



# LIFETAN - Eco friendly tanning cycle

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### **PROJECT**

LIFETAN aims at demonstrating, in the whole leather tanning process, the use of innovative natural products and technologies for the bating, defatting, fatting, dyeing and tanning phases.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The main environmental, social and economic goal is the replacement of current commercial chemical and toxic products with natural products in the whole tanning cycle, in order to establish a significantly eco-sustainable and convenient business for companies. Production of high quality leather products, traditional or new, perfectly workable.

#### Demonstration at three levels:

1st. Laboratory level

2nd. Semi-industrial level

3rd. Pre-industrial level

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- 6 new tanning formulations with natural products
- recycling and use of poultry waste to obtain technical products for the bating phase
- 100 leather samples tanned with natural products for each level:
  - laboratory semi-industrial pre-industrial
- further 100 leather products in line with EU Ecolabel criteria
- 20% reduction of pollutants in wastewater
- 20% reduction of water consumption
- 20% reduction of greenhouse gases
- increased biodegrability of the used molecules
- increased penetration of hides by novel products and high performance of the finished product
- demonstration of the technical, social and economic feasibility of chrome-free lather tanning.

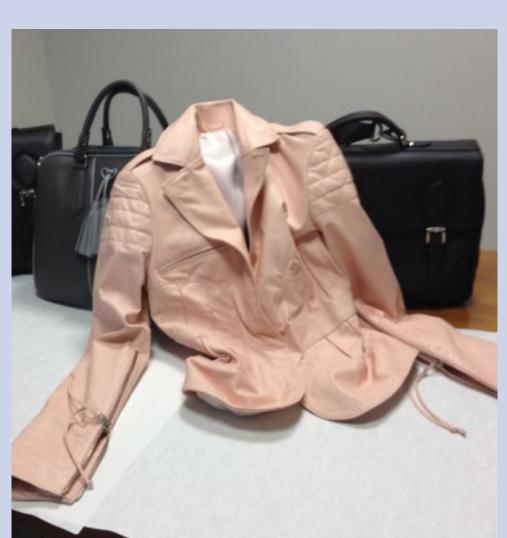
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