INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF YARNS AND FIBRES
FOR WOVEN AND KNITTED FABRICS
FOR APPAREL, FURNISHING AND TECHNICAL TEXTILES

FILO and the excellence of the districts

FILO, the international event for fibres and yarns organized by AssoServizi Biella, is a business to business fair, but also the first step towards the fashion of the coming seasons. This is an international event which proposes the excellence of yarns for orthogonal and circular weaving, as well as technical textiles. In the Biella district, which has always been one of the most important areas for Italian textiles, there are 2,253 manufacturing companies 44% of which certain to the textile-clothing field, currently employing 13,000 people.

"After two very difficult years in 2008 and 2009 and a restructuring of the sector, 2010 presented a double digit order and production recovery, with confirmed growth estimates for the first quarter of 2011 of 20% for orders and 10% for production," explains Pier Francesco Corcione, director of Union Industriale Biellese. He concludes, "Despite the positive signs, we are cautious in the forecast for the current year, first of all because of the rising prices of raw materials, and also because of the bureaucratic and tax burdens. In any case, innovation, diversification and aggregation among businesses are the indispensible instruments to consolidate recovery and performance on the international markets. The companies participating at FILO have understood the importance of this challenge."

The 35th edition of FILO will be held on **March 15th and 16th 2011** at the Le Stelline Congress Centre in Milan.

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