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Eco-design events

Webinar – Reducing the impact of material consumption

January 23, 2025

Agenda

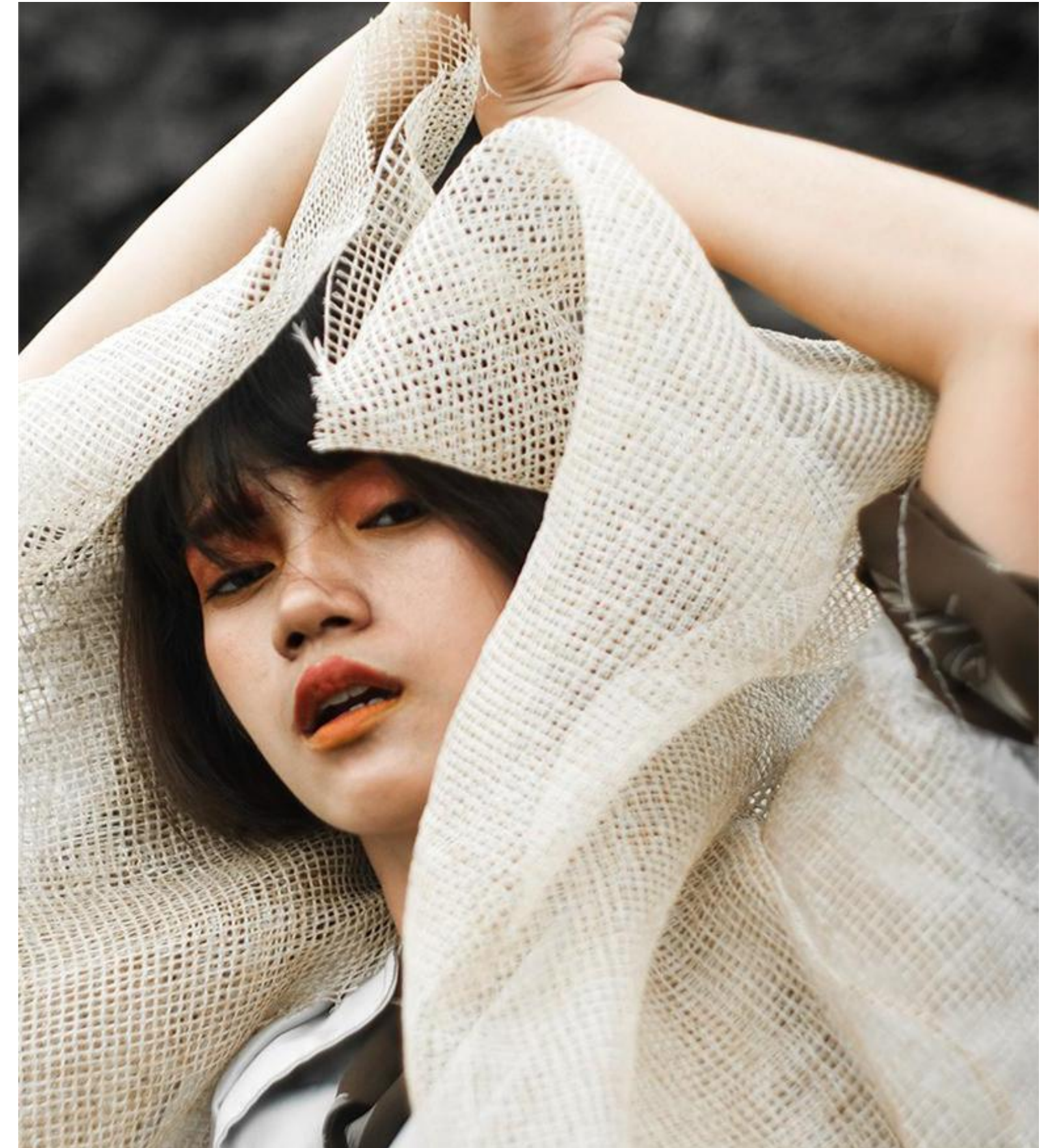


Refashion presentation

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Additional information

Satisfaction survey



What is Refashion?



Created in 2008 in response to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law for clothing, household linen, and footwear.

A private non-profit company approved by the French public authorities

100% funded by brands, distributors, and manufacturers—marketers—through eco-contributions.



**We are therefore responsible
for the prevention and
management of the end of
life of products placed on the
market
for private individuals, end
destination in France.**

**Prevention, Repair, Reuse,
Collection, Sorting, Recycling**

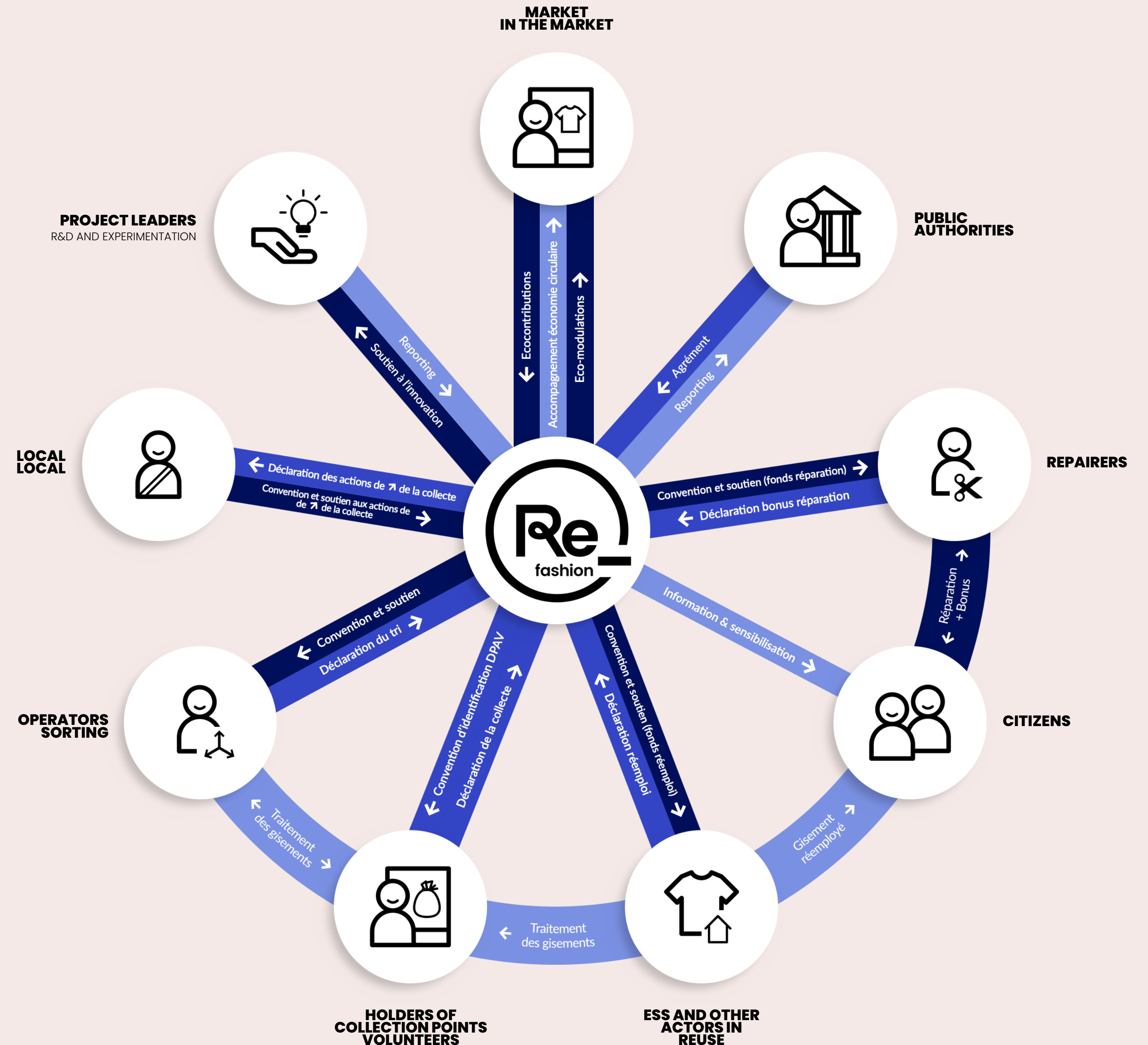


**Who
are we?**



The Refashion ecosystem

- ✓ We collect eco-contributions paid by brands.
- ✓ We encourage eco-design of products.
- ✓ We facilitate the co-construction of solutions for ecosystem stakeholders.
- ✓ We raise awareness among citizens.
- ✓ We support sorting operators (€/ton).
- ✓ We support local authorities in their communications to citizens (€/inhabitant).
- ✓ We support innovation (€/project).



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How can we minimize the impact of material consumption in clothing manufacturing?

Identifying and exploring different avenues



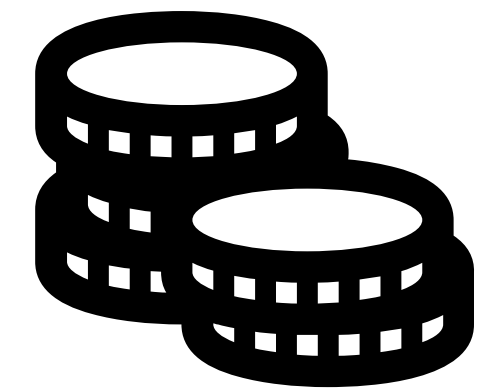
Reducing
environmental
impacts



Commitment to
durability



Legislation



Economic
optimization



- Optimization of production quantities
- Standardization
- Digitization
- Zero waste/minimal waste design
- Optimization of pattern placement



Optimization of production quantities

Key figures:

- ➔ Unsold clothing accounts for 4.1% of total turnover in the clothing and shoe sector in France (Source: ADEME)
- ➔ The average percentage of unsold textile items found in the literature is 21% (Source: European Environment Agency report)
- ➔ AI could reduce residual stock by 21% (Source: AI Expert Interview)



- Minimization of unsold items
- Improved inventory management
- Minimization of price depreciation
- Increased responsiveness and production flexibility



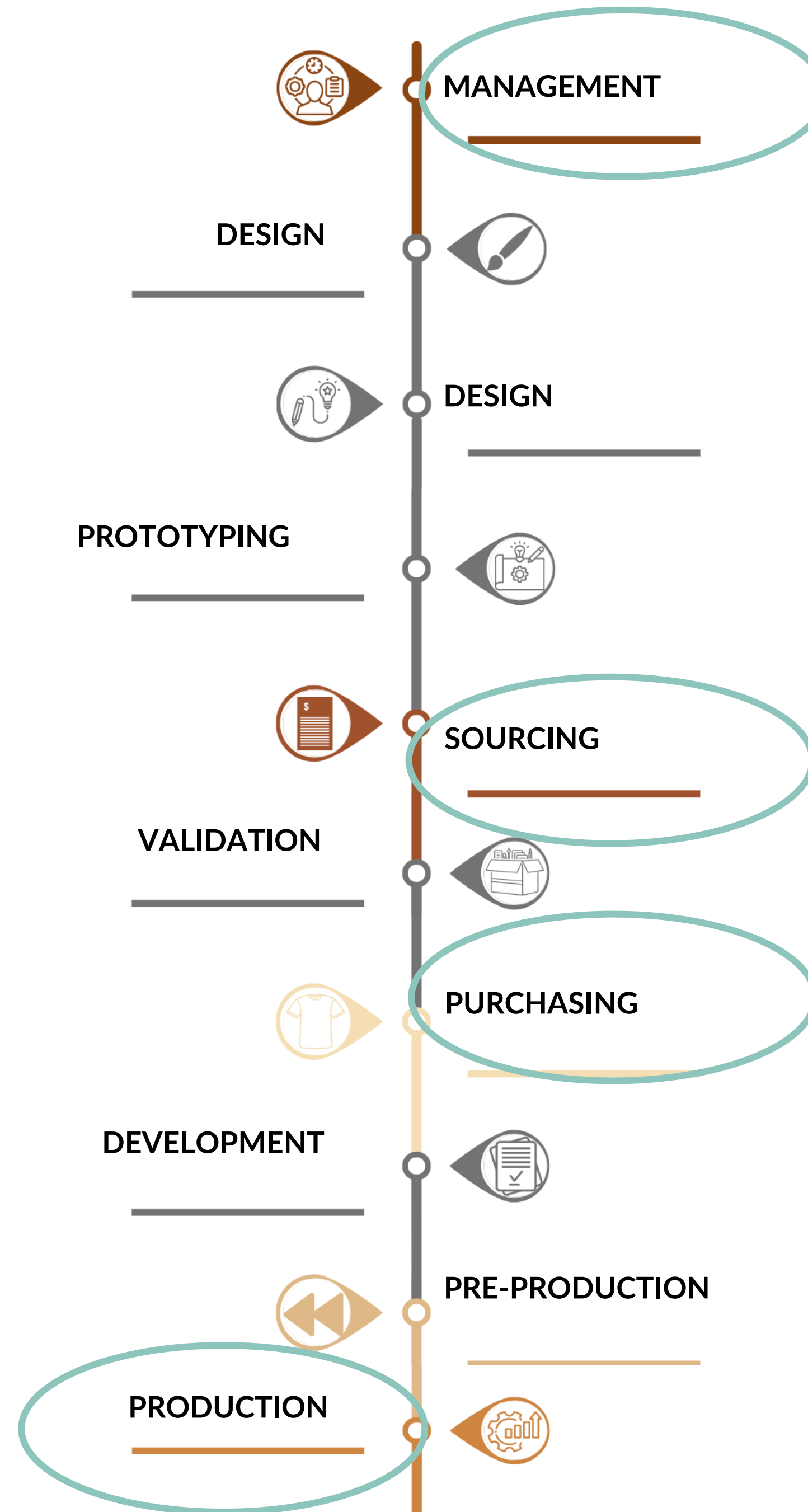
- Higher costs for local or Euromed production
- Delivery times: an obstacle to on-demand production

OPTIMIZATION OF PRODUCTION VOLUMES

Objectives:

- Increase production responsiveness and flexibility
- Minimize unsold items
- Improve inventory management

Stream production to
reduce inventory.



Increase the proportion of
the permanent collection



Adjust quantities according
to sales forecasts using
artificial intelligence



Find on-demand production
partners



Reduce material waste, plan
for just-in-stream
production and pre-orders



A stack of several pairs of folded blue jeans. Each pair has a prominent yellow brand label on the inside of the waistband. The jeans are neatly folded and stacked on top of each other, creating a sense of depth and repetition. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the denim and the bright color of the labels.

Standardization

Key figures:

- ➡ Gender diversity was used to encourage consumption in the 1980s
- ➡ Reduction in additional material purchases (margin of error) from 5% to 2%



- Reduction in the development of material samples
- Improved quality of the fabric production process and supplier responsiveness
- Minimization of waste and excess inventory
- Reduction in purchasing costs



- Can only be used for unadjusted cuts of unisex products
- Restriction of customization

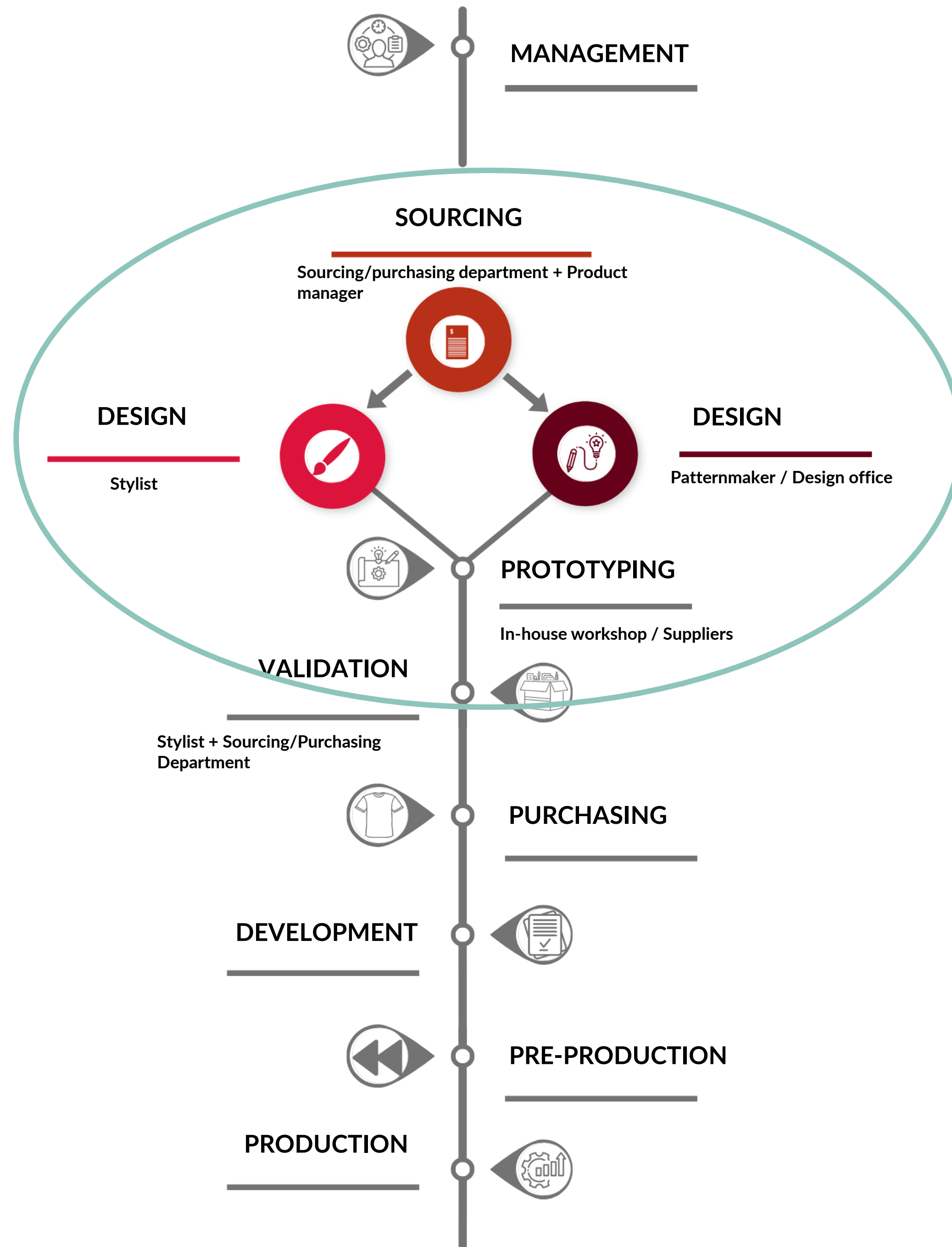
STANDARDIZATION

Collaborative and circular work between the design, conception, and sourcing departments

Goals:

Reduce the diversity of products brought to market each season

- Standardize materials within collections



Digitization

The background image is a soft-focus photograph of a workspace. On the left, a person with long, wavy blonde hair is partially visible, looking towards the right. In the center, a large black monitor sits on a desk, displaying a person in a plaid shirt. To the right of the monitor is a laptop, also displaying a person in a plaid shirt. The desk is light-colored wood. The word 'Digitization' is superimposed in the center in a large, bold, black sans-serif font.

Key figures:

- ➔ The estimated number of samples is between 13.5 and 27 million per year for France.
(Source: Calculation based on strategy 2 interviews)
- ➔ 15% to 70% reduction in prototypes thanks to 3D
(Source: Strategy 2 interview, CETI)
- ➔ Reduction in prototype development time: from 2 weeks to 8 hours (Source: CETI interview)



- Reduction in the number of prototypes
- Time savings
- Creation of a shape library



- Forecasting training time
- Characterisation of materials to achieve realistic results
- Adaptation of computer equipment (investment)
- Suppliers with the necessary software



DIGITIZATION

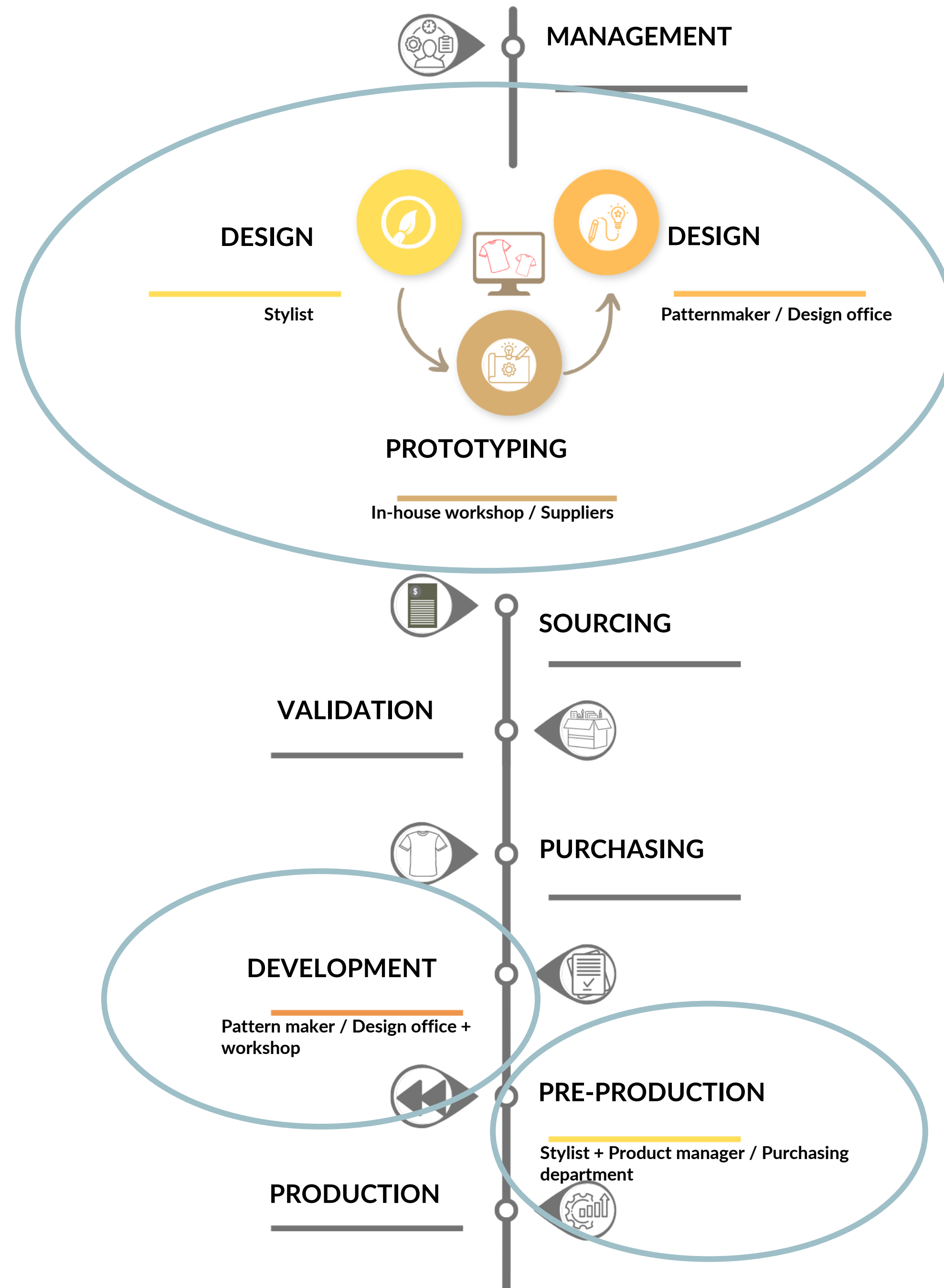
Goals:

- Reduce the number of prototypes
- Reduce material consumption
- Save time

Collaborative
development

Virtual prototypes
+ physical

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+ physical



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a piece of light blue fabric. The hand is positioned in the upper right corner, with fingers gripping the edge of the fabric. The fabric is draped over a surface that features a pattern of overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in shades of blue and green. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a gentle glow across the scene. The overall composition is clean and modern, emphasizing the textures and colors of the materials.

Zero waste/minimal waste design and Pattern placement optimization

Key figures:

- ➡ Zero waste design: efficiency close to 100%
- ➡ Minimal waste: Efficiency target of at least 85%

Key figures: Example of a French sports brand

- ➡ 7.8% reduction in material consumption
- ➡ 35% reduction in production waste



- Waste minimization
- Minimization of material consumption



- Adaptation for certain product categories only
- Overhaul of internal processes

Key figures:

- ➡ Loss of 15 to 20% of material during the cutting process
- ➡ Increased material efficiency, up to 98% depending on the product type
- ➡ Head-to-head placement allows for efficiency gains of up to 7.9% (depending on the type) compared to strict placement



- Reduction in material consumption
- Minimization of cutting waste
- Time savings on cutting



- Optimization is more difficult depending on complex fabric patterns and production constraints
- Initial investment in software, staff training, and process organization
- Adaptation of fabric widths: a challenge for material suppliers

ZERO WASTE / MINIMAL WASTE DESIGN

Collaborative and circular work between the design and engineering departments

Goals:

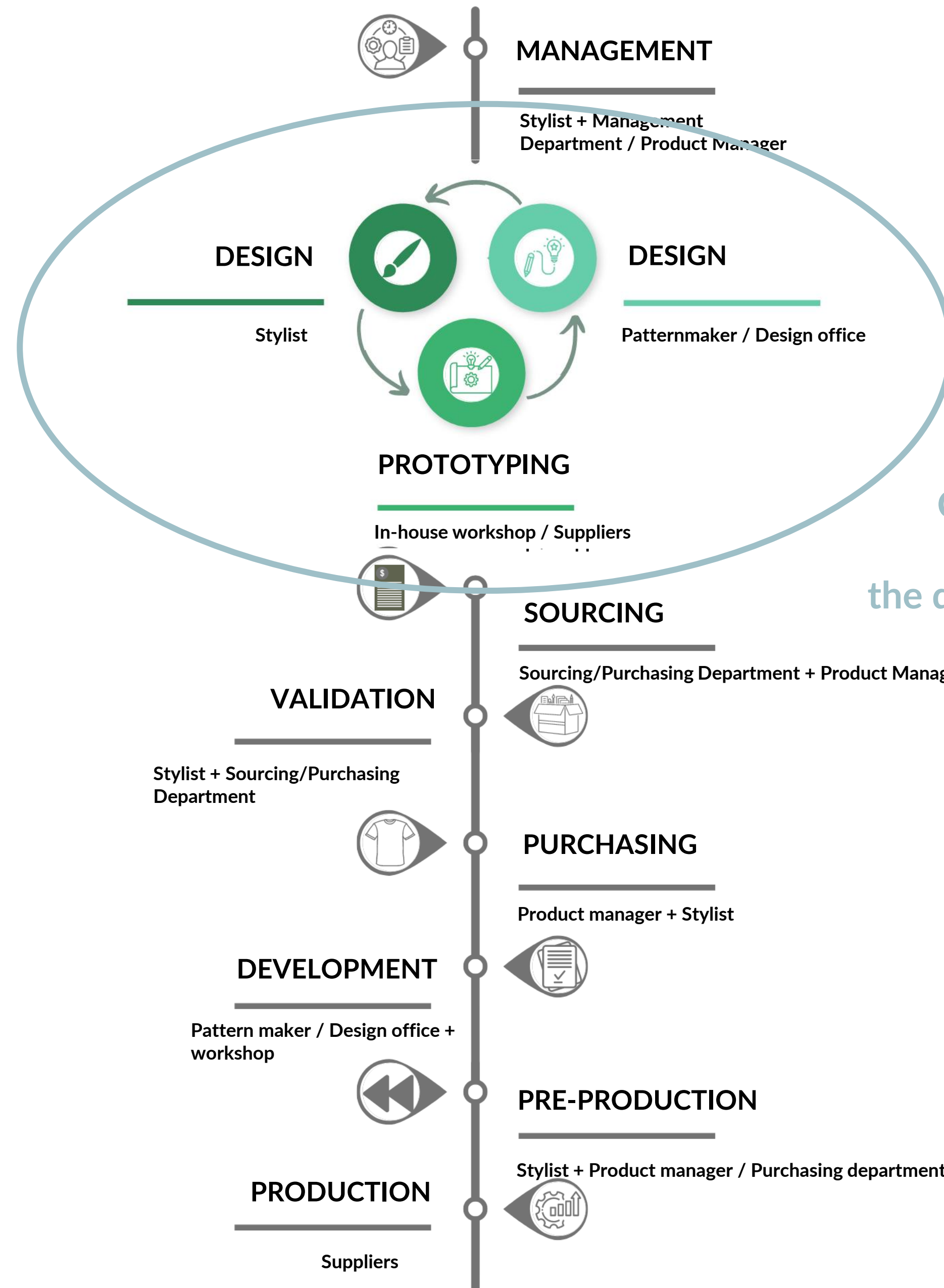
- Optimization of patterns and models
- Maximum material efficiency

OPTIMIZATION OF PATTERN PLACEMENT

Digital design and efficiency calculations

Goals:

- Optimization of piece placement
- Reduction of cutting waste

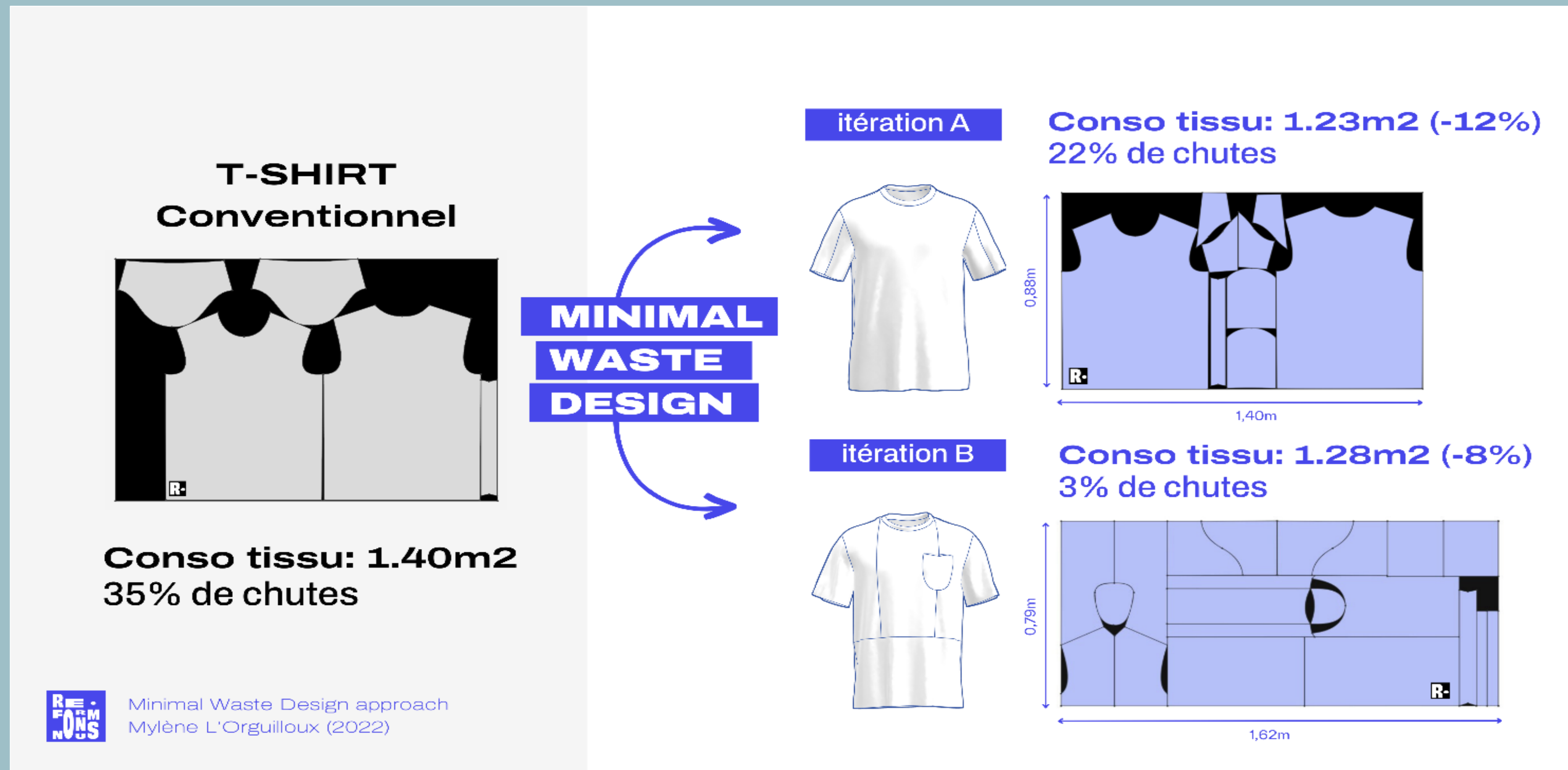


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Minimal Waste Design

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Form - Efficiency - Material consumption

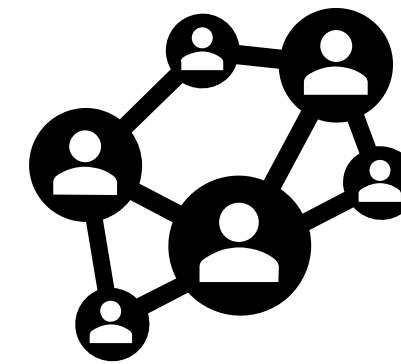


CONCLUSION

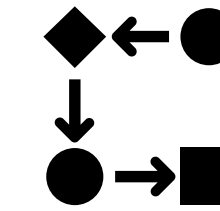
Key takeaways



-Unsold items
-Waste during
placement of
patterns.



Teamwork



Iterative and step-by-
step process

The Ecodesign Platform



A continuous source of information to learn about eco-design and get started!

Discover the platform



Eco design
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Agenda page: find past and upcoming events



Eco-watch: access documentation published by industry experts



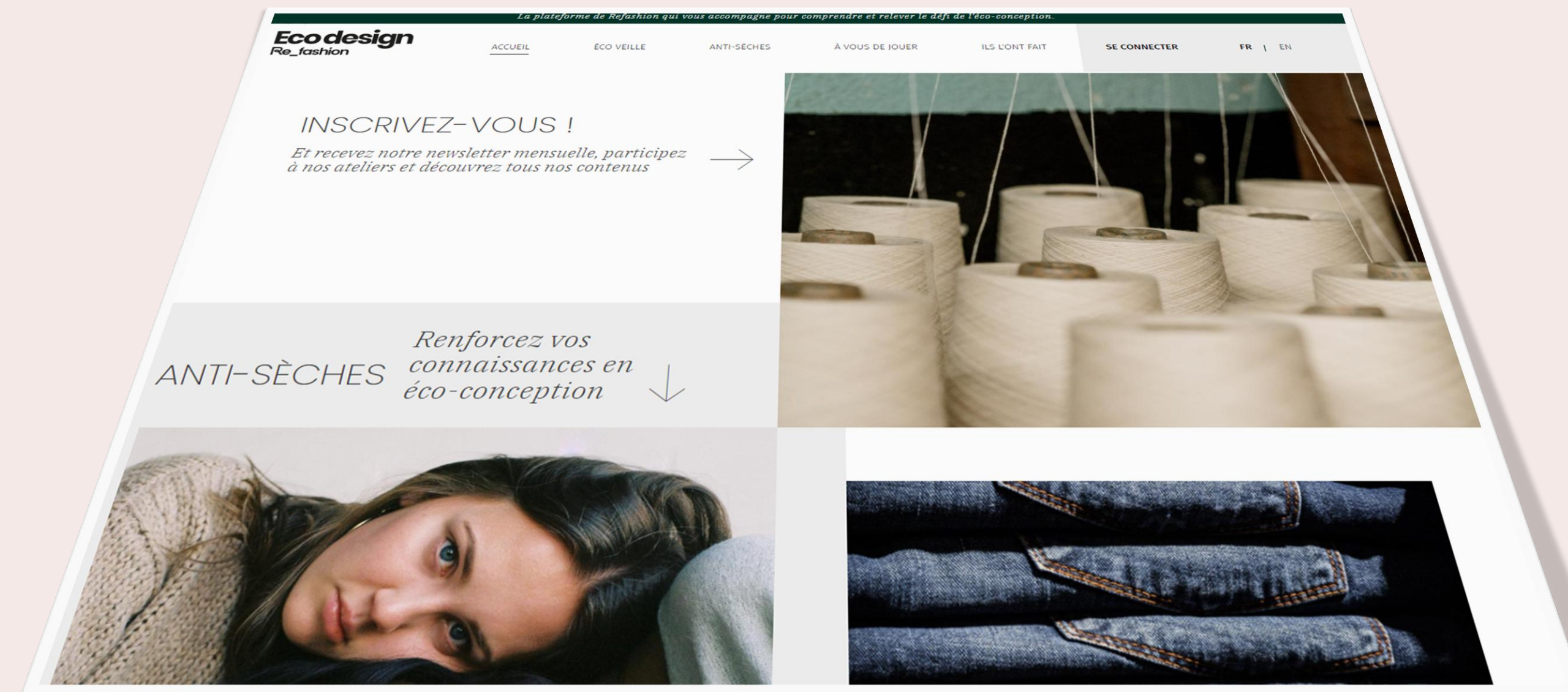
Cheat sheets: become an expert on key concepts



Your turn: follow step-by-step guides to eco-design



They did it: get inspired by projects already launched by industry players



Eco-design platform

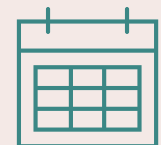


Useful resources

Discover the platform



Your turn: Reduce material losses during production



To review: Minimal/Zero Waste design

Reducing material losses during production

Project developers: Product development / Design / Modelling
Partners: Suppliers



Context and description

Among all of the clothing textile, household linen and footwear production stages (transformation of fibres, spinning, weaving, knitting, tanning, ennobling, manufacturing ...), it is manufacturing which generates the most material waste with annual global losses estimated to reach 60 billion m² of fabric.

The manufacturing stage consists in transforming fabric (material, knitwear or leather) into a finished product.

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Changemakers for a desirable future