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The socio-economic impact of hunting, sports shooting and the related sectors in Europe

ABOUT ESSF

The European Shooting Sports Forum (ESSF) is an informal platform where representatives of international bodies active at European level in the fields of sports shooting, hunting, firearms collecting, trade and industry maintain an open dialogue to discuss issues of common interest, in particular the environmental, legal, political and socio-economic aspects of such activities.

The ESSF represents a substantial socio-economic sector (including many thousands of small and medium sized enterprises) with the participation of over 10 million law-abiding and responsible citizens.

The ESSF is composed of the European Association of the Civil Commerce of Weapons (AECAC), the Association of European Sporting Ammunition Manufacturers (AFEMS), the European Shooting Confederation (ESC), the Association of European Manufacturers of Sporting Firearms (ESFAM), the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE), the Foundation for European Societies of Arms Collectors (FESAC), and the Institut Européen des Armes de Chasse et de Sport (IEACS). The following international organisations act as observers: the Federation Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse (FITASC), the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), and the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

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€180 billion

Total economic value of the European civilian firearms, ammunition, hunting and sports shooting sectors

0.99% of Europe's average GDP

For comparison:



BMW Group



Mercedes-Benz



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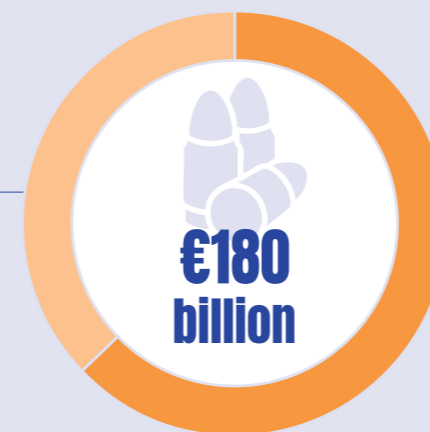
1,1 million

Total number of employees



For comparison:
equal to
Belgium's Public Sector Workforce (full-time)

Economic impact in detail



€67 billion

Induced effects of the connected sectors

€113 billion

Firearms, ammunition, hunting and sports shooting sectors



Industry's annual turnover

€3,3 billion



Firearms industry turnover

€2,5 billion



Ammunition industry turnover

€6,3 billion



Auxiliary Firearms Industry turnover¹

¹Importers, gun shops, and maintenance companies

Hunters and Sports Shooters' annual expenditures



€48,8 billion
Hunters' expenditure



€47,5 billion
Sports Shooters' expenditure

Source: The Firearms and Ammunition Sector for Sporting, Hunting and Civilian Use in Europe Urbino University 2025