

# EDANA BOOK



# NONWOVENS IN EVERY LAYER OF LIFE

## ABSORBENT HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Nonwovens are essential to produce effective and efficient baby diapers, incontinence products, tampons, pads and pantyliners.

## AGRICULTURE / HORTICULTURE

Nonwovens in cultivation are used to optimise the productivity of crops, gardens, and greenhouses. Their protective nature means that both pesticides and manual labour are kept to a minimum.

## AUTOMOTIVE / TRANSPORTATION

Numerous automotive parts - from trunk liners and carpets to air and fuel filters - as well as in battery separators are composed of nonwovens. They contribute to good performance, weight reduction, comfort, aesthetics, and advanced insulation. They also ensure resistance to water, fuels, temperature variation, and abrasion. They are widely used in aeroplanes, trains, boats, spacecraft, and satellites.

## CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, BAGGAGE

Today, young designers are using nonwovens as a creative and versatile new material for interlinings and components.

## CONSTRUCTION

Nonwovens are found in building wrap materials, thermal and sound insulation, flat and pitched roof underlays, and also as the basis for bituminous membranes.

## ELECTRIC / ELECTRONICS

Various insulation and protective applications in the electronics industry, such as cable wrap tape, use nonwovens.

## FILMS

A wide range of breathable or non-breathable films are used together with nonwovens to provide value and additional properties.

## FILTRATION

One of the fastest-growing segments for nonwovens end-use areas and applications. Engineered to meet exact specifications and stringent regulatory requirements for air and liquid filtration.

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

Nonwovens are used in a variety of food contact solutions. By absorbing excess liquids, they significantly extend the shelf-life of many perishable products.

## GEOSYNTHETICS

Geosynthetics, speciality nonwovens in the civil engineering field, form the backbone of numerous civil engineering projects. Nonwovens are used for separation, reinforcement, and as filters in the construction of motorways, airfields, railways, sports fields, drainage trenches, dams, and dykes.

## HOUSEHOLD

Wall coverings, bed linen, blinds and curtains, carpet backings, furniture and upholstery, and even vacuum cleaner bags all contain nonwovens.

## MEDICAL

Nonwovens deliver critical safety properties, such as prevention against infections and diseases. They are a major component in wound care products with controlled vapour transmission, absorbency, and low skin adhesion, and are also a crucial component in manufacturing face masks.

## PACKAGING

Nonwovens are ideal for a variety of packaging end uses, as their exceptional lightweight nature, energy-efficient production, and robustness allow for two important features: volume reduction and reusability.

## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Nonwovens are extensively used to protect against liquid, biological, and chemical agents. They are also used in clean rooms, laboratories and in the electronics industry to protect materials, goods, and components from human contamination.

## SAP

SAP, or superabsorbent polymers, are a type of nonwovens material which can absorb up to 300 times their own weight in aqueous fluids. Once absorbed, they do not subsequently release the fluid. They are therefore, an ideal material for use in products designed to contain fluids such as baby diapers/nappies, incontinence products, and feminine hygiene pads and liners.

## WIPES

Made up of nonwovens, wipes come in handy in many aspects of life. They are divided into two main categories depending on whether they are considered a consumer product or a professional product. Consumer wipes are divided into personal care and household use, while professional wipes are used in industrial applications and in the medical sector.

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EDANA provides services across all of these applications.

# EDANA

Our international association has served the nonwovens and related industries since 1971. Based in Brussels, and representing over 250 companies with a global reach, EDANA adapts and caters to the changing dynamics and priorities of the nonwovens industry.

## Vision

EDANA envisions a thriving nonwovens industry, recognised as a trusted provider of sustainable benefits and solutions to society.

Learn [more!](#)

## Mission

As the global trusted voice of the nonwovens industry across the supply chain, EDANA sparks thought leadership and fosters dialogue with all stakeholders. Through safe and open networking platforms, we support sustainability ambitions, responsible product stewardship, and address common technical, regulatory and market challenges.

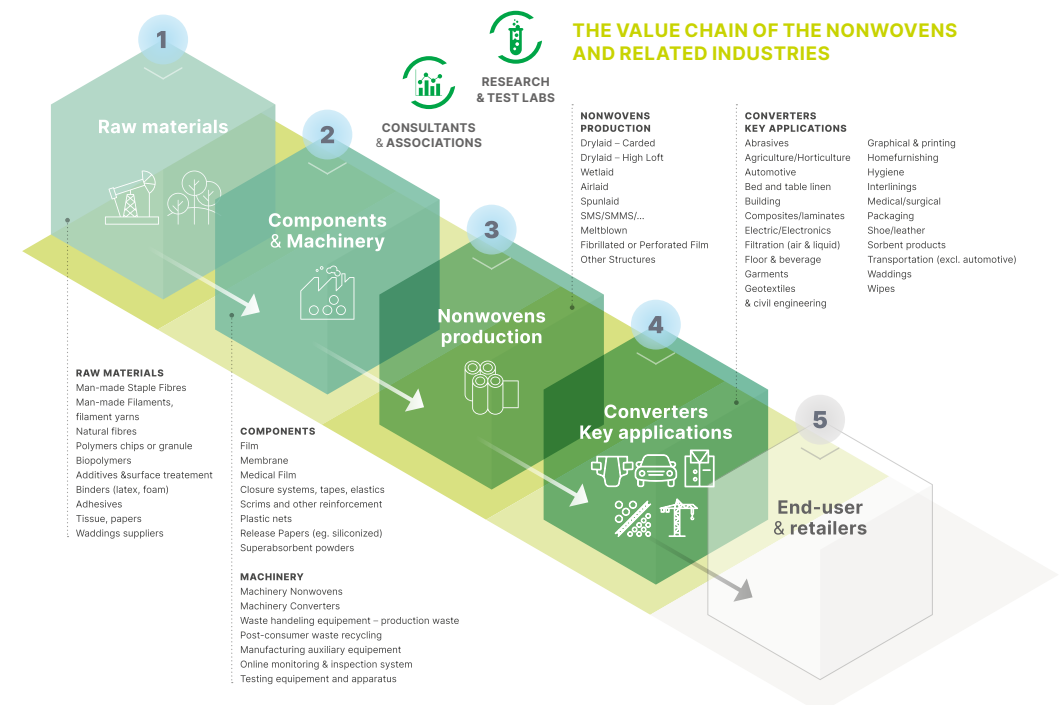


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## A UNIQUE ORGANISATION ENABLING EFFECTIVE INTERACTION

Our 250+ member companies are headquartered in 40 countries worldwide, with many operating globally. Between them, they cover all application areas for nonwovens.

What makes EDANA truly unique is that **all parts of the nonwovens value chain** are represented under one roof. EDANA member companies supply products and services ranging from raw materials to finished products and everything in between, including machinery, special ingredients, development, and testing facilities. EDANA represents not only all types of nonwovens, but also materials often used with nonwovens, such as films and superabsorbent polymers.



## EDANA MEMBERSHIP: VALUE AT A GLANCE

**EDANA is the strategic platform for companies shaping the future of the nonwovens industry in the EMEA region and beyond.**

Markets are evolving rapidly, with increasing regulatory requirements, intensifying competition, and rising expectations in terms of sustainability and innovation.

In this context, companies require more than representation. They need a structured platform that enables them to anticipate change, understand complex developments, and adapt their strategies accordingly.

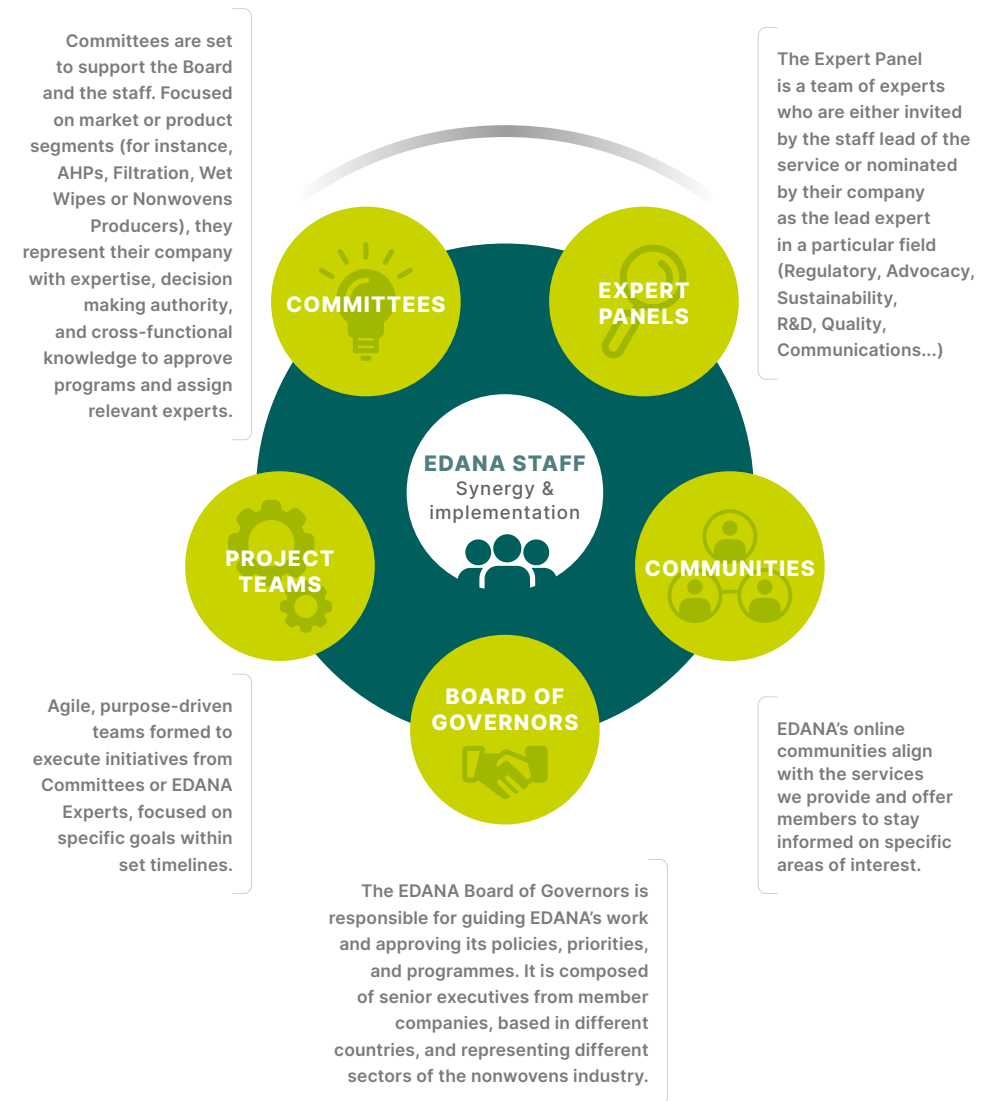
EDANA fulfils this role by supporting the industry with insights, coordination, and a framework for collective action.

### WHY LEADING COMPANIES JOIN EDANA

- Influence decisions that affect your business**  
 EDANA represents members' interests with European institutions, regulators, policymakers, and key stakeholders, while providing timely, decision-useful intelligence to support informed decision-making:
  - Regulatory monitoring and alerts
  - Policy developments across Europe
  - Market trends and industry outlooks
  - Trade flows and competitiveness insights
  - Strategic briefings and expert interpretation
- Access a trusted platform for collaboration**  
 EDANA provides professionally managed forums where companies collaborate
- Grow relationships and business opportunities**  
 EDANA's events and industry platforms connect decision-makers across the value chain and support networking and business development.
- Strengthen industry credibility**  
 EDANA supports members in demonstrating leadership through stewardship programmes, quality and audit initiatives, sustainability guidance, and the development of test methods and standards.
- Help shape the future of the industry**  
 EDANA members define priorities, launch collective initiatives, and contribute to the long-term development of the sector, including on sustainability and circularity.
- Support learning and professional development**  
 EDANA offers in-person, live virtual, and e-learning courses that help industry professionals develop their expertise and future-ready skills wherever and whenever they need.
- Discounts for members in a series of conferences and trade shows**  
 EDANA organizes a number of application-specific and geographically focused industry events.
- in full compliance with competition law and governance standards, and align on shared priorities.

## A PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATION

**The EDANA ecosystem enables members to stay informed, participate, and contribute:**



Click [here](#) to see the current composition of EDANA's Board of Governors!

# INNOVATION, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL AFFAIRS



## FOSTERING INNOVATION

Innovation and research are at the very core of the nonwovens and related industries. Whether it is technical, scientific, or process-related innovation, it drives the industry and the people behind it. The designers and manufacturers strive to invent and deliver ever more advanced solutions to the challenges facing society, including sustainability. In cooperation with sustainability experts and R&D centers, EDANA aims to support and coordinate pre-competitive innovation initiatives.

Activities include:

- The Innovation Forum
- Support to Centres of Excellence
- INDEX™ 2026 Innovation Awards

## NONWOVENS STANDARDS PROCEDURES

EDANA maintains and further develops the Nonwovens Standard Procedures (NWSP) in collaboration with INDA.

The aim of the NWSP is to provide an up-to-date, common technical language for the entire nonwovens industry.

This has resulted in a set of uniform procedures – accepted and understood everywhere – for determining the properties of nonwovens. Today, there are almost 100 methods available free of charge to our members.

We also support our members with questions about test methods and technical matters.

Learn [more](#) about EDANA's Scientific Affairs and Standardisation

## STANDARDIZATION

Within the industry, EDANA monitors, coordinates, and supports standardization activities both in ISO (the worldwide standardisation organisation) and CEN (the European standardisation organisation).

EDANA acts as a liaison member of the following Work Groups:

- ISO TC38/WG9  
Textile – nonwovens
- ISO TC93/SC13/WG6  
Personal protective clothing
- ISO TC173/SC3/WG2  
Incontinence products
- ISO TC173/SC3/WG7  
SAP
- ISO TC173/SC3/WG1  
Determination of trace chemicals
- ISO TC224/WG10  
Flushable wipes
- CEN TC189  
Geosynthetics
- CEN TC205/WG14  
Surgical clothing and drapes
- CEN TC254  
Flexible sheets for waterproofing
- ISO TC338  
Menstrual products



# HIGHLIGHT QUALITY & AUDIT PROGRAMME



Conceived in 2018 and launched in 2022, the Quality and Audit Programme (QAP) is a voluntary initiative designed to streamline the auditing process within the hygiene product supply chain. Historically, suppliers faced multiple, overlapping audits from different converters, leading to duplicated efforts and operational disruptions. The QAP addresses this by establishing a harmonised, industry-wide benchmark.

The programme consists of two core components:

- A Minimum Quality Standard: A common benchmark developed by EDANA members that specifies the essential requirements for a supplier's quality management system.
- A Structured Audit Scheme: Audits are conducted by trained third-party auditors – currently through the British Standards Institution (BSI) – to ensure consistency and reliability.

A key innovation of the QAP is the use of a cloud-based platform. Audit results are owned by the individual suppliers, who can securely share them with selected converters. This reduces the need for repeated assessments while fostering trust and transparency.

The programme is managed by the EDANA QAP Expert Panel, which ensures continuous refinement, such as the 2024 update to a 0–100% rating system to better reflect audit outcomes. By adhering to this internationally recognised standard, suppliers gain efficiency and demonstrate an unwavering dedication to product stewardship and excellence.



Are you a converter or a supplier active in the hygiene product supply chain? Join the [programme](#).

## REGULATORY AFFAIRS



EDANA supports its members by serving as the eyes and ears of the industry, keeping companies informed about upcoming regulatory initiatives and advising them on compliance with existing regulations.

This role involves conducting regulatory analyses and proactively communicating with various stakeholders, for instance about product safety.

As a Stakeholder Organisation to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and other European forums, EDANA maintains active engagement with regulators at European, national, and international levels.

This access to European institutions and key stakeholders, combined with EDANA's monitoring, analysis, and collaboration with Members, enables the organisation to provide valuable input to public consultations, regulators, and other stakeholders.

A key aspect of EDANA's work is monitoring and addressing new developments in the following areas:

### TRANSVERSAL LEGISLATION

- Chemicals
  - REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals
  - CLP: Classification, Labelling, and Packaging of Chemicals
  - BPR: Biocidal Products Regulation
  - POP: Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Circular Economy
  - ESPR: Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation
  - EUDR: European Deforestation Regulation
  - GCD: Green Claims Directive

- PPWR: Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
- SUPD: Single-Use Plastics Directive
- WFD: Waste Framework Directive
- Product Safety
  - GPSR: General Product Safety Regulation
- Product certification schemes
  - EU Ecolabel for AHP
- International Trade
- Standardisation
- Sustainable Finance
  - CS3D: Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

### SECTOR-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

- Construction Products Regulation
- Cosmetic Products Regulation (CPR)
- Food Contact Materials Regulation (FCM)
- Medical Devices Regulation (MDR)

### AND ALSO:

- National and international legislation
- Additional topics as needed

Maintaining and cultivating contacts with regulators at European, international and national levels, as well as creating opportunities for dialogue with other associations and NGOs are essential in delivering the best possible service to EDANA members.

Organisations with whom EDANA has regular contacts:

- Product-related: Cosmetics Europe, Euratex, MedTech Europe, AISE, regional and national associations and Ad hoc coalitions
- Horizontal: CEFIC, the CheMI Platform, ChemSec.

Explore EDANA's [Regulatory Affairs activities](#).

## HIGHLIGHT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMMES



The voluntary EDANA Stewardship Programme was launched in 2020 to establish a new level of transparency, strengthen industry's safety efforts and enhance consumer confidence. The Programme addresses concerns about possible trace chemicals that may be found in AHPs when sensitive.

It allows companies to voluntarily go beyond current EU and national legislation, and the participants are free to go beyond the established criteria of the Stewardship Programme based on their specific quality assurance processes.

The voluntary Stewardship Programme core is its **CODEX™**, which features:

- An **evolving list of trace chemicals**, purposefully chosen by EDANA (including, but not limited to, PAHs, phthalates, and metals). These are not intentionally used to manufacture absorbent hygiene products (AHPs) but may be present in trace amounts.
- **Guidance values** for each substance, based on existing related regulations, regulatory guidance, related existing standards or industry experience.
- Standardized consumer relevant **test methods** to evaluate products for possible traces of substances

**Exposure-based risk assessment (EBRA)** is currently the proposed method of choice, as a scientifically sound approach using realistic exposure parameters.

The governance of the Stewardship Programme is ensured by the AHP Committee. A Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) provides expert advice on the EDANA Stewardship Programme CODEX™.

The EDANA Absorbent Hygiene Product Industry Charter is the formal signatory document for the EDANA™ Stewardship Programme. This voluntary EDANA Stewardship Programme **is open to all companies** that manufacture and/or place absorbent hygiene products on the European market, regardless of whether these companies are members of EDANA.

### EXPANSION TO WET WIPES

Building on the success of the AHP framework, EDANA is expanding the CODEX™ Stewardship Programme to include wet wipes. This initiative, announced in June 2025, reflects the industry's commitment to transparency across major nonwoven categories used in personal care, cleaning, and healthcare. While wet wipes already comply with applicable EU legislation, this expansion introduces a consistent, science-based approach to monitoring unintentional trace substances. This proactive step ensures that manufacturers continue to safeguard human health and the environment while meeting the high safety expectations of modern consumers.

Discover the [EDANA Stewardship Programme!](#)



## PUBLIC AFFAIRS



EDANA, as the leading nonwovens trade association in Europe and in many parts of the world, plays a critical role in public affairs.

In this field, EDANA strives to promote the interests of the nonwovens industry and related industries, and to ensure that they are accurately represented in the public debate and agenda. This involves engaging with policymakers, regulators, and other stakeholders to provide insights and perspectives on issues that are important to the nonwovens industry and beneficial to society.

EDANA works to explain to relevant stakeholders the benefits of nonwovens and to dispel any misconceptions that may exist about the industry and its products. The association conducts research, produces reports and publications, and participates in industry events to increase awareness and understanding of nonwovens.

EDANA acts as the voice of the nonwovens industry in providing industry data and feedback to the European policy development process.

Relevant legislative developments include:

- Single-Use Plastics Directive
- Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
  - Waste Framework Directive
  - Medical Devices Regulation
- REACH restrictions: childcare products, microplastics, etc.

To achieve this, EDANA gathers its members' public affairs experts in an advocacy expert panel. Based on the input and expertise from other relevant EDANA working groups (such as the sustainability groups), public affairs positions and strategies are developed and carried out.

EDANA also aims to represent its members' views in public affairs at a national level. A strong local presence enables EDANA to:

- establish a good working relationship with local representatives
- gather direct and relevant intelligence on member states positions on key topics
- build national outreach plans to shape a coherent EU legislative framework.

Currently, EDANA has established local advocacy working groups in Spain, the UK, the Netherlands and Germany.

EDANA remains closely connected with other trade associations around the world to ensure common approaches to global industry issues.

See How EDANA Drives [Public Affairs Initiatives!](#)

## SUSTAINABILITY



EDANA and its member companies engage with a very diverse set of stakeholders – including retailers, NGOs, other industry associations, universities and research centres, and governments – to proactively address topics of interest for our industry and to ensure that member companies can operate in a sound and predictable environment.

EDANA's goals in this field are to:

- work together with partner organisations
- enable the sustained growth of the nonwovens and related industries
- support the expansion of EDANA's activities into markets, applications, and segments of the supply chain for the benefit of all member companies.

EDANA initiates and supports efforts throughout the industry to achieve higher levels of environmental, social, and economic sustainability. On a day-to-day basis, EDANA supports its member companies by monitoring policy developments that directly or indirectly impact the industry, by raising awareness among member companies, by developing industry positions and guidelines, and by conducting advocacy actions and campaigns.

Over the last few years, EDANA has represented the interests of its members on a wide range of topics including regulations on chemicals, product safety, public procurement, waste management, trade policy, consumer testing, and environmental claims.

EDANA has several operational working groups – with expertise in sustainability – working on the continuous development and implementation of an ambitious sustainability strategy.

This is reflected in EDANA's role as an intelligence hub and knowledge partner, enabling collective action and strengthening industry capacity on sustainability and circularity. EDANA supports the development of shared knowledge and the harmonisation of practices through its work as a standards and guidelines architect.

This strategic positioning is translated into concrete actions, including research projects and studies, detailed sustainability reporting, life cycle assessments on products and materials, and awareness-raising on emerging sustainability topics through conferences, dedicated workshops and webinars.

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:


- Product Category Rules for the environmental assessment of wipes, AHP and nonwoven material
- Expert Workshops on Recycling, circularity
- Rules of Origin, EU Policy and Trade
- Life Cycle Assessments on spunbond nonwovens for hygiene products, on baby diapers and incontinence products, wipes and SAP
- Dedicated industry sustainability reporting
- Environmental claims guidelines
- Sustainability Report
- AHP waste to resource initiative
- Webinars on sustainability
- EU Ecolabel for AHPs, Nordic Swan Ecolabel, Blue Angel Ecolabel
- EDANA Sustainability & Policy Forum
- Research projects
- GHG data harmonization guideline
- Sustainability newsletter
- Sustainability courses

Discover [EDANA's Sustainability Vision](#).

# HIGHLIGHT SUSTAINABILITY VISION

EDANA leads the dialogue on sustainable nonwovens by advocating for the industry's needs, as well as guiding and supporting its members to integrate sustainability into their activities for a positive societal impact, by increasing:

Discover [EDANA's Sustainability Vision](#).




**SUSTAINABLE VALUE CHAIN**

**Aim to improve** the sustainability performance of our value chain, including respect of human rights by:

- ⇒ Ensuring sustainable sourcing, production and logistics with focus on material topics, including
  - creating a culture of safety and inclusivity for our workers.
  - minimizing value chain impacts on biodiversity.
- ⇒ Increasing transparency from raw materials to finished goods.

**KEY ACTIONS, INCLUDING:**

- Sharing best practices
- Industry voluntary code of conduct for the nonwovens industry
- Courses
- Industry guidelines on transparency & due diligence



**CLIMATE ACTION**

**Aim to reach** net zero by reducing our sector's greenhouse gas emissions year on year, with a focus on:

- ⇒ Increasing energy efficiency.
- ⇒ Decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels.
- ⇒ Increasing the use of renewable energy.
- ⇒ Switching to more sustainable transport solutions.

**KEY ACTIONS, INCLUDING:**

- Increasing transparency on GHG emissions
- Industry guidelines for company climate plans
- Courses on estimating greenhouse gas emissions and initiatives
- Research on the feasibility to align the sector with the EU climate ambitions



**CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS**

**Aim to develop** circular solutions which benefit society, by:

- ⇒ Integrating key principles in all solutions including: not compromising on safety, and having science-based solutions that create net benefits for society.
- ⇒ Joining forces to research recycling of nonwoven-based products. EDANA is a key actor for building partnerships with external stakeholders.
- ⇒ Increasing the use of materials made from renewable sources, fully biodegradable, recycled or non-plastic alternatives where relevant.
- ⇒ Developing packaging designed for circularity: innovating so all packaging is 100% reusable, recyclable or compostable goods.

**KEY ACTIONS, INCLUDING:**

- Sharing best practices on circularity
- Creating transparency on industry progress towards circularity
- Research into circularity for different nonwoven applications
- Life cycle assessments on material use for increasing circularity

## BUSINESS INFORMATION & MARKET ANALYSIS



EDANA's Nonwovens Market Insight report is the only source of accurate data for Greater Europe. Based on both members' returns and estimates for other producers, this report provides a comprehensive view of the European nonwovens industry, including raw material consumption, the production and sales – in both tonnes and sqm – by technology, sales by segments, which represent today more than 80 nonwovens market subsegments. It is provided free of charge for all EDANA members.

EDANA also collects data on the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy consumption of the nonwovens producers. Statistics for specific sectors are also collected for different working groups. This is the case for bituminous membranes, filtration, hygiene film, hygiene nonwovens, SAP and medical.

All statistics compiled by EDANA are subject to strict confidentiality rules and in compliance with applicable competition rules.

In cooperation with INDA, EDANA also publishes the Global Nonwovens Market Report for the Nonwovens Industry, a report providing forecasts by region, application, and web forming processes.

EDANA monitors:

- macroeconomic trends
- the evolution of polymer & fibre prices
- single use markets
- the construction sector
- the automotive industry
- nonwovens trade flows
- the development of the nonwovens industry worldwide.

Analyses are available for members on the EDANA statistics app (free of charge).

### GLOBAL TRADE

The European nonwovens industry, as represented by EDANA, is in favour of free and fair trade and improved market access for nonwoven products.

EDANA works to facilitate the removal of trade barriers between countries on a reciprocal basis, and to instil a level playing field by preventing and, if needed, addressing market distortions.

Recognised as the main contact point for the nonwovens industry, EDANA plays an active role in trade negotiations and has recently achieved important results (e.g., Brexit or Pan-Euro-Med agreements).

Learn more about [EDANA's Trade Activities](#)



## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS



EDANA, through its marketing and communications activities, raises awareness and understanding of the industry's products and their benefits to society by:

- maintaining a set of communications materials on functional or application areas – and the broader nonwovens industry – highlighting the benefits of nonwovens, including specific product sectors such as hygiene, medical, wipes, filtration, automotive, geotextiles and other durable applications
- its presence at trade shows
- advertising in the trade press.

EDANA acts as a media spokesperson and manages both proactive and reactive communications statements towards media and regulators alike, speaking with a clear and consistent voice.

Via the EDANA website, the member portal, newsletters, press releases, and social networks, the team shares information with members, providing relevant and valuable information and data about EDANA activities and the industry.

For the benefit of our member companies and the industry, EDANA creates, promotes, and hosts conferences and forums in various product sectors and geographies, providing a safe networking environment and a global outreach.

Learn [more!](#)



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Interactive. Scalable. Expert-built.

## EXPERT-LED LEARNING

In an industry defined by rapid technological evolution and shifting regulatory landscapes, static knowledge is no longer sufficient. EDANA serves as the strategic career partner for the entire nonwovens value chain, offering professional development solutions designed for the realities of modern working life. Our curriculum provides the technical depth and clarity required to navigate a complex global market, with formats ranging from in-person briefings to flexible e-learning.

## THE PORTFOLIO

Our curated courses bridge the gap between technical theory and industrial application. Key subjects include:



### Nonwovens Technologies & Processes

From introductory basics to advanced deep dives into carding or spunmelt technologies.



### Sustainability & Circularity

Essential briefings on the EU Green Deal and sustainable product design.



### Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHPs)

Holistic course on the design, chemistry, physics, and market dynamics of the hygiene sector.



### Filtration

Technical modules focused on media performance, testing standards, and market applications.

## FLEXIBLE DELIVERY FORMATS

We offer a tiered range of formats to suit every budget and scheduling requirement, from bespoke in-person intensives to self-paced digital learning.

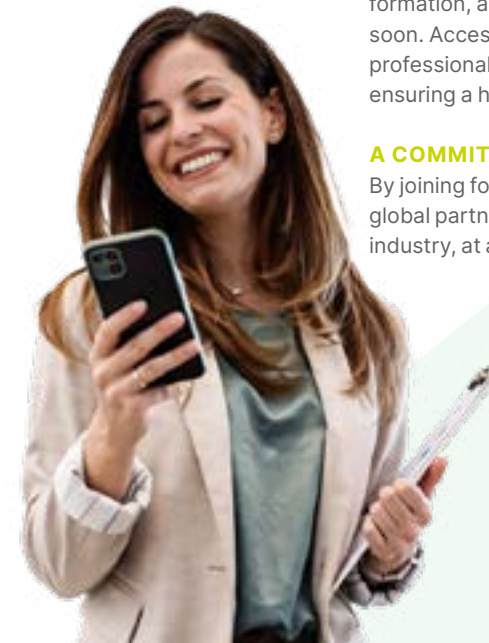
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## NEW: GLOBAL E-LEARNING CURRICULUM

Through the Global Nonwovens Alliance (GNA), EDANA and INDA have introduced a modern e-learning curriculum specifically designed for newcomers and corporate onboarding. These interactive modules offer an economical, scalable solution for training entire teams. The curriculum covers the entire production cycle, including the market landscape, raw materials, web formation, and bonding, with finishing treatments added soon. Accessible on any device, these modules allow professionals to learn at their own pace in clear English, ensuring a high-quality global standard of expertise.

## A COMMITMENT TO GROWTH

By joining forces with INDA, EDANA has become a true global partner for upskilling and reskilling the nonwoven industry, at any career level. Beyond technical skills, our courses target crucial applications and topics to support the current generation of nonwoven leaders – and the next. Whether you are an individual investing in your own professional development, or you manage the Learning & Development department of a multinational organisation, EDANA can meet your needs and accelerate your growth.



## IN-HOUSE COURSES

In-house courses can be a highly effective way for companies to improve the skills and knowledge of their employees.

- Tailored to meet the specific needs of the company: Employees receive learning relevant to their job role and the challenges they face on a daily basis
- Improves the efficiency and effectiveness as a whole
- Convenient: let EDANA instructors come to your site so you can benefit from a customised, private course for any number of employees without travel costs, or schedule a live virtual session – when it works for you and your priorities.

Ask for a [quote online](#)

**Inspiration, collaboration and ideas driving the future of nonwovens.**

The EDANA Innovation Forum is designed to be an immersive experience, including inspirational activities focusing on innovation across all nonwovens' applications.

The Forum gathers an interdisciplinary group of young academics, start-ups, researchers, scientists, and nonwovens professionals across all sectors. It explores the significance of innovation for nonwovens and what it entails. While innovation is typically associated with Confidential Business Information, partnerships can be the key to success.

Taking place in unique hubs of creativity and pioneering ideas, cultivating bold thinking and innovative solutions, the Forum features a mix of presentations and insights, drawn from the nonwovens industry and from other forward-thinking industries. Without a doubt, this cross-pollination of ideas sparks new perspectives and fresh solutions to the complex challenges companies face.

**NEXT EDITION: JUNE 2027**

Learn more about the [forum!](#)



**Where industry and policymakers shape sustainable solutions together.**

Taking place in Brussels, at the heart of Europe, the Sustainability & Policy Forum integrates the policy dimension as a key factor in developing effective sustainable solutions for the future of the nonwovens industry. It addresses key topics such as stakeholder expectations, circular economy, green claims, sustainability reporting, and corporate due diligence, and provides an opportunity to learn, share knowledge, and network on sustainability and policy issues.

Attendees include professionals from nonwovens and related sectors with an interest in sustainability. They typically work in areas such as sustainability, R&D, packaging, branding, retail, CSR, NGOs, and raw material production.

**NEXT EDITION:  
8-9 DECEMBER 2026, BRUSSELS**

Learn [more!](#)

The overall aim is to overcome challenges and collectively identify opportunities to accelerate the industry's net-positive impact. Speakers represent a wide range of stakeholders from across the nonwovens value chain, but not only. These include companies, European regulators, and legislators. The event encourages constructive dialogue on both challenges and opportunities.



# OUTLOOK

The world's premier nonwovens personal care, hygiene & wipes products conference and exhibition.

OUTLOOK™ is the leading global conference for nonwovens-based personal care, hygiene and wipes products, recognised as the key annual meeting point for the industry.

Designed as a premium platform for insight, collaboration and business development, the event welcomes manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, brand owners, technology providers and other stakeholders from across the value chain.

Its dynamic programme explores the latest market trends, growth opportunities, sustainability developments, innovations, technological advances and regulatory updates across key product sectors including baby diapers, wet wipes, menstrual care and incontinence products. It also provides valuable perspectives on the major global forces shaping the future of the industry.

Renowned for its high-level networking environment, OUTLOOK™ offers a highly efficient and cost-effective way to build relationships, strengthen partnerships and generate new business opportunities. Dedicated meeting spaces, exhibition areas and social events create the ideal setting for meaningful exchanges and long-term collaboration.

Building on its long-standing success in Europe, the OUTLOOK™ concept has also expanded internationally, with editions in Asia and India.

**NEXT EDITION:  
22-24 SEPTEMBER 2026 | CASCAIS – PORTUGAL**

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**OUTLOOK ASIA**  
**OUTLOOK INDIA**



**OUTLOOK™ Asia Award**  
**OUTLOOK™ India Award**

The OUTLOOK™ Awards honour innovative products and services made by or for the Asia-Pacific or the Indian markets.

# FILTREX

Advancing filtration through expertise, technology and partnership.

FILTREX™ is a two-day conference featuring a tabletop exhibition that supports the expected market growth for nonwoven filtration.

Originally organised in Europe, FILTREX was exported to Asia and India by request from our members, in order to help them create new business opportunities and to expand their networks beyond European borders. In India, EDANA co-organises the event with BCH, in Asia with CNTA and CFS; the two Chinese associations representing nonwovens and filtration respectively.

It provides a must-attend forum for filtration professionals to share information and new developments, and to meet and do business.

Typically, the 200 participants are managers and technical specialists from producers of all types of filter media, as well as converters of media, raw material suppliers, measuring equipment manufacturers, laboratories, and research institutions.

**NEXT EDITION: FILTREX INDIA 7-8 OCTOBER**

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**The FILTREX™ Innovation Award** recognizes the efforts of manufacturers of nonwoven based filtration products/elements and celebrate their continuous efforts towards excellence and innovation.

**FILTREX ASIA**  
**FILTREX INDIA**



**Bridging Europe and Asia through geosynthetics expertise.**

The EurAsian Geosynthetics Symposium is dedicated to delivering the latest insights and intelligence about woven and nonwoven geosynthetics in Europe and Asia. It is a unique event of its kind and is of interest to the whole geotextiles supply chain.

The two-day conference includes tabletop displays for local and international companies to showcase their products and services.

This event is co-organised by CNITA, the China Nonwovens & Industrial Textiles Association, and EDANA.

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**Protecting tomorrow through waterproofing expertise.**

IMPERVIUS™ is a conference specially aimed at professionals in the waterproofing bituminous membranes sector.

The waterproofing bituminous membranes sector totalled in 2017 an estimated production of 755 million sqm in Western Europe. To support this growing market and demand, EDANA introduced a brand-new conference in 2019 focussing on the production of waterproofing bituminous membranes.

This two-day conference is designed to offer great insights, best practices, and information on market trends, regulatory and technical topics, and environmental aspects such as circular economy, as well as potential issues that could affect the whole supply chain.

Find Out More About the [Conference!](#)



# index™

**29** THE WORLD'S  
LEADING NONWOVENS  
EXHIBITION

**The world's leading marketplace  
for nonwovens innovation and business.**

Established by EDANA in 1974, INDEX™ is the world's leading nonwovens exhibition. Held every three years, the event attracts more than **13,000 trade visitors** from over **100 countries**, alongside more than **700 exhibitors** from **46 countries**, across **22,000m<sup>2</sup>** of exhibition space.

**NEXT EDITION:  
15-18 MAY 2029 | PALEXPO – GENEVA**

Learn [more!](#)

Bringing together the full nonwovens value chain, from raw material suppliers and machinery manufacturers to converters, brand owners and end users, INDEX™ is the flagship global meeting place for the industry and a must-attend event for companies seeking growth, visibility and strategic connections.

Over four dynamic days, visitors discover the latest innovations, technologies and sustainable solutions shaping the future of nonwovens across hygiene, wipes, medical, filtration, automotive, construction, packaging and many other technical applications.

INDEX™ is far more than an exhibition. It is a unique platform for networking, market intelligence and thought leadership, featuring expert-led seminars, innovation showcases and high-level discussions on the trends transforming the sector worldwide.

For exhibitors, INDEX™ offers unrivalled visibility and direct access to an international audience of decision-makers. For visitors, it is the most efficient way to meet partners, identify opportunities, benchmark solutions and generate new business.

With more than five decades of heritage, INDEX™ remains the benchmark event for the global nonwovens industry.

**Save the date!**

### **A new global platform for the nonwovens industry.**

The Global Nonwovens Alliance (GNA) is a strategic, non-profit alliance created jointly by EDANA and INDA to strengthen global coordination for the nonwovens and related industries. Launched in 2026, it brings together the capabilities of the two leading associations to address issues that can no longer be managed at regional level alone.

#### **GNA PROVIDES A STRUCTURED PLATFORM TO:**

- Align positions on key global topics such as sustainability, circularity, chemical safety, and product stewardship.
- Coordinate advocacy and engagement with international regulators and stakeholders.
- Share knowledge, data, and best practices across regions.

EDANA and INDA remain fully responsible for their regional activities, services and member programmes. GNA connects these strengths and develops joint initiatives where a global approach creates added value for members.

#### **GNA'S KEY OBJECTIVES ARE TO:**

- Enhance the value of existing programmes and services by representing and advancing the broader nonwovens industry at global level.
- Build a coherent global advocacy strategy, with common priorities and coordinated messaging across regions.
- Develop joint studies, harmonised data sets, and science-based approaches to support evidence-based decision-making.
- Coordinate a robust global educational offer, including courses, e-learning, and events, to support professional development across the value chain.
- Create operational synergies by pooling expertise and resources, driving efficiencies and avoiding duplication of efforts between regions.

While founded jointly by EDANA and INDA, GNA is designed as an open platform. Over time, it will seek structured collaboration with other strategically aligned associations and stakeholders worldwide, expanding its reach and reinforcing the industry's ability to act collectively at global level.

Visit the [GNA website](#).

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