

FoodDrinkEurope releases latest statistics covering the EU food and drink industry in Data & Trends 2019

(Brussels, 25 November 2019) FoodDrinkEurope's latest Data & Trends 2019 report is now available, providing comprehensive statistics and insights on the EU food and drink industry.

Data & Trends 2019 shows that the EU food and drink industry employs 4.72 million people, generates a turnover of €1.2 trillion and €236 billion in value added, making it the largest manufacturing industry in the EU. In half of the EU's 28 Member States, the food and drink industry is the biggest manufacturing employer.

This year's edition includes brand new data on digitalisation in industry, automation, bioeconomy, the latest figures on the EU-UK food and drink trade, and an overview of the industry's contribution towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Data & Trends 2019 also provides an outlook on markets. About ¾ of EU food and drink exports are destined for the Single Market. At the same time, the EU is the largest exporter of food and drink products in the world with extra-EU exports reaching €110 billion and a trade surplus of €36 billion. The report also includes a ranking of the top 50 food and drink companies in the world.

This report is one of FoodDrinkEurope's most successful and longest-running publications and presents, in a visually-engaging way, the industry's key contribution to Europe's economy.

The report can be viewed [here](#).

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Note to the editors:

FoodDrinkEurope is the organisation of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and a leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (294,000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.7 million employees).