



OVERVIEW OF EAPA'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

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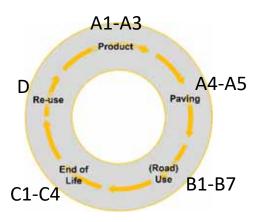
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Content

- The European Asphalt Pavement Association (EAPA)
- The hot topics and new challenges for the asphalt industry in Europe
- The answers of a sustainable and responsible industry













• EAPA is a non-profit association, founded in 1973 and nowadays based in Brussels, Belgium EAPA represents the majority of the European asphalt paving industry



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EAPA's mission

 EAPA is the voice of the Asphalt Paving Industry in Europe and works to ensure that the use of asphalt, as the optimum choice for the construction and maintenance of the vital European road infrastructure, is fully appreciated, promoted and implemented.



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16 National Members







Payement Association

European Contacts in Brussels:

- Aggregates Europe (UEPG)
- Eurobitume
- European Union Road Federation (ERF)
- European Construction Association (FIEC)
- Conference of European Road Directors (CEDR)
- Construction Alliance 2050
- High Level Construction Forum (HLCF)
- Industry for Europe etc.





European Floor Exchange

 Regular exchange with representatives of European Parliament and Commission







EAPA Committees

- General Council Assembly
- Directors' Group
- Executive Committee
- Technical Committee
- Health, Safety and Environment Committee
- Communication Committee
- Asphalt 4.0 Committee
- Various Task Forces: Warm Mix Asphalt, Reuse of asphalt, Decarbonisation, Odour





Global contacts and Chairmanship of Global Asphalt Pavement Alliance



The hot topics and new challenges for the asphalt industry in Europe





Many hot topics for the asphalt industry (1)

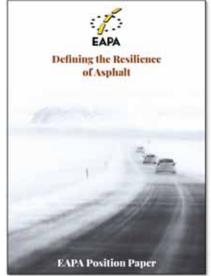
- Sustainability
 - Decarbonisation of asphalt and road sector
 - Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
 - Circular Economy Re-use of asphalt
 - Taxonomy
 - Tyre and road wear particles
 - Alternative binders
 - European End-of-Waste criteria for asphalt
 - The new EU Clean Industrial Deal
- Health issues
 - Reduction of emissions in work environment
 - Temperature reduced asphalts/Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)
 - Odour/Emissions of asphalt plants



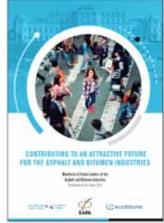


Many hot topics for the asphalt industry (2)

- Technical Aspects
 - Megatrends towards increased productivity
 - Durability of asphalt pavements
 - Hydrogen use for drying systems of asphalt plants
 - Asphalt for bike lanes
- Digitalisation and Innovation / Asphalt 4.0
- Attracting new talents and skilled workforce
- Resilience
- Future Road Transport
- Communication Webinars, Social Media, Magazine, YouTube, Podcasts, etc.









Always hot topics for the asphalt industry

Standardisation

- Revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)
- Updates and inputs for CEN Standardisation Committees
 - Bituminous mixtures (CEN TC227, CEN TC227 WG1)
 - Bituminous binders (CEN TC336, CEN TC336 WG1)
 - Sustainability, PCR and EPDs (CEN TC227 WG6)
 - Aggregates (CEN TC154)
- Exchange with Academia
 - Rilem TC on Alternative Paving Materials and Fumes Emission Evaluation
 - ERTRAC, ECCREDI
 - Universities over Europe





Environmental Product Declaration

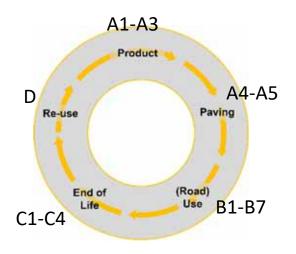


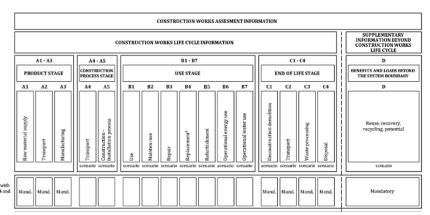


Environmental Product Declarations

EPD documents

- intended for the transparent communication of the environmental impacts and/or performance of construction products through their lifetime (and even beyond).
- compare the impacts of different materials/products in order to identify the most sustainable option.





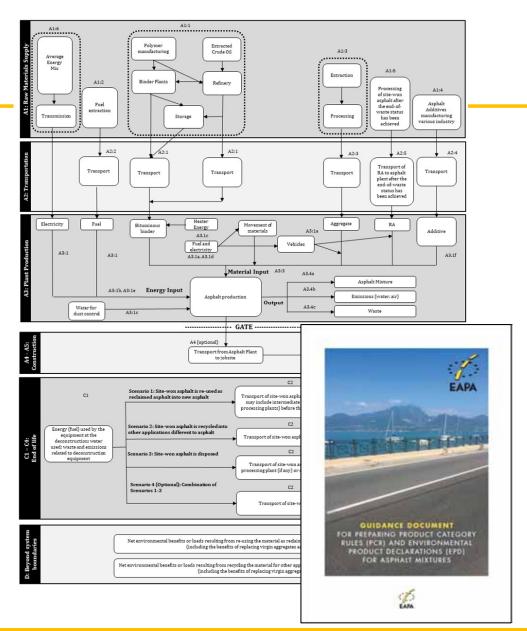


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Environmental Product Declarations

This tool

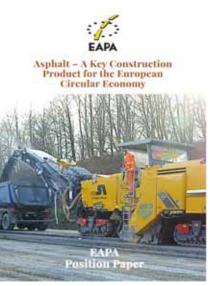
- Can contribute to reduce the overall footprint of the road construction sector (and reduces costs!).
- Helps engineers to add environmental criteria to the selection process of products/ materials for a given project.
- Provides Road Authorities to compare offers based on their sustainability (Which is already good practice in Scandinavia!).





Circular Economy – Asphalt is Circular



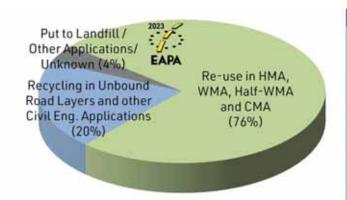




Circular Economy – Asphalt in Figures by EAPA

Asphalt Industry is fully committed to the Circular Economy

Asphalt re-use



Data from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey. In these countries, a total of 36,1 Mt of reclaimed asphalt were available, out of which, 76% were reused, 22% were recycled and only 2% were used on unknown applications or put to landfill.

Operation by which reclaimed asphalt (RA) is added to new asphalt mixes, with the aggregates and the aged bituminous binder performing the same function as in their original application.

Note: This is independent of manufacturing temperature, road layer, etc. Hence, it would include, for example, the manufacturing of cold mix asphalt from former warm or hot mix asphalt, as long as aggregates and aged bitumen keep respectively working as aggregates and binder. Asphalt recycling

Operation by which reclaimed asphalt (RA) is used as foundation, fill or road material, with the recovered aggregate and bitumen performing a lesser (or alternative engineering) function than in the original application.

Note: This means that, traditionally, the term "recycling" has been mistakenly used to actually refer to "re-use" operations.

Important: End of Waste Activities!

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

THE USE OF REJUVENATORS IN HOT AND WARM ASPHALT

PRODUCTION

Re-use



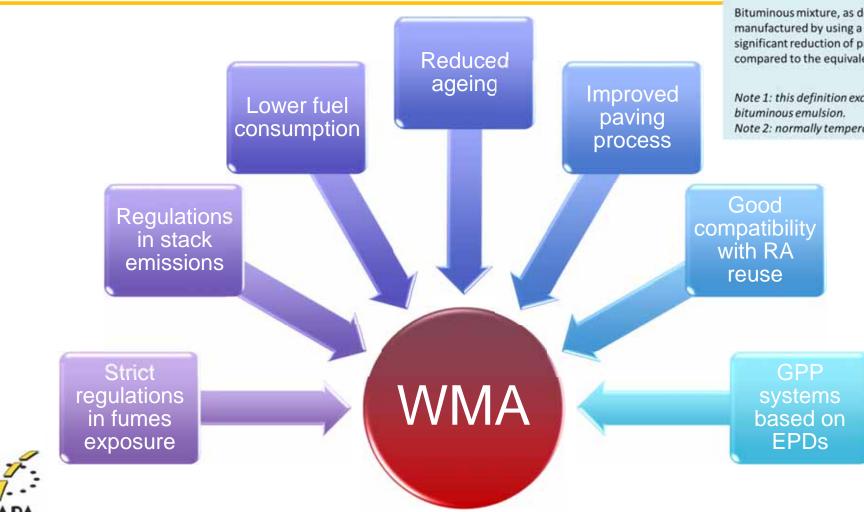


Temperature Reduced Asphalts/ Warm Mix Asphalt





Warm Mix Asphalt



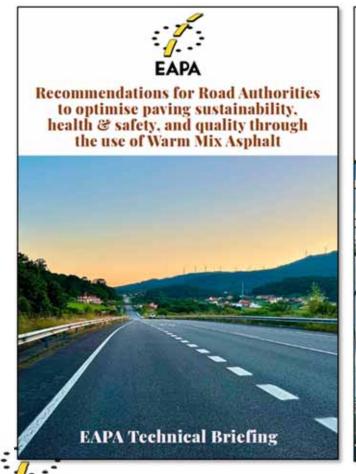
EAPA definition of Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA):

Bituminous mixture, as defined in Standard Series EN 13108, manufactured by using a series of technologies, which allow a significant reduction of production and installation temperatures, compared to the equivalent hot mix asphalt.

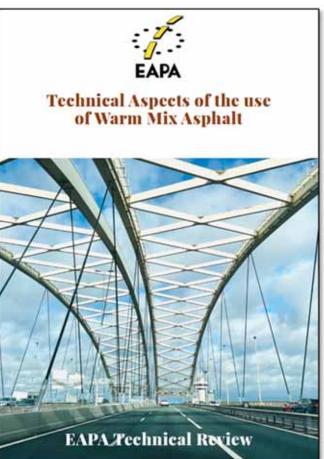
Note 1: this definition excludes asphalt mixes manufactured with bituminous emulsion.

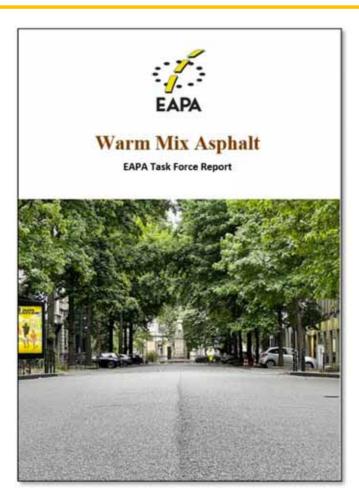
Note 2: normally temperature reductions are of at least 20K.

Warm Mix Asphalt



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Digitalisation & Innovation – Asphalt 4.0







Asphalt 4.0















Communication







International Road Maintenance Day 2024 & 2025

Gathered on 4 April 2024, bringing together experts to discuss CO₂ emissions reduction and sustainable road maintenance. Hosted by EAPA and Asefma (Spanish Asphalt Pavement Association) with 150+ participants from 45 countries. Live streamed by EAPA for global audience. 2025: 65 countries, +300 participants.



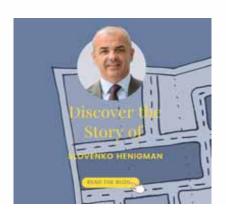




Communication Channels

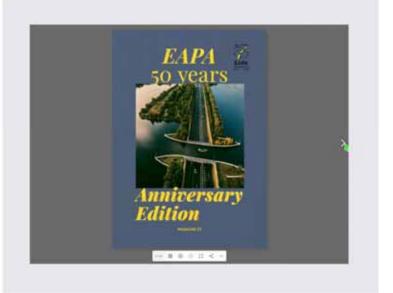
- Website
- Newsletter and Magazine
- Social Media
- EAPA YouTube Channel
- Asphalt Advantages
- Asphalt Advocate of the year
- Manifestos
- Position Papers





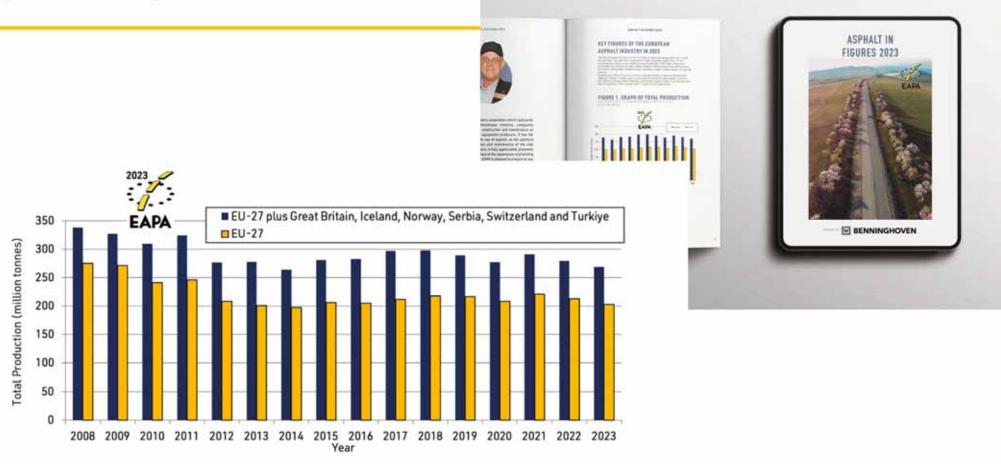
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Asphalt in Figures





Podcast – The Roadcast

Inspiring and empowering the next Generation of Engineers







Recently Released







on the Asphalt Mixing Plant
A Good Practice Guide on Asphalt Workers Health Protection

- Second Edition -



EAPA Guidance Document



Technical Aspects of the use of Warm Mix Asphalt



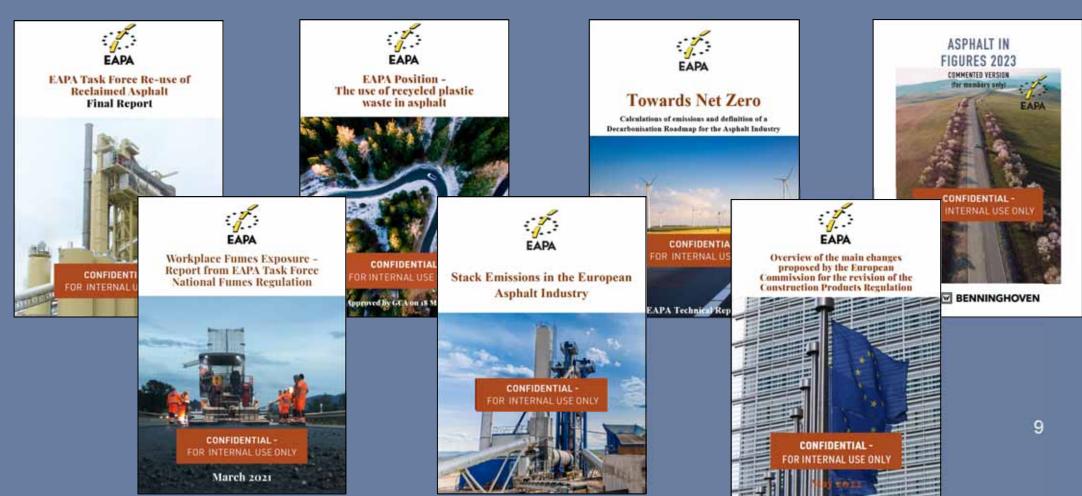




EAPA Technical Briefing



Internal Only Reports



Women in Asphalt

EAPA Marketing & Communication Manager, Meghaa Vandana working with Siobhan McKelvey from Eurobitume on creation of Women in Asphalt Focus Group

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering women in asphalt industry careers.

GOALS

- AWARENESS Increasing awareness of opportunities in the industry.
- KNOWLEDGE Elevating knowledge through education and resources.
- COMMUNITY Providing platforms to create supportive relationships and growth.





Congresses, Symposia, and Events











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October 1 - 3, 1986



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2nd Eurasphalt & Eurobitume Event Vienna

8th Eurasphalt & Eurobitume Congress Budapest





Thanks for listening!



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