

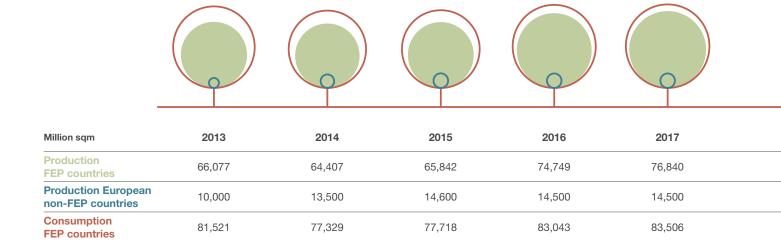
The European Parquet Industry in 2023

The European parquet market seems to have reached the bottom in 2023

After a good year 2022 which consolidated the level reached during the booming 2021, the European parquet market experienced a significant drop of 30.5% in 2023. Decreases were observed on all European markets, reflecting the decline in construction activity, high interest rates, lack of consumer confidence, and unfair competition.

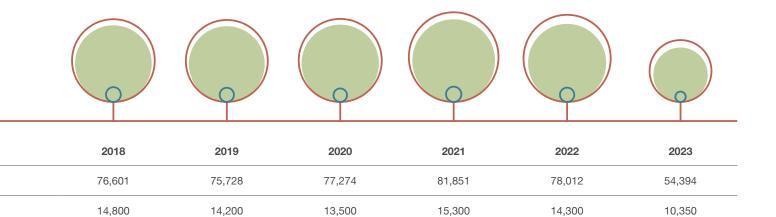
The production in FEP territory fell by 30.5% in 2023 to 54.4 million square meters. The European production outside FEP countries is at an estimated 10.4 million square meters.

Taking into account the total production in Europe (FEP countries + non-FEP countries in Europe) implies that production in 2023 dropped by 29.52% to 64.74 million m².



Parquet production in Europe

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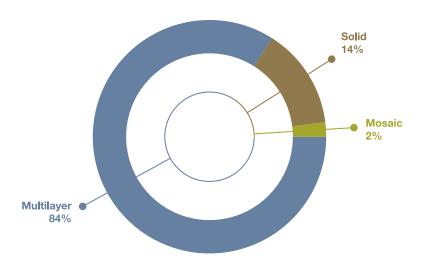
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Consumption reached 87,116,000 m². Consumption in FEP area fell as well by -30.5%, and reached almost 62 million m².

	Production development 2023/2022	Consumption development 2023/2022
	%	%
AT	-27.16	-13.33
BE	-20.12	-24.99
СН	-28.15	-20.14
CZ	-41.67	-45.04
DE	-46.62	-45.79
EE	-60.00	-52.46
ES	-23.95	-23.37
FR	-21.67	-19.39
HR	-35.92	-49.43
HU	-34.71	-46.92
IT	-21.90	-27.79
NL	-29.98	-30.35
PL	-28.63	-40.00
PT	-12.50	-15.87
RO	-32.61	-31.97
Scandinavia	-34.40	-22.69
DK/FIN/NO	-35.50	-35.00
SE	-34.21	-13.53
FEP	-30.50	-30.50

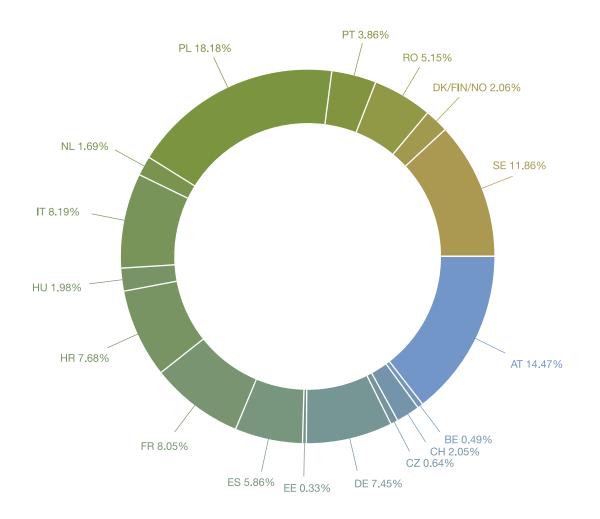
Production per type - 2023

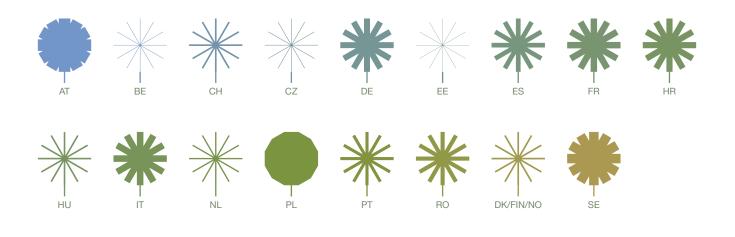
The 2023 total parquet production per type remains similar to the picture already presented from 2010 onwards, whereby multilayer comes in first with 84% (compared to 83% in 2022), being followed by solid at 14% (compared to 15% in 2022) and mosaic with a stable 2% of the total cake.



Total FEP Production Percentages for 2023

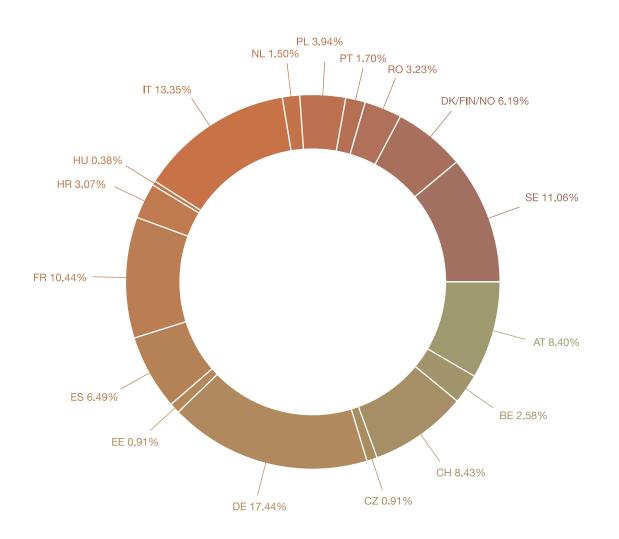
In absolute production figures by country, Poland maintains its top position at 18.18%. Austria with 14.47% keeps the second place on the podium and Sweden the third (11.86%). Italy takes the 4th position from Germany which ranks 7th.

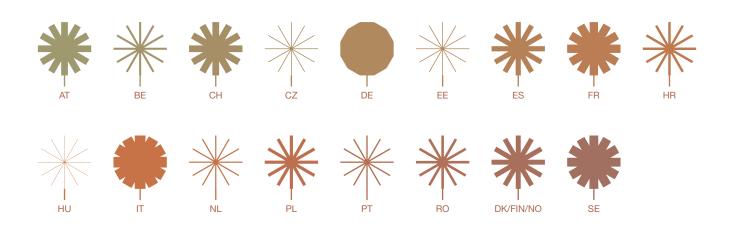




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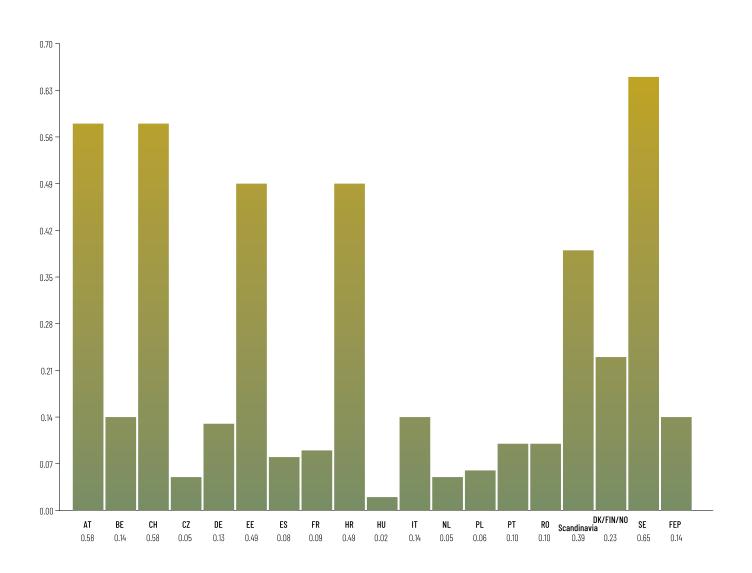
In terms of consumption per country, Germany keeps its first position despite a declining share at 17.44%. Italy at 13.35% and Sweden at 11.06% complete the podium followed by France at 10.44%.



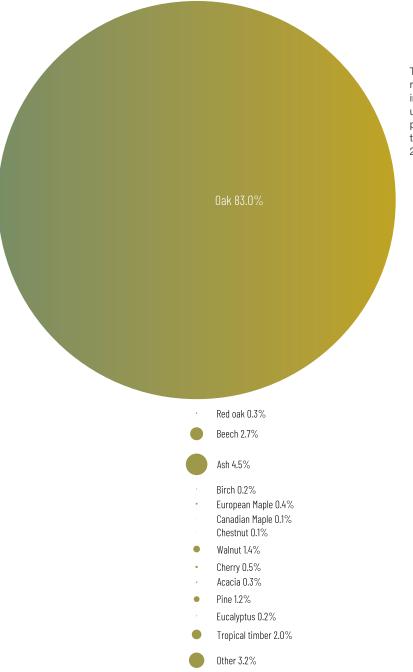


Consumption per capita 2023

As regards the per capita parquet consumption, Austria, Switzerland, Estonia, Croatia, and Sweden lead the ranking. In the total FEP area, the consumption per inhabitant falls significantly from 0.20 m² in 2022 to 0.14 m2 in 2023.



Use of wood species



The usage of wood species in 2023 indicates that the share of oak increases slightly to 83.0% compared to 82.1% in 2022. Tropical wood species represent a stable 2.0% of used wood (although the category "other" at 3.2% could, partly, be added to tropical wood). Ash and beech are still the two other most common chosen species with 4.5% and 2.7% respectively.

Outlook for 2024

The year 2024 is expected to be stable with a low level of consumption - the sector seems to have reached a bottom where it could remain for some time. The destocking has ended and we are therefore no longer observing speculation but real consumption.

In general, the situation continues to be difficult on the European parquet markets although some signs – slightly positive – point to, at least, a stabilisation of the consumption in the coming months. However, interest rates remain too high and construction activity subdued along a strong unfair competition from outside the EU.

It should be noted that consumers can rely on the European parquet industry in a context of successive crisis (Covid, wars, Red Sea, etc.). Delivery times in the European parquet industry have returned to pre-Covid level.

In this difficult context, FEP welcomes the European Commission's decision to initiate an anti-dumping investigation against imports of multilayer parquet from China. This action comes as a necessary step to level the playing field in the EU market given the unfairly low prices of Chinese parquet imports as a result of significant overcapacity and structural distortions in their market.