

1. Introduction

The European footwear industry has faced many challenges recently, such as increased competition leading to restructuring and modernisation. Risk & Policy Analysts (RPA) has been asked by the European Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry – contact entr-textiles-fashion-and-forest-ind@ec.europa.eu) to carry out an in-depth assessment of the current status of the sector and its future prospects. The goal of the assessment is to better equip stakeholders, as well as regional, national and European authorities, to respond to the challenges.

We set out some questions below which will help us to analyse the current state of the industry. While some questions may be difficult to answer precisely; please provide your best estimate where possible. Please note that responses to this questionnaire will be handled in the strictest confidence and will only be used for the purposes of this study. In preparing our reports for the Commission (which may subsequently be published), care will be taken to ensure that specific responses cannot be linked to individual companies. If you have specific concerns about how your views will be treated, you can contact Eszter Kantor (see email below) and we will be happy to discuss your concerns.

We would be very grateful if you could answer the following questions by **20 May 2011**.

If you have difficulties with this on-line questionnaire, you may complete a version off-line and return to eszter.kantor@rpald.co.uk or by fax to +44 1508 520758. Thank you very much for your assistance.

2. About Your Institute

1. Please provide the following details:

Institute name:

Name of contact person:

Location (country):

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

2. Please indicate the type of your institute by ticking the appropriate box

Independent institute or centre

Industry-affiliated institute or centre

Governmental institute or centre

Part of university/technical college

Other (please specify)

3. Cooperation

1. How good is your level of cooperation with the following types of partners?

	very poor	poor	moderate	good	very good	not applicable
Footwear manufacturers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local research institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International research institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industry associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local education institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International education institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trade unions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

2. How closely does your institute work with the footwear manufacturing industry?

Please tick all that apply.

- Industry is involved in design and development of courses
- Industry provides work placements for students
- Industry provides funding for courses
- Students work on particular industry problems as part of their course
- Industry provides funding for individual students
- Industry identifies/recommends course topics
- Industry provides lecturers for course
- Other (please specify)

4. Training

1. What types of training do you offer on skills related to footwear manufacturing?

Please tick all that apply.

	Short courses	Degree/diploma course	Distance learning	Part time course	Full time course
Training related to management	€	€	€	€	€
Training related to design	€	€	€	€	€
Training related to other aspects of manufacturing	€	€	€	€	€

Other (please specify)

2. Please indicate the change (%) in the number of students receiving different types of training in 2011 compared to 2006.

	Increased by more than 50%	Increased by 20% - 50%	About the same	Decreased by 20% - 50%	Decreased by more than 50%
Training related to management	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Training related to design	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Training related to other aspects of manufacturing	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Other	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

If Other (please specify)

3. Please indicate how many of your students are successful in finding jobs in the footwear industry within one year of finishing their training (excluding short courses)?

	Less than 25%	25-50%	50-70%	70-90%	More than 90%
% of students successful in finding jobs in the footwear industry within one year of finishing	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

4. Has the footwear manufacturing related curriculum changed significantly over the past 5 years?

Yes

No

5. Issues

1. What are some of the major issues in footwear related courses currently being implemented in the education institutions in your region?

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2. Do you think that research results are being implemented in the footwear related education institutes in your country?

	1- Ignored	2	3 - Partially implemented	4	5 - Fully implemented
Extent to which results of innovation are being implemented in education	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

3. Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire and finally:

Have we missed any important aspects of your organisation's position or future prospects? Please let us know in the box below.

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