



European Furniture Industries Confederation

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European Furniture Industries Confederation (EFIC)







EFIC is the voice of the European Furniture industries

EFIC was founded in 2006 and now represents more than the 70% of the total turnover of the furniture industries in Europe

Members: 16 national federations + 1 single company



EU Furniture Industry in a snapshot

					
<p>1 MILLION EMPLOYEES</p>	<p>120 THOUSAND ENTERPRISES, MAINLY SMEs</p>	<p>96 BILLION TURNOVER</p>	<p>25% OF WORLD FURNITURE PRODUCTION</p>	<p>40% OF TOTAL WORLD TRADE</p>	<p>25% OF WORLD FURNITURE CONSUMPTION</p>

EFIC main areas of interest

Single Market

Environment &
Circular Economy

International Trade

Social Dialogue

See also: <https://www.efic.eu/our-priorities>

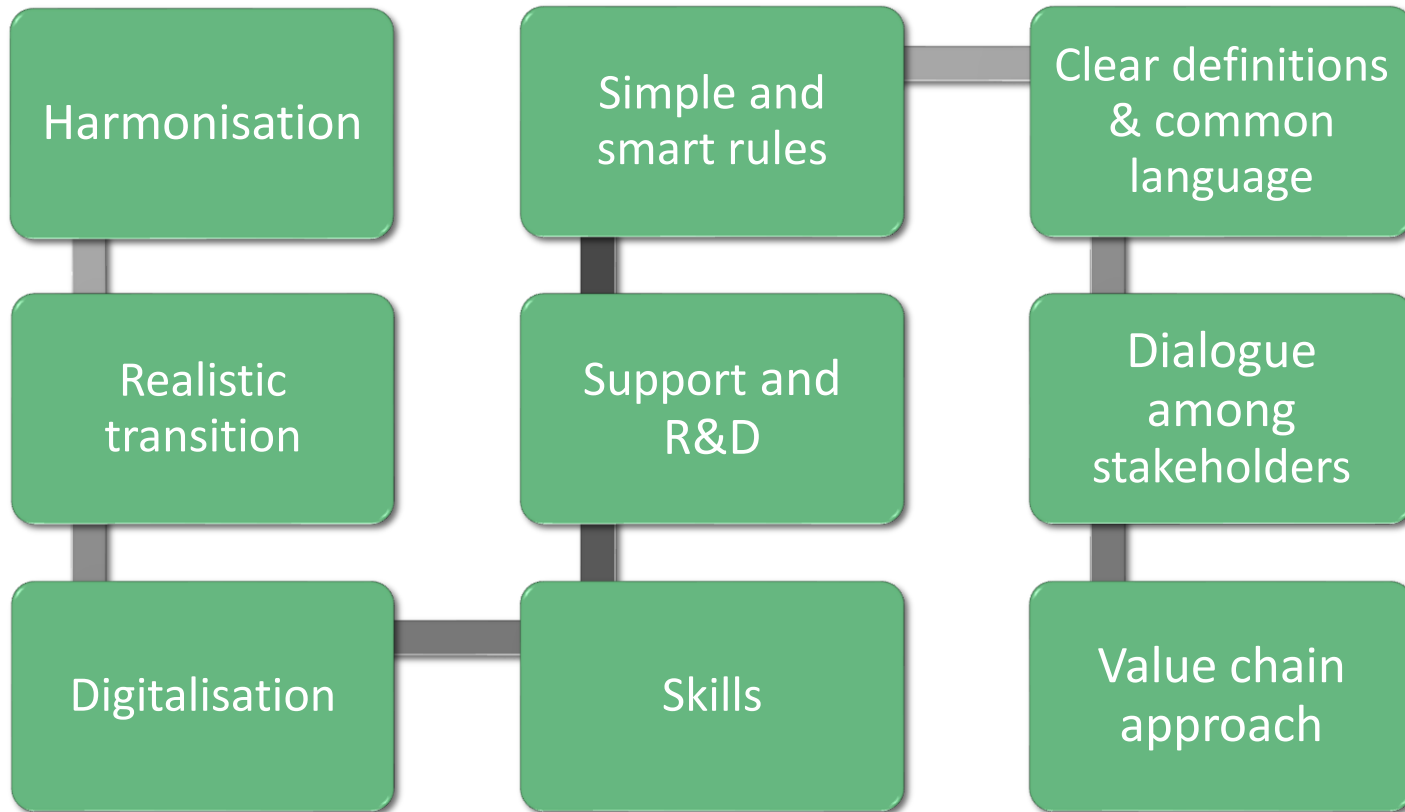
EFIC focus on sustainability



- Strong focus on Circular Economy & environment
- Promoting sustainable business practices and circular business models based on furniture reuse, refurbishment, remanufacturing
- Collection of best practices & collaboration with the supply chain
- Involvement in projects around circularity
- Supporting a green recovery, with circularity at its heart

'The Furniture Sector and Circular Economy 2.0'

General principles



[Link to position paper](#)



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Circularity during furniture production

Circular design

- Principles (efficient use of materials, design for separability, responsible use of chemicals...)
- Potential of initiatives from CEAP (sustainable product policy framework, Ecodesign principles, revision Ecodesign Directive)

Circular Design

- Considerations on introduction of Ecodesign principles for furniture (not applicable to all products the same way, should not be aggressive)
- Challenges & regulatory barriers (limited substitution materials & parts, increased costs, contradictions between circular economy and chemical legislation, traceability of chemicals, etc.)
- Example → next slide



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Circularity during furniture production

**The Alliance for
FLAME RETARDANT
FREE FURNITURE**



- Toxic flame retardants unwanted
- Lack of harmonisation of flammability standards and requirements
- Concerns over impact on health, environment and circular economy, fire toxicity increase, no demonstrated fire safety benefit
- **EU-wide action needed**

<https://safefurniture.eu/>



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Circularity during furniture consumption

Consumers

- Adequate and harmonised information tools with pragmatic approach

Public authorities

- Potential of Green Public Procurement

Challenges

- Societal change, proliferation of voluntary tools and labelling schemes, lack of common language ...



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Circularity during furniture waste management

- Furniture industries support reuse, refurbishment, remanufacturing
- Need to accelerate waste as a resource & empower waste management sector

Challenges

- Barriers around definition of waste
- Low collection and reverse logistics infrastructure
- Proliferation of EPR schemes at Member State level → **harmonised scheme at EU level needed**



Thank you!

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