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Ski Lifestyle: performance and recyclability

RadiciGroup delivers a 100% nylon, 100% recyclable garment to its Ski Club athletes and coaches: a circular economy runs in the family

This morning, the coaches of the RadiciGroup Ski Club were presented with a new **100% nylon gilet**, made by RadiciGroup with the collaboration of the companies in its **100% European** production chain. The gilet will be worn in the future by all RadiciGroup Ski Club athletes. This monomaterial garment was developed within an ecodesign framework and can, therefore, be easily recycled mechanically at the end of its life, thus becoming a secondary raw plastic material to be used for technical and industrial applications.

The RadiciGroup gilet is an actual example of the circular economy in action – an approach much talked about, but which few enterprises are capable of implementing in house. RadiciGroup's unique vertically integrated production makes the Group the only one in Europe capable of controlling its entire production process, from the production of polymer chemicals to fibres and engineering plastics, down to end-of-life recycling.

*"In sport and business, what counts is performance," stressed **Angelo Radici, president of RadiciGroup** and the main sponsor of the Ski Club. "Speaking as a sportsman and an entrepreneur, I believe we must always work towards improving ourselves on a daily basis, particularly improving our professional competence. Each goal we set has to become a stimulus to do more and better. This is what we at RadiciGroup are trying to do with our products, by working on maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of our production plants. For over 75 years, our constant commitment, continual training and close relationship with our customers have allowed us to deliver the best products, satisfy the demands of a highly competitive and demanding market, like textiles, and provide answers to sustainability problems."*

The 100% nylon gilet fulfils the above corporate vision. It is made with **Raditek® Fine yarn**, a high-tenacity polyamide yarn specially engineered for high technology applications, such as sails and parachutes. The yarn endows the fabric with high tear and abrasion resistance, while keeping it lightweight and resistant to UV radiation. The gilet features **Radilon® staple fibre** fibreball filling, a

polyamide zipper and nylon cords with a minimal percentage of elastomer so as not to jeopardize recyclability.

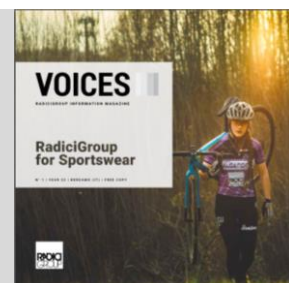
“This gilet, which combines style and comfort with high performance, has a second life incorporated in it,” Mr. Radici continued. *“Surely, in consideration of the high quality of the material used to make it, the garment will preserve its characteristics for a long time to come. But it’s also truly sustainable, and it’s nice to know that when the coaches and athletes of our Ski Club are no longer wearing it, they will be able to recycle it into plastics, to make new compounds with high technical and performance characteristics.”*

Recyclability is the direction in which the EU is moving. Indeed, on 18 April 2018, the **European Parliament** passed a legislative resolution establishing that, by 1 January 2025, the municipalities of the Member States have to set up separate waste collection for textiles with the objective of recycling them.

On the occasion of the gilet presentation, the RadiciGroup Ski Club handed out awards to some of its athletes who distinguished themselves by their competitive achievements with the team. Recognizing talent is part of RadiciGroup’s philosophy, so it can pursue the goal of stimulating young people to work hard towards their goals and to strive for excellence in their sport endeavours, professional career and personal life.

To learn more about RadiciGroup initiatives regarding sportswear, please read the last issue of the **corporate magazine VOICES**, available at the following internet link:

<https://www.radicigroup.com/en/news-media/voices/radicigroup-for-sportswear-40372>



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