approach to marketing strategy. The European Union is the world's most complex region, with "European citizenship" still in development and substantial differences in the economic, cultural, and infrastructural environments existing in Europe. Despite these divergences, the unification of lifestyles and growing uniformity in consumer tastes and purchasing behaviours progressively minimise the importance of traditional geographical, political, and cultural boundaries within Europe. Consequently European diversity impact on marketing communication strategy is quite low and standardisation of communication activities can bring success in conducting international business on the textile and clothing market.

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