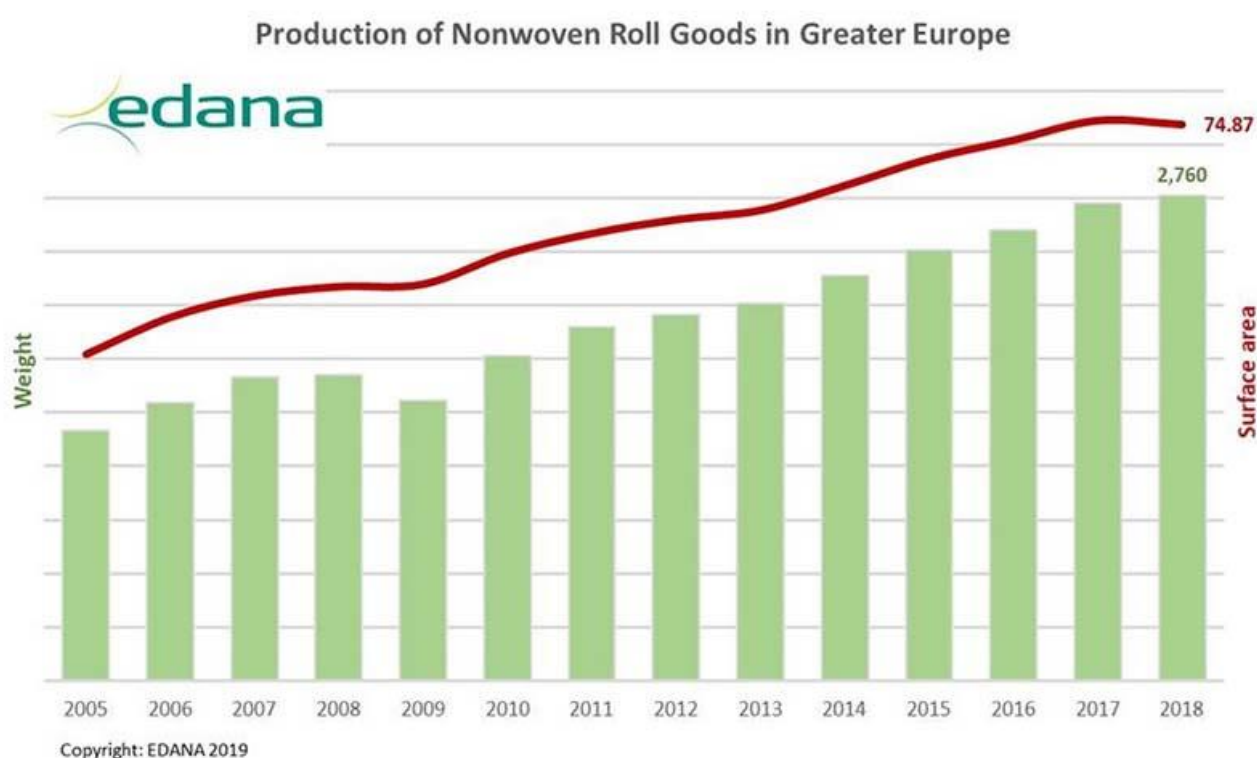


Nonwoven production in Greater Europe close to 2.8 million tonnes in 2018

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EDANA today released European annual statistics for 2018, offering a comprehensive picture of the nonwovens industry in Greater Europe. This information shows an overview of the industry's strength and resilience across the region.



According to figures collected and compiled by EDANA, the overall production of nonwovens in Europe grew by around 1.3% in 2018 to reach 2,760,000 tonnes. Over the last decade, the annual average growth rate has been nearly 4%.

Jacques Prigneaux, EDANA's Market Analysis and Economic Affairs Director advised "Despite a slowdown in some important market segments and increasing competition from abroad, the European nonwovens industry showed again its strength, resilience and ability to innovate".

Obviously, diverging trends can be observed in different European countries and between the various production processes of nonwovens. Overall spunmelt output was almost flat (+0.9% over 2017) while drylaid technologies recorded an increase of 2.1%. The highest apparent growth within drylaid production (in tonnes) was observed in air-through and hydroentanglement bonding processes, with respectively +7.6% and +4.7%.

