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The socio-economic impact of the civil firearms and ammunition industry sectors in Europe

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ABOUT IEACS

Hints of history
IEACS, *l'Institut Européen des Armes de Chasse et de Sport* (European Institute of Hunting and Sporting Arms), is a non-profit association which was founded in 1976.

In 1980, the Institute was awarded the qualification of "International association with scientific aim" by the Belgian Government and soon afterwards, it was recognized by the European Community as the spokesperson for the industry.

IEACS today
Through its member associations, IEACS represents today around 1000 companies involved in, and 150 manufacturers of, civilian firearms across Europe. These companies manufacture sporting firearms and ammunition specifically designed for hunting and sports shooting – for example, smoothbore shotguns for clay pigeon shooting or hunting, rifles for precision shooting and hunting. Some also produce firearms for law enforcement, although overall this represents only a negligible proportion of production.

Mission

IEACS' mission is to study all the issues related to the sporting firearms industry, their components and the specific manufacturing material, from a scientific, technical, safety, regulatory and institutional point of view, and establish a dialogue between the industry, the actors of other sectors and international and European bodies.

Objectives

- To follow the developments of the regulatory, scientific, technical and socio-economic activities, both on a national and international scale, that have an impact on the sporting and civil firearms related activities;

- To keep its members informed;
- To make the consultation among the members easier and formulates common positions;
- To carry out research studies and investigations, gather statistics related to the sporting and civil firearms related activities;
- To provide objective information on all aspects of the sporting and civil firearms related activities to both governmental and non-governmental bodies as well as to the public in general.

Membership

Members

- Associazione Nazionale Produttori Armi e Munizioni Sportive e Civili (ANPAM)
- Asociacion Empresarial de La Armeria Caza y Tiro (ASECATI)
- Asociación Armera
- Belgian Weapon Forum (BWF)
- Consorzio Armaioli Italiani (CONARMI)
- The Gun Trade Association Ltd (GTA)
- Verband der Hersteller von Jagd-, Sportwaffen und Munition (JSM)
- Sako Ltd
- Syndicat professionnel National de la Filière ArMurière (SNAFAM)

Associate Members

- Association des Fabricants européens de Munitions de Sport (AFEMS)
- Association of European Manufacturers of Sporting Firearms (ESFAM)

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over **€12 billion**
Total European civilian firearms and ammunition industry turnover¹

For comparison:
€12.7 billion

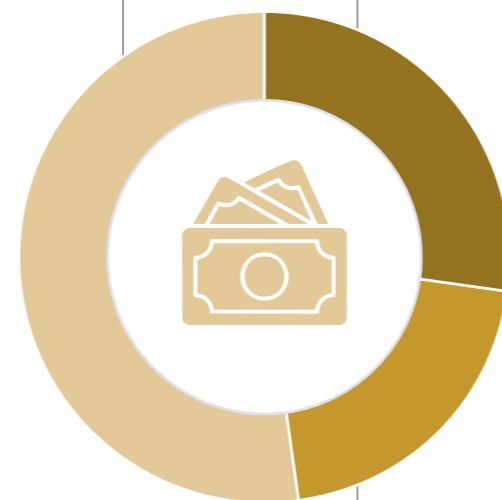


¹Including auxiliary sectors (i.e. importers, gun shops, and maintenance companies)

Industry's annual turnover in detail

€6,3 billion

Auxiliary Firearms Industry



€3,3 billion

Firearms industry

€2,5 billion

Ammunition industry



Almost **80,000 employees²**

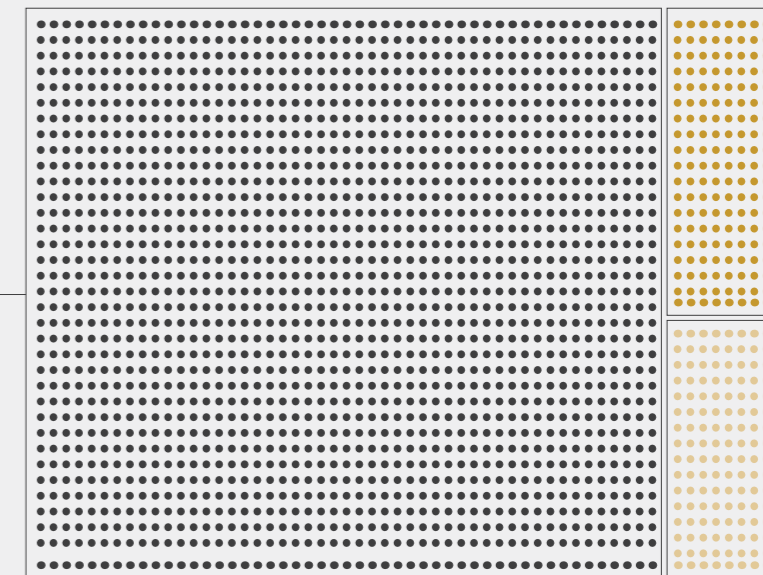
equal to



²Including firearms components industry, generic suppliers and auxiliary sectors

2.811 companies

2.400
Firearms components and generic suppliers



218
Firearms

193
Ammunition