European Panel Federation

Members in 23 countries

- Particleboard 31.9 million m³
- MDF 11.2 million m³
- OSB 2.4 million m³
Particleboard Consumption in Europe

(million m³)


EPF
Particleboard Consumption 2003

EU 15 average  +1.3%
Eastern Europe  +9.8%
Europe total  +3.2%

Legend:
- > 5%
- 1 to 5%
- -1 to 1%
- -5 to -1%
- < -5%
Demand/Capacity MDF in Europe

(million m³)

- **Demand**
- **Production**
- **Capacity**

Data for the years 1997 to 2005, with predictions for 2004* and 2005*.
MDF User Industries in Europe 2003

- Furniture Industry: 55%
- Laminate Flooring: 30%
- Building Industry: 8%
- Mouldings: 3%
- Other: 4%

EPF
Demand/Capacity OSB in Europe

(million m³)

- **Demand**: Green bars
- **Production**: Orange bars
- **Capacity**: Red bars

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*Estimated data
Consumption Wood-based Panels in Europe

Plywood
OSB
MDF
Particle board

EPF
Consumption WB Panels in North America

(million m³)

source data: UNECE/FAO
Highlights of Wood-based Panels Chapter

Forest Products Annual Market Review:

- Mid-2003 turning point in particleboard industry
- Further restructuring in Europe and North America
- Central/Eastern Europe and CIS stronger growth
- Biomass competition still apparent in some regions
- Overall continued growth in 2004 – demand
- Smoother capacity developments
- Improving market situation