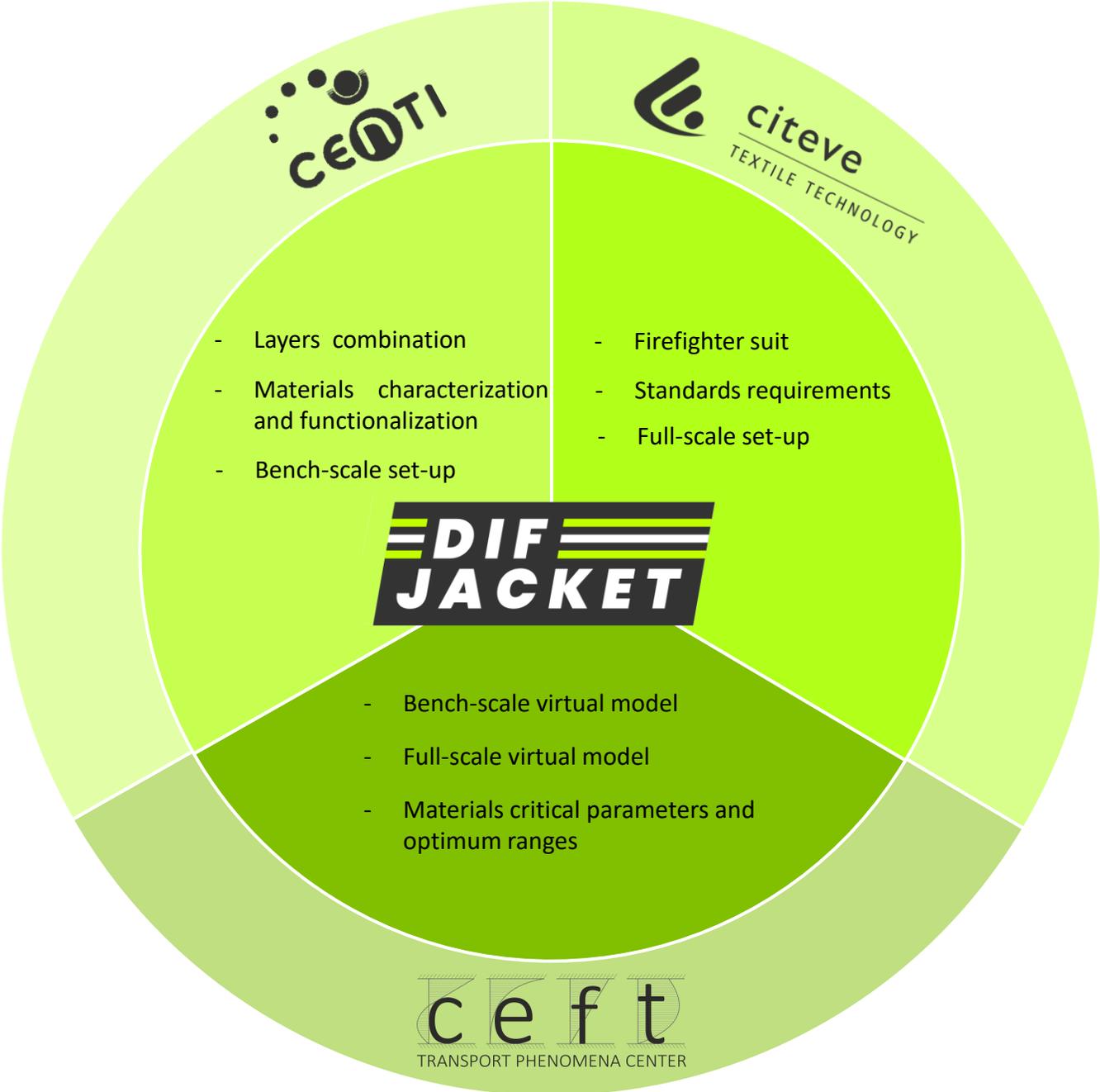


Training and Fashion intelligence



Technological consultancy & development

PARTNERS ACTIVITIES



Main outputs and activities - 2020



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Thermal performance of a PCM firefighting suit considering transient periods of fire exposure, post – fire exposure and resting phases

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Promising solution using Phase Change Materials (PCMs) - numerical study



- Incorporation of microencapsulated PCMs in different textile samples
- PCM pocket built



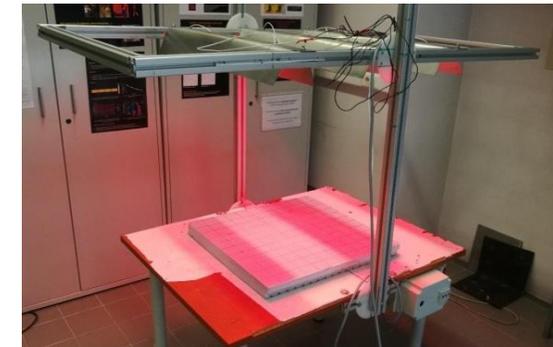
Incorporation of IR pigments on different textiles

Legislation and standards requirements analysis

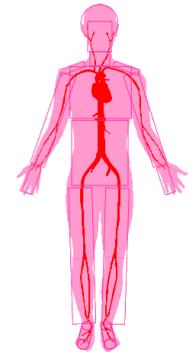
Study: implementation of the new solution in jacket

DIF-Jacket in media

CITEVE e ENB desenvolvem Casaco de Protecção Térmica para Bombeiros



Experimental set-up



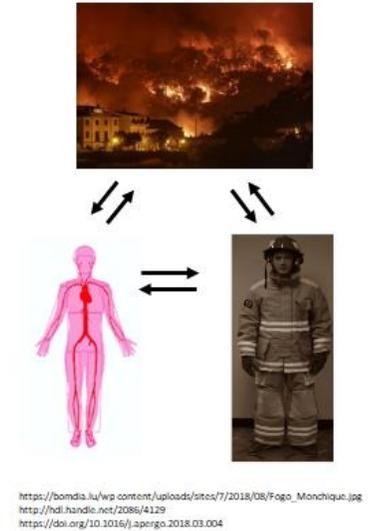
Thermoregulation model implemented

Next steps

- Development virtual bench-scale model considering the interdependency between the protective clothing, body and environment
- Experimental tests with several combinations of functionalized materials
- Development virtual full-scale model
- Prototype construction and performance test

Dissemination of results:

- 3 workshops (2 in 2021; 1 in 2022)
- 1 roadshow in 8 cities of Portugal (2022)



Heat fluxes/
temperatures in
firefighters suit
values - scarce
information

DIF-Jacket

Development of an innovative firefighter jacket

About the project

Thermal Protective Clothing (TPC) Research & Development has been searching solutions to minimize firefighters' heat load and skin burns. However, until now, the

Thank you!

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