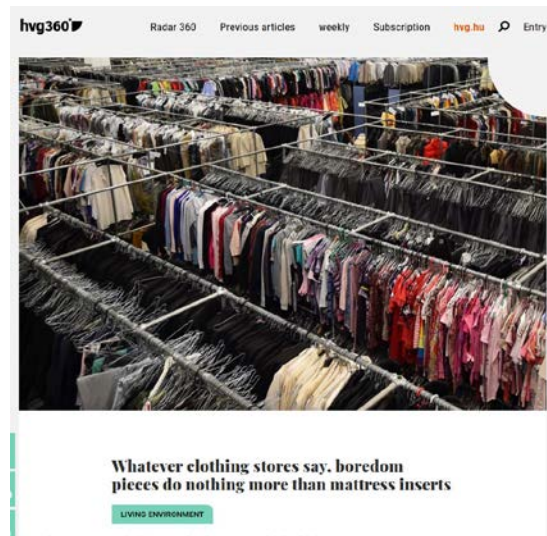


Whatever the stores say, the old clothes are used as mattress insert

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Every year we buy and throw away more and more clothes, although most of the clothes that are no longer needed are perfectly wearable. The technological possibilities for recycling used clothes and textiles are still limited and the question is whether there will be any market for such products.

It is no news to anyone that the textile and clothing industry is one of the most polluting industries. Based on the European Parliament's 2019 report on the environmental impact of the textile and clothing industry, we purchased approximately 6.4 million tons of new garments in 2015:

EU citizens buy an average of 12.66 kilos of new clothes a year, and 30% of them do not wear a year.

There is also a huge difference between EU Member States in collecting used clothing: according to the European Clothing Action Plan (ECAP), in Germany 70% of second-hand clothing and household linen was collected in 2015, compared to only 11 in Italy.

On average, less than half of the clothes that are no longer worn are collected for reuse or recycling - and only 1% of them can make new clothes... *(Article behind a paywall)*

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