Quifactum & Transparency

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Our case for the Material & Manufacturing Commons

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how, when, where, by whom articles are made

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Mathias Slabbinck

- “Mirabel Slabbinck” Family Business in luxury linen
- Is still producing luxury linen in Bruges, Belgium and this for a very long time already
- Craftsmanship, Environmental Responsibility, Fair Labor, Durable, High Quality Goods
POOR ESG
Rana Plaza drama (23/4/2013)
Production
Transparency in Fashion/Apparel

Information about
• Supply-Chain
• Materials
• Lifecycle of complete product
• Labor
• ...

Recent Legal Requirements for Fashion/Apparel
Production Transparency

This data

• Comes from different sources & a lot of different parties and flows up in the supply-chain

• Information with different sensitivity

• Information with different levels of certainty
Material Commons

No brainer (from my perspective) to see the value

Gap:
- Fashion industry reluctant on sharing data
- A lot of smaller Companies in Fashion
- They are totally unaware about the topic of and need for ontologies
- All data domains gathered should have specific ontologies
- Involvement of Fashion industry to help define ontologies is very hard
- A lot of difference in terminology
- OntoCommons seems to be very much created from scientific communities that are better able to understand the concept of ontologies, less so from SME viewpoint