

EU Nonwoven-based Face Masks Supply Chain Working Group

Terms of Reference

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What is the EU Nonwoven-based Face Masks Supply Chain Working Group?

The EU Nonwoven-based Face Masks Supply Chain Working Group consists of member companies of EDANA, which produce or convert nonwovens into face masks, or supply raw materials upstream of these, in the European Union.

Objectives

- To promote the sustainable development of an independent and self-sufficient supply chain for medical face masks and personal protective masks in the EU
- To discuss technical developments of nonwoven-based face-masks and promote the adherence to applicable European Standards (in particular [EN 14683](#) and [EN 149](#)) by all members, where appropriate
- To be recognized as the voice of industry on all issues relevant to nonwoven-based face masks and represent the interests of the whole supply chain for these in relevant forums and in particular with the European Institutions
- To promote an on-going dialogue and exchange of relevant market and technical information between supply chain partners within the remit of EDANA's competition guidelines (in line with EU law), and where required and applicable, to liaise with EU Institutions and partners associations such as MedTech Europe, ESF and EURATEX.
- To encourage responsible product stewardship throughout the life-cycle of face-masks from raw material sourcing to end-of-life solutions, and communicate with stakeholders accordingly

Who should attend?

Every EDANA member company who produces or converts nonwovens into face masks, or supplies raw materials upstream of these, in the European Union can appoint one or more representatives to participate in this Working Group. Testing laboratories and machinery suppliers are also welcome.

Small and medium-sized enterprises, and especially start-ups, will be eligible for a special nominal and reduced EDANA membership fees for 2020 and 2021, within a newly created ad-hoc membership category.

Participation in a group is subject to the EDANA guidelines.

Benefits/deliverables

- Sharing technical expertise relevant to the products
- Joint promotion of the benefits of an EU procurement policy for face masks primarily relying on EU-sourced devices, equipment and materials
- Contacts and networking

Related Groups

This working group operates within the remit of EDANA's Industry & Supply Chain Steering Group.

Chairperson to be appointed

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