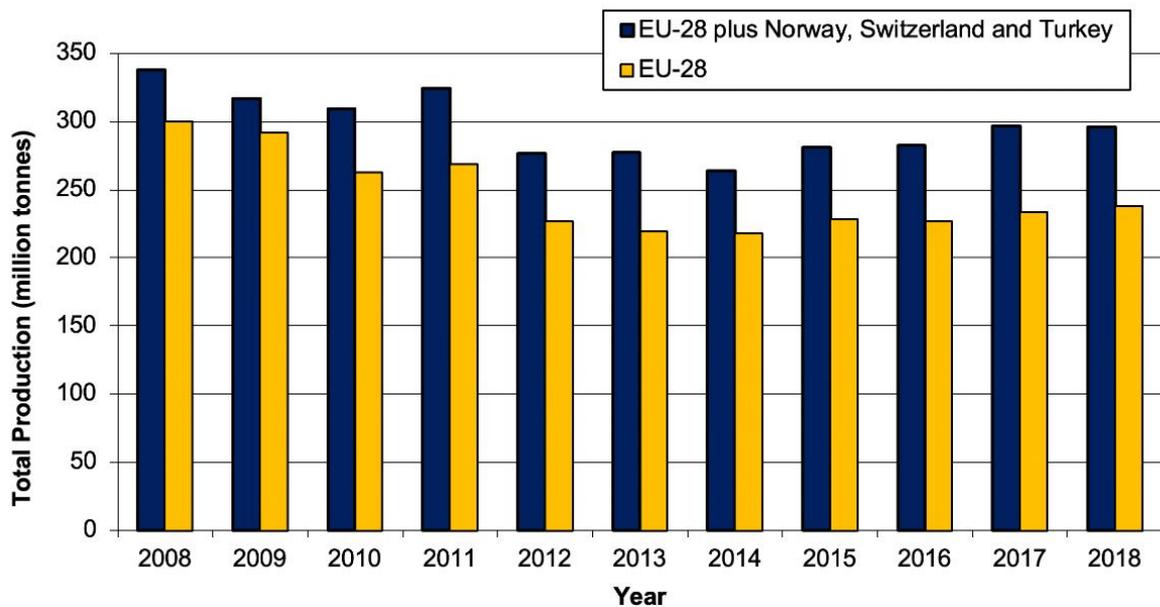


Press Release

“EAPA Asphalt in Figures 2018 – Steadily growing re-use of asphalt, but total production far from pre-crisis levels”

Brussels, 21 February 2020. The European Asphalt Pavement Association (EAPA) has released its overview of the latest production figures of the European Asphalt Industry, the “EAPA Asphalt in Figures 2018”.

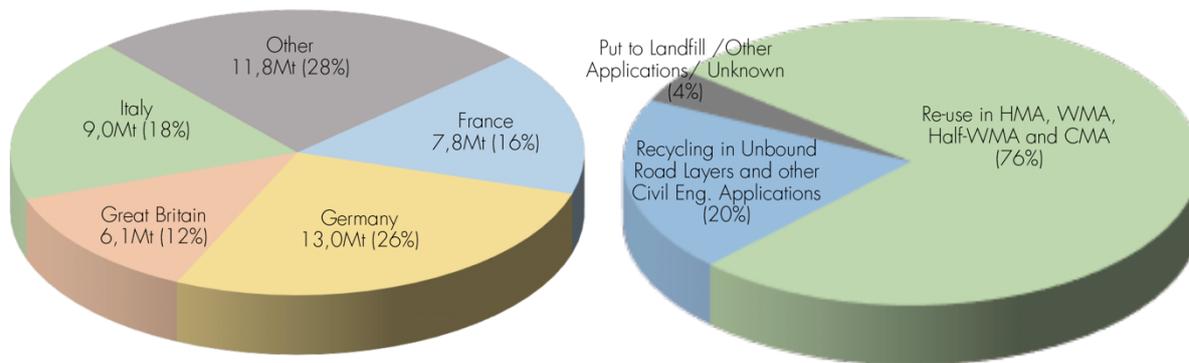


Total Production of Hot and Warm Mix Asphalt in EU-28 and EU-28 plus Norway, Switzerland and Turkey, in the period 2008 – 2018 (in million tonnes)

In 2018, the total production of hot and warm mix asphalt in the countries of EU-28 increased the fourth year in a row. This increase was 2,8% reaching 240,5 million tonnes (Mt). However, when other European countries are included, e.g. Norway, Switzerland and Turkey, the total production remains practically the same (297,9 million tonnes). Turkey continued being in 2018 the number one asphalt producing country in Europe with a total production of 41.7 million tonnes, followed very closely by Germany (41,0 million tonnes, -2.4%) and France (35,0 million tonnes, +3,9%). Additionally, it has been the fourth year in a row with growing numbers.

Despite these figures, after analysing the data of 33 European countries, it could be concluded that the total production is still 15% lower than the maximum levels reached before the crisis (347,7 Mt in 2007).

The figures provided by 16 countries about their levels of re-use and recycling of reclaimed asphalt from existing pavements, showed that, out of the 49,5 Mt of reclaimed asphalt available in these countries, 76% was re-used in the manufacture of new asphalt mixes and extra 20% was recycled in unbound road layers and other civil Engineering applications. This means that only 4% was put to landfill or used in other and unknown applications. These figures make asphalt an important tool, within the construction sector, to meet the challenging objectives of circular economy, which the European Commission included in “The European Green Deal”.



Total amount of reclaimed asphalt available in European countries providing data in 2018 (left) and the application of reclaimed asphalt in European countries providing data (right)

The production of Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA), an important tool to reduce the emissions and energy consumption of the sector, has been generally increasing over the last years, reaching in 2018 a production of almost 6,8 Mt. European champion in WMA production is France with 3,7 Mt, followed by Norway (1,3 Mt) and The Netherlands (0,8 Mt).

For this latest edition of the “Asphalt in Figures” please visit the EAPA website <https://eapa.org/asphalt-in-figures>

About “Asphalt in Figures”

Every year EAPA is collecting and publishing key figures of the European asphalt industry in the so called “Asphalt in figures”. In these overviews you can find data of the asphalt production in Europe, data regarding the application and the use of binders. The data has been collected and provided since 1990 with the assistance of the members of the European Asphalt Pavement Association (EAPA).

The releases since 2013 are publicly available on the EAPA website.

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Notes for Editors

The European Asphalt Pavement Association (EAPA) is the trusted voice of the European asphalt paving industry. With 40 Members and Associated Members, EAPA represents most of the asphalt pavement industry engaged in asphalt production, asphalt road construction and maintenance all over Europe. EAPA is the trusted voice of the Asphalt Paving Industry in Europe and works to ensure that the use of asphalt, as the optimum choice for the construction and maintenance of the vital European road infrastructure, is fully appreciated, promoted and implemented.

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