



Activity Report 2026



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INDUSTRY.

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EGMF in a nutshell

The European Garden Machinery Industry Federation – EGMF – has been the voice of the garden machinery and outdoor power equipment industry in Europe since 1977. We represent manufacturers of garden, landscaping, forestry and turf maintenance equipment.

EGMF members share with households, municipalities, landscapers and greenkeepers the responsibility for green area maintenance which improves the quality of our lives.

EGMF MEMBER
COMPANIES
SOLD OVER

18

MILLION UNITS

IN EUROPE (39 COUNTRIES)
IN 2025



FULL
MEMBERS



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS



ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS

Our footprint

At EGMF, we value unity and cooperation. Sharing knowledge, experience, and connections is at the core of our strategy and are key elements of our success.

By bringing together leading companies and national associations, EGMF gives its members a strong collective voice and a platform to shape the future of Europe's garden machinery sector.

Additionally, we regularly join forces with other European associations, notably to highlight similar concerns or message on the same policy files. Building on very successful experiences in previous years, our close collaboration with

fellow organisations in the machinery sector and the mechanical industry makes us stronger when facing regulatory challenges.

In past years, EGMF has also engaged in ad-hoc coalitions and wider industry platforms, such as the Umbrella Project on RoHS exemptions and the “BatteriesTransport” initiative.

At international level, we maintain a very close cooperation with our US counterpart, OPEI – the Outdoor Power Equipment institute. Regular communication helps us to share expertise on our respective markets and to better understand regulatory challenges that our industry faces on both sides of the Atlantic.

To learn more and keep updated on our activities, visit our [website](#), or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#).

Governance

Governing bodies

The EGMF Board is elected by the General Assembly and is composed of representatives of our corporate members. The Board drives the association’s strategy and supervises the management of the association.

EGMF BOARD 2026-2030



ANTHONY NADALIN
EGMF PRESIDENT
(THE TORO COMPANY)



LUCA CAPPELLAZZO
VICE-PRESIDENT
(STIGA)



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(BOSCH LAWN & GARDEN)



PAUL TROWMANN
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SJOERD VAN DE VELDE
(BRIGGS & STRATTON)



MAXENCE ZACHARIE
(HONDA)



ANDERS BENGTSSON
(HUSQVARNA)



BECKY COTSWORTH
(MTD / STANLEY BLACK & DECKER)

Working bodies

The Technical and Marketing Committees are driving EGMF’s work on technical, regulatory, and marketing matters. These two committees, and their several task forces, are bringing together the knowledge and experience of more than 150 experts from both national associations and companies.



EGMF Team

The daily work of EGMF is coordinated by the Secretariat. Based in Brussels, the team manages the market surveys and engagement with the EU institutions, thus supporting outreach.



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SECRETARY GENERAL



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TECHNICAL DESK OFFICER



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(ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY)



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(INTERNAL MARKET)

Message from the President

TOGETHER,
WE WILL CONTINUE
TO NAVIGATE CHANGE,
CHAMPION INNOVATION
AND SUPPORT THE
LONG-TERM SUCCESS
OF OUR SECTOR.

ANTHONY NADALIN
EGMF PRESIDENT

As I reflect on the past year, I do so against a backdrop of continued change and challenge for our industry. Despite difficult market conditions across much of Europe, EGMF has remained focused on supporting its members, strengthening industry representation, and delivering greater value through both our Marketing and Technical Committees. Looking back at 2025 and the first half of 2026, market conditions have remained challenging across Europe. Weather patterns have continued to impact our industry, with 2025 marked by widespread drought conditions

and 2026 already experiencing similar trends, including heatwave events in several regions. At the same time, economic sentiment has remained below long-term averages, while consumer confidence has largely flatlined. Many households continue to take a cautious approach to discretionary spending, with geopolitical uncertainty adding further pressure through inflation and broader consumer anxiety.

Against this backdrop, EGMF members reported a modest market decline of 0.6% in 2025. While the market remains under pressure, important shifts in consumer behaviour continue to reshape our industry. Adoption of battery-powered equipment, handheld products and robotic solutions continue to grow as users increasingly embrace more sustainable and technologically advanced alternatives. Petrol-powered categories continue to face challenges, while riding machines have maintained stable volumes and a solid market position. Despite these headwinds, EGMF has continued to strengthen its value through the important work of both the Marketing Committee and the Technical Committee.

The Marketing Committee has made significant progress in enhancing the value and quality of market intelligence available to members. Continuous improvements to the Tableau data visualisation platform have increased automation, improved data accuracy and strengthened reporting capabilities. Cooperation with national associations has been reinforced, while collaboration with OPEI continues to provide additional market insight. At the same time, product categories have evolved to introduce greater granularity where permitted under compliance requirements,

ensuring EGMF data remains relevant, actionable and valuable for members while also helping attract future participants to the Federation.

A particular success has been the expansion of robotics market coverage. Through ongoing outreach efforts, three major robotic mower manufacturers have joined EGMF since 2025. This strengthens our representation of one of the fastest-growing segments in the market and provides a more complete picture of the evolving industry landscape.

The Technical Committee remains one of EGMF's greatest strengths. Supported by 11 active task forces, it brings together the expertise, commitment and industry knowledge of EGMF members to defend, support and advance the interests of our sector.

Machinery Regulation guidance has been a key priority, with EGMF playing a leading role in updating the Machinery Regulation Guide and developing guidance on digital instructions and digital Declarations of Conformity. Alongside this work, EGMF has been actively engaged in advocacy efforts supporting the European Commission's Omnibus IV package on simplification and digitalisation, particularly regarding the introduction of digital documentation. EGMF has also contributed to numerous joint position papers and industry statements with partner organisations such as EPTA, CECE and European, particularly on environmental and regulatory policy files affecting our sector. Together, these activities ensure that the voice of the garden machinery industry is represented at the highest levels of European policymaking and that EGMF members remain

at the forefront of shaping the regulatory environment in which they operate.

The Board has also introduced formal eligibility criteria for future Board elections, bringing greater transparency to the Federation's governance.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new members in 2026. Their participation reflects the continued evolution of our industry and strengthens EGMF's ability to represent the full breadth of the European garden machinery market.

To all our members, thank you for your trust, engagement and continued support. The expertise and commitment demonstrated across our committees, task forces and membership are what make EGMF a respected and influential voice for our industry. Together, we will continue to navigate change, champion innovation and support the long-term success of our sector.



Market Analysis

The garden machinery industry has been facing critical market conditions, influenced by various trends and factors.

The percentage of the total market which cordless equipment accounts for is continuing to grow and there has been a small shift in the voltage split with growth in the 25V-40V sector which is mainly 36V.

There have been several positive developments in the Marketing Committee: the new visualisation tool Tableau is up and running and has undergone key technical improvements allowing members to see the data in a more user- friendly manner. An ongoing focus for the association, where the Marketing Committee has been in the lead, is attracting new members: EGMF has welcomed three new robotic mower manufacturers from October 2025 until now. Moreover, the Committee has strived to increase cooperation, including relevant data exchanges, between member companies and national associations.

Major influencing factors

WEATHER

- Across Europe record temperatures and drought conditions have been recorded, severe wildfires are destroying large areas and people are being displaced.
- River levels in the Rhine and Danube are critically low affect trade and power generation.
- Drought conditions destroyed millions of tons of grain, leading to severe corn losses in France and Romania.
- The World Health Organisation estimates that 10,000 to 25,000 deaths can be attributed to the extreme heat episodes we've experienced.

WARS

- There is war between Russia and Ukraine and a new war in the Middle East.
- Energy and commodity: European nations have largely moved away from Russian fossil fuels, realigning energy trade routes and forcing adjustments in industrial energy consumption.
- Countries neighbouring the conflict areas face higher structural costs, elevated defence spending, and lingering inflationary adjustments linked to regional insecurity means budgetary changes affecting spending at government level on our products.
- The war in Iran has let to an energy and cost short for European businesses with crude oil prices being regularly above \$100 a barrel which is squeezing manufacturing margins and slowing Eurozone economic growth to between 0.6% and 0.8%.

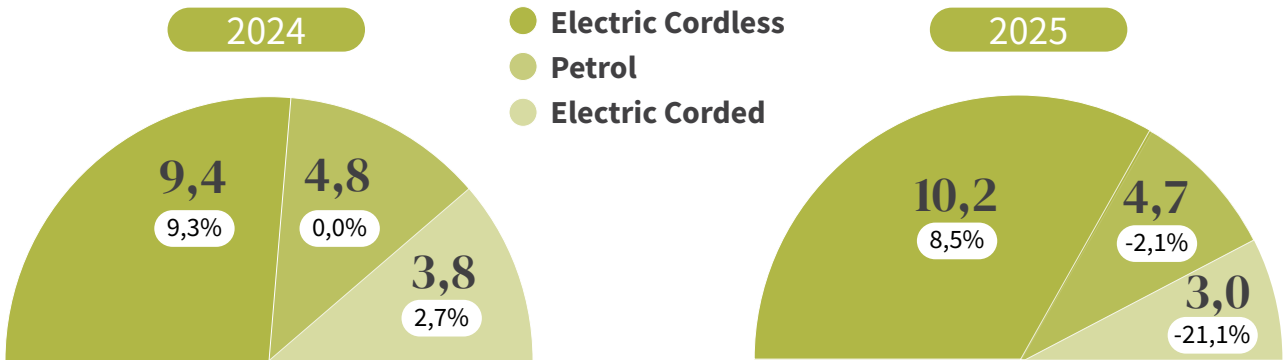
CURRENT POTENTIAL RISKS

- 27 out of 44 tracked European countries experienced an increase in political risk over a five-year span.
- Traditional powerhouses like France and Germany have faced government fractures, coalition stress, and leadership turnover.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE EU

- Public opinion data indicates that median favourability toward the [European Union](#) rose from 49% to 62% across tracked countries compared to the post-Brexit era.
- Global events like the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic have largely reinforced public appreciation for regional cooperation, even as far-right and nationalist parties grow their vote shares.

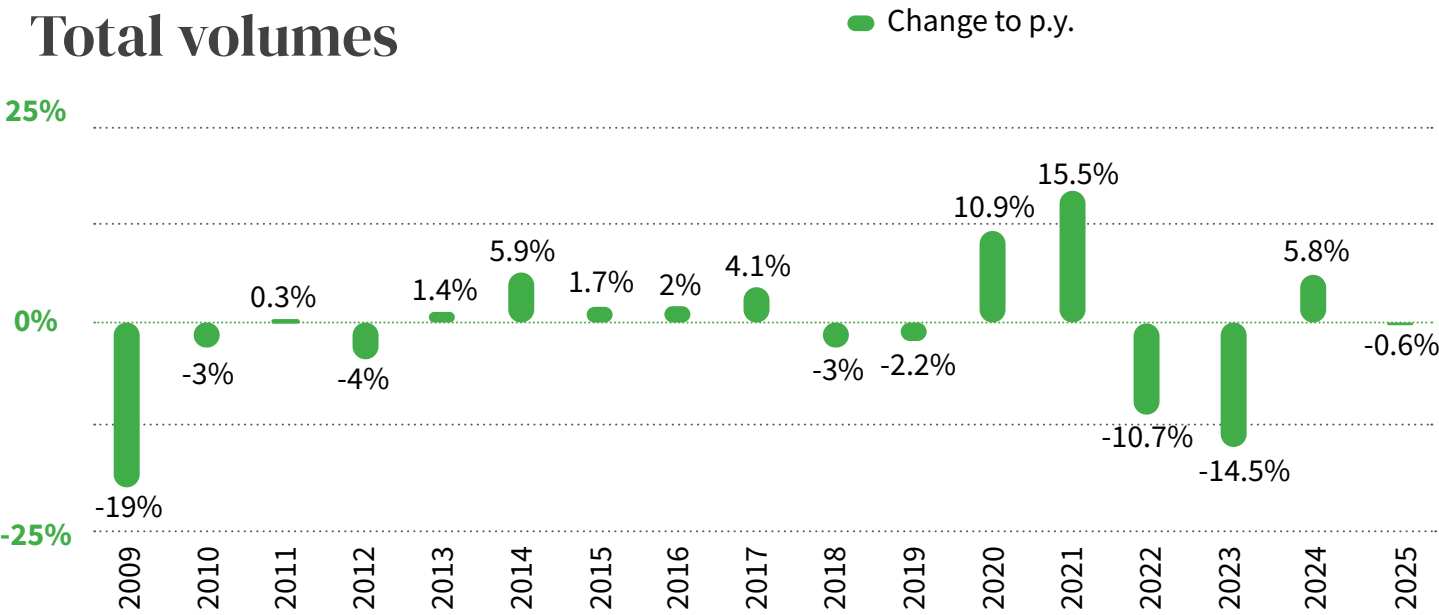
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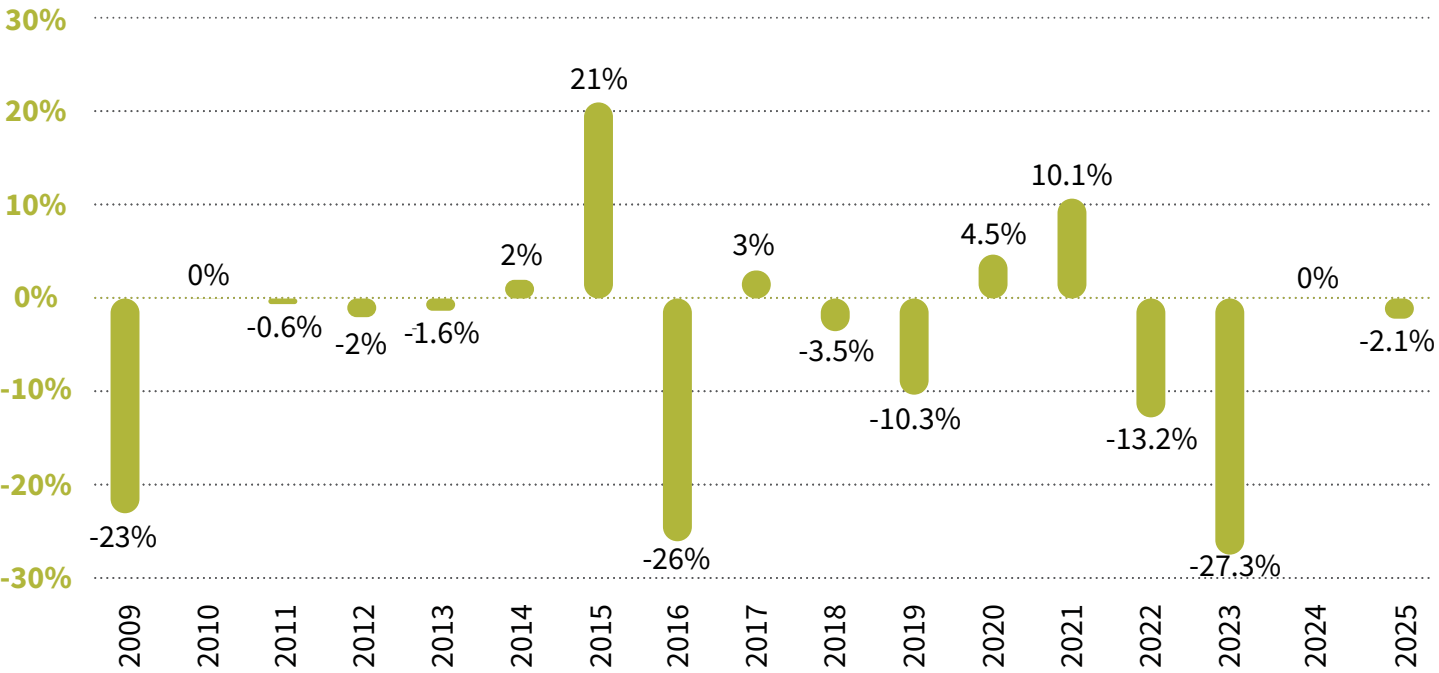
Volumes per type of power source

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Electric Cordless	19,7%	0,0%	1,2%	9,3%	8,5%
Petrol	10,1%	-13,2%	-27,3%	0,0%	-2,1%
Electric Corded	13,2%	-21,7%	-21,3%	2,7%	-21,1%
Total Volume	15,5%	-10,7%	-14,5%	5,8%	-0,6%

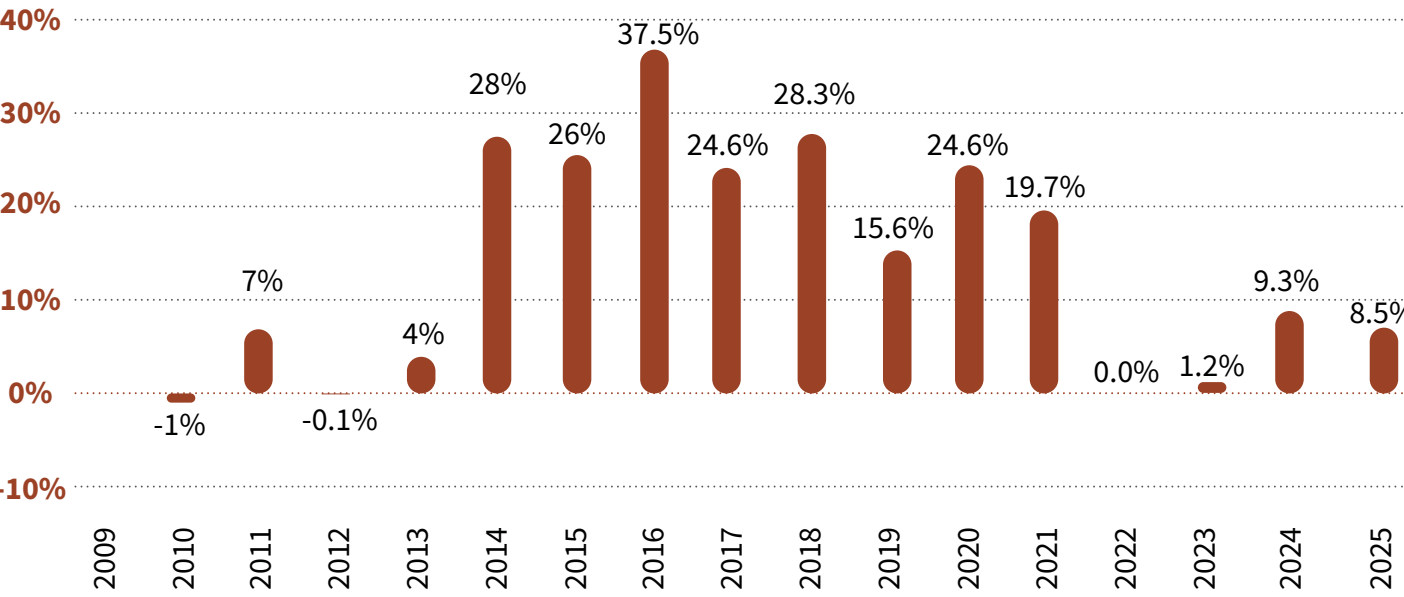
Total volumes



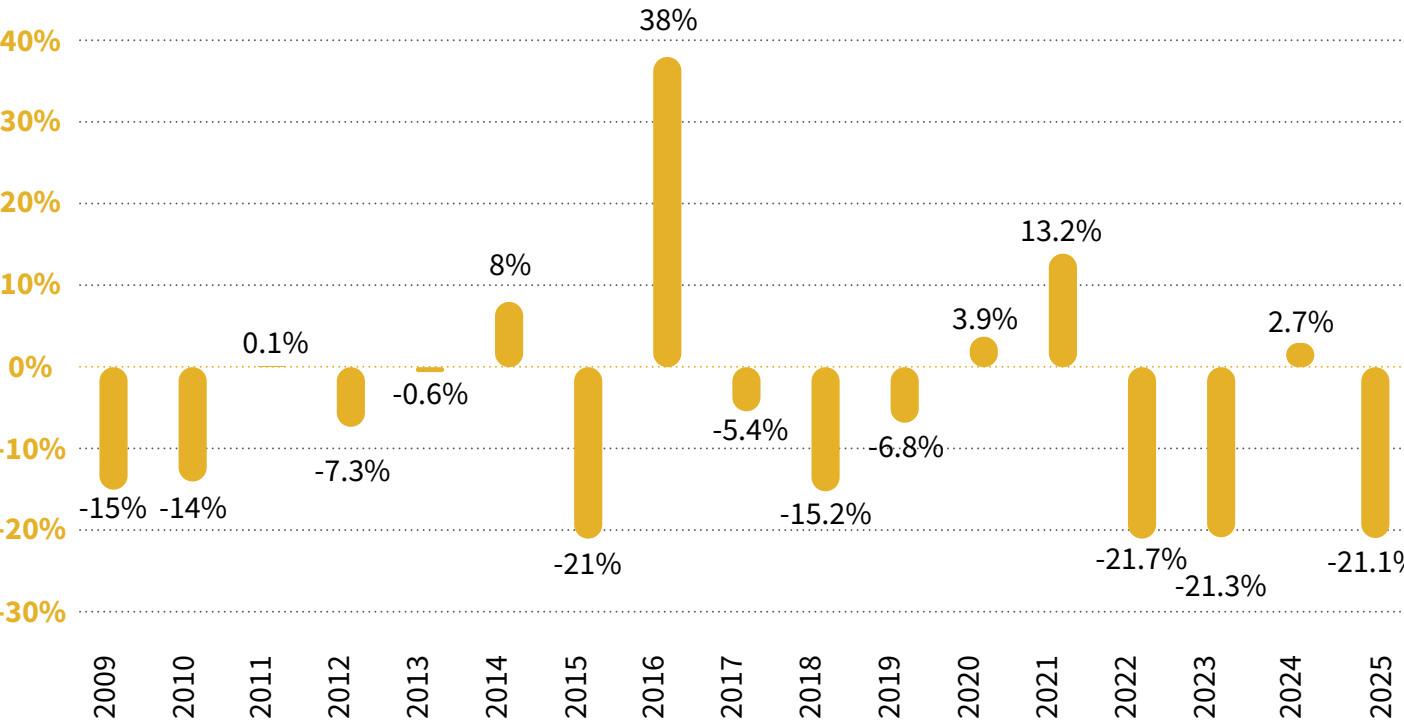
Petrol



Cordless



Corded



Our Work

Regulatory and advocacy activities

The regulatory environment is constantly evolving, and previous months were no exception. As such, regulatory matters remain a core part of EGMF activities. Regulatory and technical activities are driven by the Technical Committee, which is composed of technical experts from companies and national associations. The Committee keeps up to date on EU regulatory developments impacting the garden machinery sector and defines priorities. As an overarching body, the Technical Committee coordinates the work of 11 task forces and two working groups. These working bodies shape the association’s position to speak as one voice.

TASK FORCE	CHAIR
Marketing Committee	Jakob Sauter (Stihl)
TF HandHeld Tools	Sydney Lo (Bosch)
TF Wheeled Tools	Christopher Cooper (Toro)
TF Robotic Mowers	Hugo Van Bijsterveldt (Husqvarna)
Technical Committee	Marcel Dutrieux (TTC) / Paul Zwolinski (Makita)
TF Environment and Sustainability	Adolf Jürgen Neumann (STIHL)
WG CE used in NRMM	Luca de Rinaldis (Federunacoma)
TF Market Surveillance	Henric Larsson (Husqvarna)
TF Noise	Thomas Haag (Stihl)
TF Digital	Marcel Dutrieux (TTC)
TF Road Circulation	Lee Kristensen (Ransomes Jacobsen)
TF Battery	Stefan Schweiger (Stihl)

TF Chemicals and Waste	Bryce Hudelson (Bosch)
TF Electric and Radio Directives	Therese Berg (Husqvarna)
TF Robotic Mowers	Therese Berg (Husqvarna)
TF Machinery	Arian Monem (STIHL)
WG Standardisation	Arian Monem (STIHL)

Highlights from EGMF’s policy work



INTERNAL MARKET

- The Omnibus IV simplification and digitalisation package** required strong negotiations where we advocated for a practical approach to new digital information obligations. The final agreement **extends the transition period** for the revised Machinery Regulation provisions to 30 months and clarifies that Declaration of Conformity may be accessed via landing pages, addressing key industry concerns around practical implementation and accessibility.
- EGMF took an active leading role in the European Commission’s work on the Machinery Regulation guide to application**, especially in the Digital Documentation Subgroup. Our objective is to preserve the benefits of digitalisation by avoiding unnecessary duplication of information in paper format and preventing national gold-plating.



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Advocacy against the European Commission’s potential introduction of **harmonised standards for chargers of detachable batteries in garden tools** proved to be fruitful. In early 2026, the Commission announced to have suspended their plans due to insufficient data.
- Due to EGMF’s advocacy, the European Commission adopted **exemptions from the 100% reuse requirements under the Packaging and Waste Packaging Regulation** for economic operators using pallet wrappings or straps for stabilisation and protection of products put on pallets during transport.

Our work in numbers

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INTERNAL MEETINGS
OF THE TECHNICAL AND
MARKETING COMMITTEES,
INCLUDING TASK FORCES

2

MARKET SURVEYS
ON 14 EQUIPMENT
CATEGORIES AND
39 COUNTRIES

16

POSITIONS ADOPTED,
INCLUDING LETTERS,
RESPONSES TO
CONSULTATIONS AND JOINT
STATEMENTS WITH FELLOW
ORGANISATIONS



DIGITAL AFFAIRS

- There was strong cooperation with Orgalim and joint advocacy on the **AI Omnibus**. The final version published in the EU Official Journal on 24 August included the postponement of requirements for high-risk AI systems through the “stop-the-clock” mechanism and the move of the Machinery Regulation from Section A to Section B of Annex I of the AI Act. This ensures a single compliance pathway for AI in machinery, rather than two overlapping regimes.

Internal Market

01

Machinery legislation

The Machinery Regulation is the main European legislation concerning the safety of machinery products placed on the European market. For EGMF members, it is particularly important because it will define how garden, forestry and landscaping machines are designed and placed on the market.

Over the past year, EGMF coordinated industry discussions through its Machinery Task Force and provided detailed input on the development of the Machinery Regulation Guide.

Particular attention was given to the possibility for manufacturers to provide compliance documentation in digital form, or to newly introduced requirements regarding software-related devices, and other safety measures affecting the machines (e.g. seating requirements, behaviour of autonomous mobile machinery, AI safety functions etc.).

EGMF has been in the lead of the Machinery Regulation Editorial Group Subgroup on digital documentation and collaborated with the European Commission, Member States and industry partners to develop a guidance which could serve as a tool to ensure common understanding and application of the EU rules. Looking ahead, EGMF will continue working to ensure a proper implementation of the regulation, contribute to future guidance documents, and support members in addressing emerging issues linked to new requirements.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

COORDINATION OF DIGITAL DOCUMENTATION SUBGROUP

INDUSTRY COORDINATION ON MACHINERY REGULATION GUIDE

02

Road circulation

Certain categories of mobile garden machinery need to travel on public roads exceptionally, to perform their work. These machines are classified as Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM).

For many years, differing national road circulation requirements have created complexity for manufacturers, making road circulation one of the sector's most significant Single Market barriers. The publication of the first European framework legislation on road circulation and type-approval of NRMM marked an important step towards greater harmonisation across Europe.

Following the adoption of this legislation, EGMF strengthened its engagement on this file by joining forces with other European mobile machinery manufacturers' associations through the Industrial Task Force (ITF). This cooperation enabled the industry to develop common positions and a coordinated approach in view of the preparation of the delegated and implementing acts supporting the European Regulation.

In particular, the delegated acts will be crucial, as they will establish the technical requirements that NRMM manufacturers must meet to obtain the EU type approval.

In the coming year, EGMF will continue its active participation in the ITF and engage with European Commission and the Member States to ensure that the delegated acts are published swiftly and that they deliver a technically sound framework that supports the free movement of mobile machinery across the EU.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRST EU FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION

JOINT WORK THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL TASK FORCE (ITF)

COMMON POSITIONS WITH INDUSTRY PARTNERS

PREPARATION OF DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS

03

Robotic Mowers Task Force

Robotic lawnmowers are an increasingly important and fast-growing product segment for the garden machinery industry.

Their growing use has brought greater attention to questions relating to their use, their connectivity and the safety of wildlife, particularly the interaction between robotic mowers and hedgehogs, an endangered species.

Throughout the year, the EGMF Robotic Mowers Task Force coordinated exchanges between manufacturers, researchers, policy makers and testing companies to address wildlife-related issues.

Discussions focused in particular on existing testing methodologies, including the use of animal dummies to assess machine behaviour under controlled and repeatable conditions, as well as on the technical features that can influence wildlife interactions.

EGMF also developed a high-level position paper advocating for a science-based and technology-neutral approach.

Beyond wildlife protection, the task force is monitoring emerging regulatory and trade

developments affecting the sector. This includes European national initiatives to restrict the use of robotic mowers during night-time, discussions in the United States on possible measures affecting the export of foreign-produced advanced robotic devices following national security concerns and potential trade defence actions in response to alleged dumping practices by Chinese manufacturers.

In the coming year, EGMF will continue engaging on various developments impact robotic mower manufacturers, to ensure they can operate in a predictable regulatory and trade environment.

At the same time, EGMF will promote science-based approaches to wildlife protection, ensuring that concerns related to hedgehogs do not expand to other wildlife species in the absence of supporting evidence.

KEY ACHIEVEMENT

SCIENCE-BASED POSITION ON ROBOTIC MOWERS AND WILDLIFE SAFETY

04

Market surveillance

Effective market surveillance is essential to ensure that all products placed on the European market comply with applicable safety and regulatory requirements.

For EGMF members, robust enforcement is key to guaranteeing a level playing field and preventing non-compliant products from undermining responsible manufacturers.

In 2026, EGMF intensified its discussions in view on the future revision of the Market Surveillance Regulation, highlighting persistent enforcement gaps across the EU as a key issue. Discussions focused on the need for more effective and coordinated checks by national authorities, stronger action against non-compliant products sold online, especially through e-commerce platforms and better controls on imports from third countries.

In parallel, EGMF continued updating its compliance guides to reflect recent changes in legislation and standards, providing manufacturers and Market Surveillance Authorities with practical support to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory framework.

Looking ahead, EGMF will closely follow the publication of the European Product Act, which will include a revision of the Market Surveillance Regulation. We will continue advocating for stronger and more coordinated enforcement, higher quality and quantity checks, and a legislative framework that targets non-compliance products without creating additional burdens for manufacturers already complying with EU rules.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

ENGAGEMENT IN THE REVISION OF MARKET SURVEILLANCE REGULATION

COMPLIANCE GUIDES

05

Standardisation policy

Standards provide manufacturers with practical tools to demonstrate compliance with EU legislation and facilitate access to the European market.

For EGMF members, a well-functioning standardisation system is essential to provide legal certainty, support innovation, and maintain the global competitiveness of European manufacturers. Delays in the development and citation of harmonised standards, inefficiencies in the HAS Consultant system, misalignment with international standards and disproportionate transition periods can create significant costs and uncertainty for the industry.

Over the past year, EGMF actively contributed to the debate on the future revision of the Standardisation Regulation. We published [a set of recommendations](#) aimed at improving the efficiency and predictability of the European Standardisation System.



EGMF advocated for faster publication of harmonised standards, reform of the HAS Consultant system, stronger alignment with ISO and IEC standards, more proportionate transition periods, and improvements to the Formal Objection process.

In the coming year, EGMF will continue engaging with EU institutions and standardisation stakeholders during the legislative revision, promoting a standardisation framework that remains industry-driven, internationally aligned and capable of delivering timely, high-quality standards for manufacturers.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

PREPARATORY WORK ON THE STANDARDISATION REGULATION REVISION

PUBLISHED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE EUROPEAN STANDARDISATION SYSTEM

Digitalisation

01

Cyber Resilience Act

The [Cyber Resilience Act \(CRA\)](#) is particularly important for EGMF members as an increasing number of garden machinery products incorporate digital and connected features, making cybersecurity requirements a growing aspect of product design, compliance and market access.

Over the past year, the EGMF Digital Task Force closely followed the development of the European Commission's [CRA guidance](#). Members reviewed several draft versions, discussed key provisions and coordinated feedback through Orgalim and the European Commission's CRA Expert Group. Several industry requests were subsequently reflected in the final guidance document published by the Commission in July.

The Digital Task Force also established a Joint Working Group on Cyber Resilience Act standards, together with EPTA. The initiative aims to facilitate exchanges between garden machinery and power tool manufacturers on the development and implementation of harmonised standards supporting compliance with the CRA. The group provides a dedicated forum to discuss and prepare joint positions and technical recommendations, while monitoring standardisation developments



relevant to the sector. The first meeting of the group was held in July, and regular meetings are planned going forward.

Looking ahead, EGMF will continue monitoring the implementation of the CRA, assessing the final Commission guidance, and contributing to discussions on harmonised standards to ensure that the framework remains practical and proportionate for manufacturers.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

CRA GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

FORMED JOINT EGMF EPTA WORKING GROUP

PREPARED JOINT TECHNICAL POSITIONS

02

Artificial Intelligence Act

The [AI Act](#) is relevant for EGMF members as garden machinery products increasingly incorporate software and AI-enabled functionalities. A clear and workable regulatory framework, aligned with other pieces of legislation, is therefore essential to prevent overlapping requirements and avoid unnecessary compliance burdens for manufacturers.

Over the past year, EGMF was actively involved in discussions on the [AI Omnibus](#) proposal. Members focused on provisions affecting machinery products and opportunities for regulatory simplification. EGMF supported Orgalim's advocacy efforts, notably on amendments concerning high-risk products listed in Annex I and postponement of certain AI Act requirements through the "stop-the-clock" mechanism. The task force also exchanged information and coordinated positions through the wider Orgalim digital policy network.

Looking ahead, EGMF will continue monitoring the implementation of the AI Act, including amendments introduced through the AI Omnibus, to help ensure that garden machinery manufacturers benefit from a coherent, proportionate and predictable regulatory framework for AI-enabled products.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

ENGAGED IN AI
OMNIBUS DISCUSSIONS

ADVOCATED FOR REGULATORY
SIMPLIFICATION

SUPPORTED KEY
ORGALIM AMENDMENTS

COORDINATED JOINT
POLICY POSITIONS

03

Data Act

Access to and use of industrial data is becoming key for connected machinery. For EGMF members, it is therefore essential that EU data legislation supports innovation while minimising unnecessary administrative burdens.

Over the past year, EGMF monitored the Commission's [Digital Omnibus](#) proposal and Data Union initiative, as well as the implementation of the [Data Act](#). Members assessed proposed simplification measures affecting data and privacy legislation, focusing on trade secret protection, manufacturers' access to and use of product data, pseudonymisation and data breach reporting requirements. The Digital Task Force also monitored discussions at institutional level, reviewed compromise texts, and contributed to Orgalim advocacy activities, including public consultations and position papers on the Data Act, GDPR and related digital legislation.

Looking ahead, EGMF will continue monitoring the implementation of the Data Act, the development of the [Data Union Strategy](#) and the Digital Omnibus negotiations, with a focus on including trade secret protection, manufacturers' rights to access and use industrial data, and other regulatory



simplification initiatives affecting garden machinery manufacturers. EGMF will also continue supporting Orgalim's advocacy efforts through sector-specific expertise and practical industry examples.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

MONITORED DIGITAL
OMNIBUS PROPOSAL

ASSESSED DATA
SIMPLIFICATION MEASURES

REVIEWED INSTITUTIONAL
COMPROMISE TEXTS

CONTRIBUTED TO
ORGALIM ADVOCACY

Sustainability

01

Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation

2026 has been a prolific year for EGMF in terms of advocacy work on batteries issues. EGMF efforts were pursued along two parallel fronts: the ongoing implementation of the [Batteries Regulation](#) as well as the amendments concerning batteries under the so-called [Environmental Omnibus simplification package](#). The Battery Task Force delivered three positions on harmonised labelling requirements across legislative proposals ([implementing act](#) and [environmental omnibus](#), in addition to the non-public position to the Council), with a focus on the potential administrative burden arising from the overreporting of the hazardous substances present in the batteries.

In January, after a year of advocacy work, the European Commission temporarily backtracked on its plans to request CEN/ CENELEC harmonised standards for the charger interfaces of detachable and separable batteries. Members warned about the risks related to consumers’ safety, increase in e-waste, and lack of level playing field vis-à-vis third-country competitors.

In addition, EGMF discussed a range of diverse, high-impact topics such as due diligence rules, minimum percentages of recycled content, and the upcoming digital product passport for batteries.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- LED ADVOCACY ON BATTERIES REGULATION & OMNIBUS
- DELIVERED 3 POSITIONS ON HARMONISED LABELLING
- PAUSED EC PLANS FOR CHARGER INTERFACE STANDARDS
- TACKLED FUTURE RULES (DIGITAL PASSPORTS, RECYCLING)

02

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

Circular economy topics played a significant role in EGMF’s activities throughout the year. The [delegated decision](#) under the [Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation](#) in force since February 2026 exempts from the 100% reuse requirements the economic operators using pallet wrappings or straps for stabilisation and protection of products put on pallets during transport. This marks an advocacy victory for EGMF. As highlighted in different previous occasions, reusability of transport packaging material is proven to be virtually unfeasible.

With the entry into application of the legislation in August 2026, significant challenges lie ahead. The requirements on packaging minimisation, harmonised labelling, and design for recycling criteria yet need to be implemented via secondary legislation. EGMF worked jointly with European – the European packaging association of which EGMF is a member of – to call on the European Commission to ensure a timely implementation and meet the legal deadlines.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- JOINT WORK THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL TASK FORCE (ITF)
- COMMON POSITIONS WITH INDUSTRY PARTNERS
- PREPARATION OF DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS



03

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation

Entered into force in 2024, the [Ecodesign Regulation](#) is one of the biggest regulatory challenges for EGMF. Among many others, the new framework provides the gradual entry into force of sweeping performance and information Ecodesign requirements for a non-exhaustive number of intermediate and final products. EGMF would be highly affected by the information requirements on iron and steel components currently under discussion, which might include supply chain data on hazardous substances, carbon footprint, and source of recycled content. In parallel, manufacturers and importers would be required to put into place and include data in the Digital Product Passport (DDP).

EGMF contributed to the Commission's [consultations](#) feeding the impact assessment on the future delegated acts on iron and steel ecodesign rules, expected in Q1 2027. EGMF's contribution was twofold. Members responded to the Commission's survey, in which they highlighted that only intermediate products should be regulated, and that only static, manufacturing-based data should be mandatorily requested. On the other hand, EGMF members presented case studies to



corroborate the fact that implementing DDP requirements for final products containing iron or steel is virtually impracticable. The two examples are included in the [Orgalim position paper](#) and concern battery-powered ride-on lawnmowers and handheld outdoor equipment (specifically blowers).

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

CONTRIBUTED TO EC CONSULTATIONS ON ECODESIGN RULES

RESPONDED TO EC SURVEY ON IRON & STEEL

PRESENTED CASE STUDIES ON DPP IMPRACTICABILITY

FEATURED IN ORGALIM POSITION PAPER

04

REACH Regulation

The [REACH restriction proposal of PFAS substances](#) has been a key priority for EGMF ever since its publication in 2023. In May, three task forces worked together towards a common position to the two-month [consultation](#) on the draft version of the socio-economic analysis of the restriction dossier. Members shared their [views](#) on the general aspects related to the practicability of the restriction as well as the two sector-specific surveys concerning hoses and tubes in internal combustion engines and lithium-ion batteries. Members took the occasion to explain how a ban on the industrial use of PFAS substances could severely undermine product performance, durability, and safety, other than affecting EU global competitiveness.

By the end of 2026, the European Commission will take over the assessment and begin drafting a binding restriction regulation.

The dossier proved excellent coordination among EGMF members, united by the urgency to ensure that critical applications are granted appropriate use derogations.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

UNITED 3 TASK FORCES ON A COMMON PFAS POSITION

RESPONDED TO CONSULTATION & SECTOR-SPECIFIC SURVEYS

ADVOCATED FOR USE DEROGATIONS ON CRITICAL APPLICATIONS

Members

FULL MEMBERS



NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS





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