

## **Relax! – ERPO supports the Young Contract Creations Award**

**The "Young Contract Creations Award" will be awarded at the 2012 Heimtextil -the international trade fair for home and contract textiles - in Frankfurt for the 5th time now. Under the motto "Relax!", budding product-, furniture- and textile designers have designed multi-functional upholstered furniture for the commercial sector as entries in the competition.**

The criteria for the design should be that its shape is equally inviting for sitting in and for reclining on. An additional function, such as a notebook stand, for example, is also a required element of the competition. The young designers are not limited in their selection of materials - Trevira the fibre manufacturers have made all their furniture fabrics available for the competition. 80 designers from different international universities have entered the competition and have made the five-member jury's decision a difficult one to make. For Stefan Bornemann, jury member and Erpo Managing Director, supporting the competition is an investment in the future: "Furniture design lives from creativity and ideas". This year's winner can look forward to € 5,000 in addition to four weeks practical work experience in Erpo's development department. Other members of the jury involved in the decision-making process for the winning design of the "Young Contract Creations Award: Upholstery" are composed of representatives from the specialist magazine PolsterFashion, from the furniture industry as well as design and architectural disciplines. Furthermore, the top 25 designs will be on display from the 11th until the 14th January 2012 as part of a Heimtextil special show in Hall 4.2 and where the awards ceremony will take place at booth E75 on the 11th January at 4.30 p.m.

