

2nd Newsletter of the European Pellet Centre

The aim of the project "Pellets for Europe" is to provide technical and market information for pellet market actors across Europe. The following newsletter describes some of the progress and findings obtained within the project.

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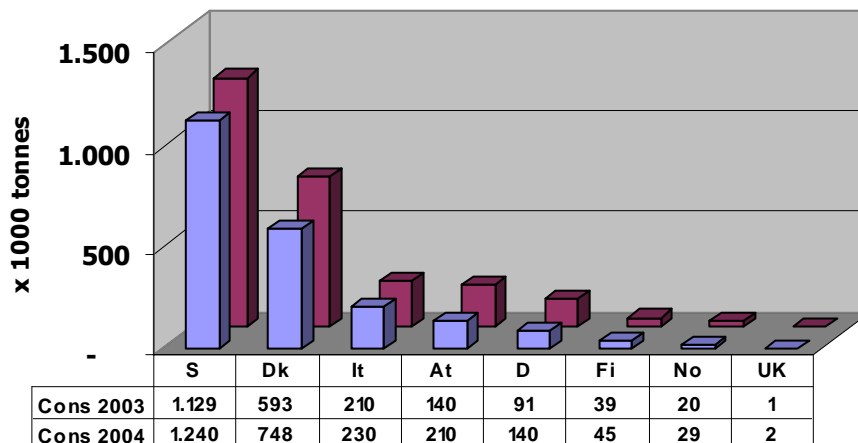
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Market data

Periodical market data such as consumption, production, import, export and prices has recently been updated on the webpage is collected for the most important pellet markets in Europe. Some of this data is summarised in Figure 1 for 2004 below.

Figure 1: Annual consumption and import of wood pellets in selected European countries (purple column = consumption 2004; blue column = consumption 2003)

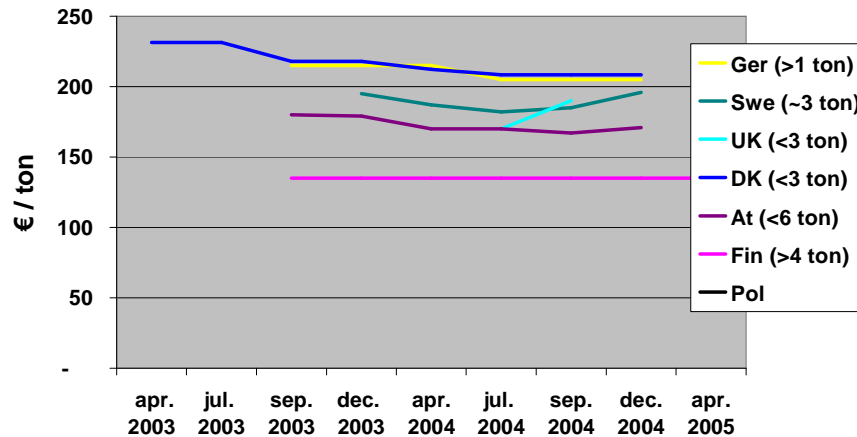


The complete set of supply and consumption data is displayed on a yearly basis on the [webpage](#).

Price Index

Average prices of pellets have been collected for the main European pellet markets. Both prices for residential consumers as well as for large consumers are collected and the average values of these collections are displayed on the [webpage](#). In Figure 2, average prices for bulk delivery of between 1 and 6 tons to residential consumers are summarised for 2003 and 2004.

Figure 2: Average prices for bulk delivery to residential consumers including VAT and deliver



European quality standards

With an increasing European market with export and import of pellets over the borders the question of common quality standards are becoming more important.

Currently, national standards for pellets are in operation in Sweden, Austria, Germany and Italy. Other countries, like e.g. Denmark, are still waiting for the completion of the European pellets standard included in the standard for solid biomass fuels CEN/TC 335. In some countries quality labels or environmental labels have been developed also for pellets. The general content of the most commonly used national standards are shown on the [webpage](#) and also discussed in more detail in the report that can be downloaded from the same site.

R & D on pellets in Europe

A key issue to pellet development and promotion is to collate, and disseminate important research findings. Accordingly a survey on past and current R&D (Research & Development) activities and researchers in Europe has been performed with the project. The results of this survey reveal that several Centres for pellet R&D exist in Europe, but frequently they work in isolation. Thus the project aim has been to establish forums for increased dialogue between R&D institutions and the commercial actors on a regional level, especially concerning technology development issues.

The register of R&D institutions and researchers is available in the [database on market actors](#) and will soon also be available at www.EnergyCentre.Info. The complete report on R&D on pellets in Europe can be downloaded from the [project website](#).

Events

Several national and international conferences and workshops on the production and utilisation of pellets have been and some will still be organised within the project. More information on these events can also be found on the project [webpage](#).

Below there is also information on upcoming important international pellets events:

Pellets 2006

31 May to 1 June, 2006 in Jönköping, Sweden

Pellets 2006 is the second major world event on pellets and is held every fourth year and is organised by SVEBIO in co-operation with Elmia PiR and SBBA.

For more information please visit <http://www.svebio.se/engindex.htm>.

PELLETS-EXPO, 3rd International Fair of Devices and Technologies for Pellet Industry 15-17 June, 2005, in Bydgoszcz, Poland

PELLETS-EXPO in Bydgoszcz is Poland's major place for promotion of modern technologies, market trends, and a venue for exchange of experience and opinions between specialists. Altogether, there were over 200 conference participants last time.

For more information: www.ctpik.com.pl

14th European Conference and Exhibition on Biomass for Energy Industry and Climate Protection

17 - 21 October, 2005, in Paris, France

The 14th European Conference and Technology Exhibition on Biomass for Energy Industry and Climate Protection will take place in Paris from 17 to 21 October 2005. It is the 14th edition of the European event, following the recent successful events in Amsterdam in 2002 and in Rome 2004.

For more information: <http://www.conference-biomass.com>

Pellets 2005, Trade fair

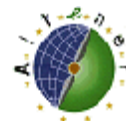
13.-14. Oct. 2005 in Stuttgart, Germany

Pellets 2005 concentrates on nothing but pellets technology. The most important producers, manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers and service providers present their latest products and services. About 65 exhibitors are expected for 2005.

For more information: www.pellets2005.de



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