



The European voice of the  
**adhesive** and **sealant industry**



## **Adhesives and Sealants**

Enablers of a sustainable society



# The adhesive and sealant industry, a continuing success story

FEICA is the European voice of the adhesive and sealant industry. Our industry is a success story that makes many everyday products possible, contributes to the economy, fosters sustainable development, encourages innovation and offers stimulating careers for people with a wide range of skills.

## Making everyday products possible

Bonding and sealing play an essential role in thousands of everyday items. From your mobile phone to your car; your washing machine to your shoes; the construction and weather-proofing of your house to your toilet tissue; all of these items and many more rely on adhesives and sealants. Not only do they make these products possible; in many cases they also enable manufacturers to produce them in a more cost-effective, environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

Almost five million tonnes of adhesives and sealants are produced and used in Europe annually, and this volume is growing every year. Adhesive manufacturers offer more than 250,000 different products for a diverse range of applications.

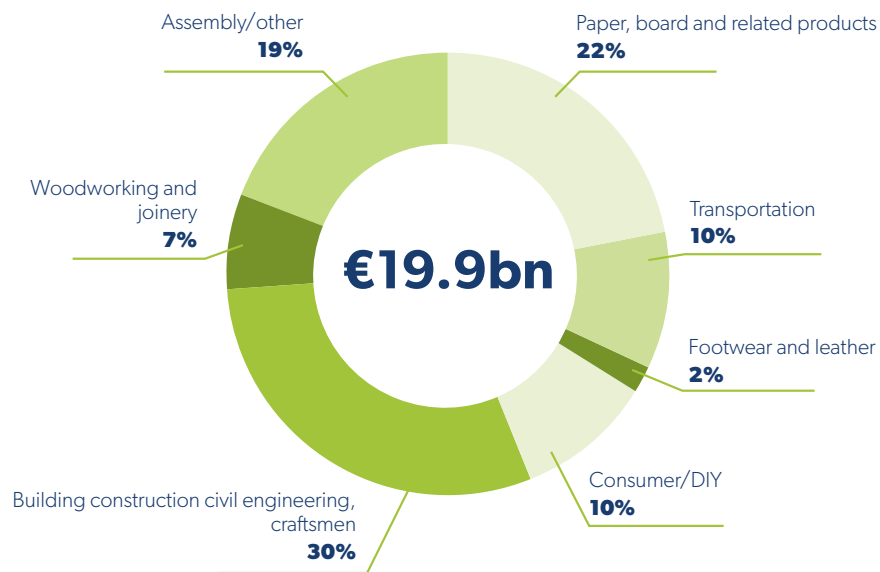


# Economic significance and contribution to the European economy

The global market for adhesives and sealants reached a value of 54.5 billion euros in 2018, with Europe (comprising Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe plus Turkey) holding a share of 30.8%. The European adhesives and sealants (A&S) market in 2022 was 4.8 million tonnes with a value of €19.9 billion. Adhesives accounted for 83.5% share of the total volume in 2022 and 74.7% share of the value.

## The European adhesive and sealant market 2022

### End-user sectors



Source: FEICA - Smithers European Adhesives and Sealants Market 2023 - 2028





# Sustainable development: The role of adhesives and sealants in a circular economy

FEICA recognises that a viable and sustainable future will depend on a more efficient, including circular, use of resources. The adhesive and sealant industry is eager to contribute to solutions to meet this challenge. Our industry launched its Sustainable Development Agenda in 2016 to ensure our members understand and support the development of a circular economy over the coming years.

The FEICA Sustainable Development Agenda aims to:

- Broaden and improve the understanding of sustainability in the industry.
- Promote best practice.
- Encourage the industry to increasingly engage in the development of adhesives and sealants solutions that enable customers and industries to operate more sustainably.

The three areas of progress on which FEICA's sustainability vision focuses are the development of solutions for energy efficiency, the most efficient use of raw materials and the safeguarding of the environment and human health.

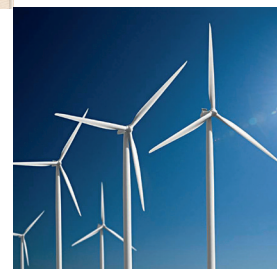
## **FEICA accelerates the move to a circular economy**

In light of the transition to an increasingly circular economy, FEICA actively supports efforts to improve product efficiency and circularity to help create a more sustainable society. The use of adhesives and sealants in many sectors, including construction, automotive, and energy production, contributes to reducing the carbon footprint of a surprising number of everyday and advanced products and manufacturing processes, creating a "new licence to do business in the 21st century".

## **Supporting our members to foster sustainability**

FEICA promotes excellence in how our members run their business processes to improve sustainable operations; for example, by reducing energy and water consumption, and reducing emissions to the air, water and soil.

Many of our member companies are working on novel solutions to improve process sustainability and life cycle performance. To demonstrate this, FEICA shares examples of good practice, available on [www.feica.eu](http://www.feica.eu).



# Innovation

## ADHESION INNOVATION AWARD 2023

### FEICA promotes innovation through the Adhesion Innovation Award

FEICA and EURADH (the biannual European conference on adhesion) launched a new joint award for adhesion science at the 2018 European Adhesive and Sealant Conference & EXPO.

Young researchers (including masters or doctoral students, post-docs and junior professors) working in adhesion science in Europe and who have published outstanding work are warmly invited to apply for the Adhesion Innovation Award.

The Award for Innovative Adhesion Science, which takes place every two years, aims to stimulate the interactions between industrial and scientific activities in adhesion science and to raise awareness of the outstanding contribution our sector's innovators make towards a circular economy and a better world.

Please see [www.adhesionaward.org](http://www.adhesionaward.org) for more information.

**The adhesive and sealant industry is committed to enabling a growing population to live a better life and to use the planet's resources more responsibly and efficiently**

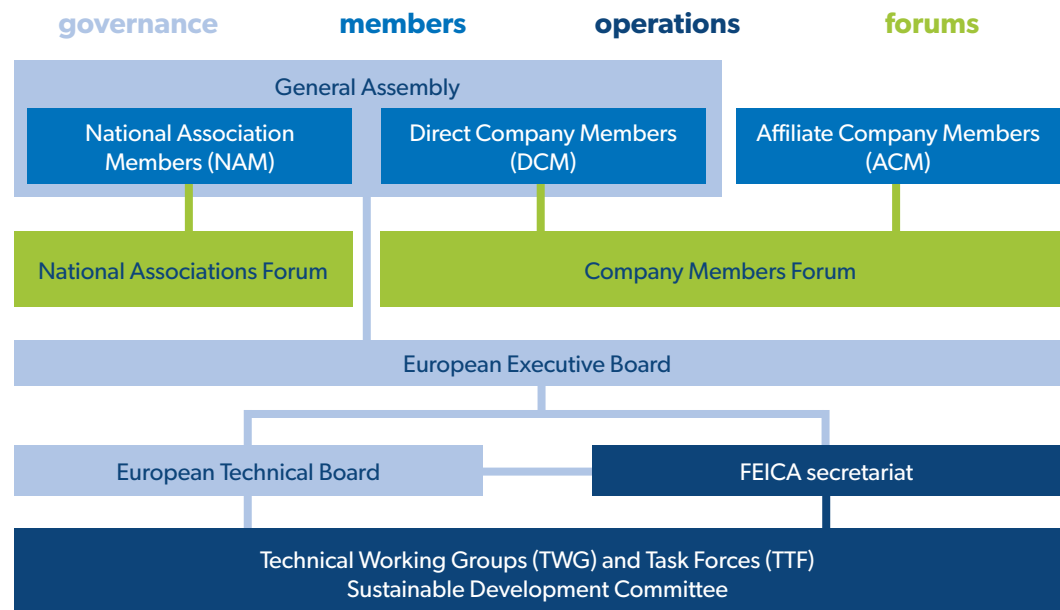


# FEICA: essential support for a vibrant industry

FEICA represents the adhesive and sealant industry at European level and works with all relevant stakeholders to create a mutually beneficial economic and legislative environment.

FEICA members comprise adhesive and sealant manufacturers, national adhesive and sealant associations, channel partners, and the institutes and associations of related industries. FEICA works with its members to create a powerful voice for the adhesive and sealant industry in Europe, constantly seeking to improve the economic and legal landscape for the industry by:

- Working with the European Commission and related bodies to contribute to and influence European legislation, ensuring that it protects people and the environment while also creating a framework that stimulates manufacturing.
- Sharing best practice and developing tools to assist members in key areas such as sustainability and innovation.
- Raising awareness of the benefits the industry brings to the economy, its contribution to sustainable development and the attractive careers it offers to talented people.
- Maximising representation of the industry, including from emerging countries.
- Working with national adhesive and sealant associations to help them support their SME members.
- Forging strong relationships with adhesive and sealant organisations around the world to develop international standards and share knowledge.



## FEICA's strategic plan

FEICA's Executive Board has developed **four strategic areas**, along with preliminary objectives for each of them:

- Public affairs and advocacy.
- Sustainability and circular economy.
- Industry networking platform.
- Market and sector knowledge.



# The benefits of FEICA membership

FEICA provides an effective platform for networking throughout the adhesive and sealant value chain. Members can contribute to and keep up-to-date on key issues and trends through FEICA's annual Conference & EXPO, newsfeeds, newsletters, members' intranet and a range of working groups. Key benefits of FEICA membership include:

## Make your voice heard in Brussels

The European Community's regulatory environment is mostly shaped in Brussels. FEICA has established an excellent working relationship with EU legislators and is recognised as a trusted and competent partner for issues affecting the adhesive and sealant industry. With its base in Brussels, its broad representation from the industry and its excellent collaboration with related industry organisations, FEICA is an extremely effective advocacy platform.

FEICA members are encouraged to take an active role in its working groups to help shape the industry's position on European issues. Active participation offers a unique opportunity to be heard by the European institutions and to benefit from the cooperation with other colleagues.

## Keep up-to-date on emerging legislation

Through our dialogue with EU legislators and our information exchange with the national adhesive and sealant associations, we are able to inform members quickly about the key developments affecting the adhesive and sealant industry.

As a result, FEICA members can anticipate regulatory changes and integrate them more smoothly into their own operational planning.

## Receive valuable information and advice

Members receive information tailored to their needs, analysed by FEICA with the unique perspective of the adhesive and sealant industry, with input as appropriate from its national association members and other experts.

## Share best practice, exchange views and network

As a member you will benefit from many opportunities to meet with colleagues from the industry, its associations and raw material suppliers from across Europe for an exchange of views and best practice on common issues affecting the Industry. While FEICA works at the European level, our national association members are active in their own country. This representation at both national and European levels provides added impact to our activities.

## Benefit from reduced member rates

FEICA members get free access to most FEICA seminars and substantial discounts on FEICA Market Reports and the FEICA European Adhesive and Sealant Conference & EXPO.

## Membership

FEICA membership is open to:

- National associations in Europe representing adhesive or sealant manufacturers.
- Direct company members: Individual companies manufacturing adhesives or sealants in Europe.
- Affiliate company members: Raw material suppliers, and equipment and service providers related to the adhesive and sealant industry.

**Join FEICA today and help strengthen  
your industry**

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