

Footwear - Research Institutes

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 information

Institute name:

Name of contact person:

Location (country):

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

2. Number of employees:

Less than 50

50-250

More than 250

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

Independent institute or centre

Governmental institute or centre

University-affiliated institute or centre

Other (please specify)

4. Please indicate the types of activities your institute undertakes

Research

Technical services

Consulting services

Organising conferences

Training

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 industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Governmental institutions	<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"/>
Local education institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Inter)national education institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If Other, please specify

2. How closely does your institute work with the footwear manufacturing industry? (please tick all that apply)

- Industry suggests/identifies topics for R and D programmes
- Industry is involved in the design and development of research programmes
- Industry provides basic funding
- Industry provides funding for individual research projects
- Research takes place on industry premises
- Institute provides consultancy to industry
- Other (please specify)

4. Research

1. What types of research do you undertake in relation to footwear manufacturing?

Please tick all that apply.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics (business, employment etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and natural resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raw materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Product development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

2. What types of publications does your institute produce?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Popular articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly/quarterly reviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Journals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual reports | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. Does your institute assist with capacity building for stakeholders of the footwear industry?

Yes

No

5. Details of Capacity Building

1. If yes, please provide details on what type of capacity building you participate in:

Hold short-term training courses

Provide studentships/fellowships

Research exchange programme

Make presentations at conferences and seminars organised by others

Organise conferences and seminars

Coaching and mentoring

Other (please specify)

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6. Final Questions

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire and finally:

1. Do you think that research results are being implemented in the footwear manufacturing companies in your country?

	1 - Ignored	2	3 - Partially implemented	4	5 - Fully implemented
Extent to which results of innovation are being implemented in manufacturing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="5"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="6"/>