# MMFA Annual Press Conference

28 February 2024

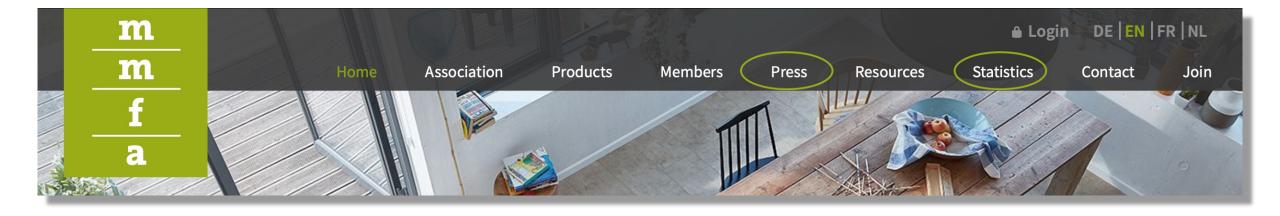


# **Meeting Etiquette**

- Please mute your microphone to avoid background noise.
- Participation is encouraged so:
  - Use Chat to ask questions.
  - Raise Hand to speak and activate your video/microphone when you have the floor.



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# 2023 Overview

Jan Dossche, COREtec President



## MMFA continues to grow











# Keeping floors in the loop!

### Circularity

- Circular Economy Workshop
- Digital Product Passport (DPP)
- CISUFLO project

### Sustainability

 Environmental Product Declarations

#### Standards

- CEN
- ISO



## **Our drivers in 2023**

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# Circular Economy Workshop

- Held in Brussels on 23 November 2023.
- Exchange of views with industry stakeholders:
  - Sorting and recycling companies.
  - Flooring associations.
  - Traders.
  - Suppliers to MMF manufacturers.
- Focused on collection possibilities, sorting and recycling of flooring products.





# **Digital Product Passport**

# Policy engagement

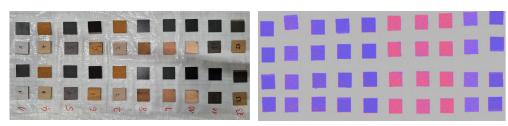
Engaged with the EC to monitor developments (feasibility study)

### Sorting tests

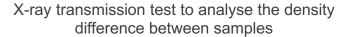
First MMFA test & 2024 project with ERFMI

### CISUFLO

Monitor eProdis database progress



MMFA - Multilayer Modular Flooring Association





#### **Circularity**

# **CISUFLO Policy Brief**

- Policy brief highlighting drivers and barriers for the transition to a circular flooring sector.
- Includes preliminary recommendations on:
  - Digital Product Passport & standards
  - Standards to promote design for circularity.
  - Targets for minimum recycled content.
  - Mandatory waste collection schemes.
  - Incentivising sorting and recycling.



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### **Environmental Product Declarations**

- Development of MMFA's 1<sup>st</sup> Environmental Product Declarations:
  - Wood EPD for Vinyl HDF Floor Covering (PVC layer on HDF with cork).
  - EPD for **SPC** Floor Covering (Solid Polymer).





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# Looking into 2024

#### Circularity

- Partner with ERFMI/EPLF for large-scale sorting tests
- Contribute to feasibility study on DPP
- Contribute to CISUFLO project
- Policy monitoring, focus on ECHA

#### Sustainability

Finalise Environmental Product Declarations

#### Standards

Continue work at CEN/ISO level



# Technical Overview

Sebastian Wendel, Classen
Convenor of the Technical Committee



# Circular Economy Workshop

#### Collection

- Industry has to work together.
- Different solutions required for project and residential waste.
- Sector should engage with all players (incl. e.g., traders) for material collection from end-consumers.
- Issue re. material collection of products coming outside of the EU.

Next step: Launch ad-hoc group on collection

#### **Sorting**

- Main hurdles are:
  - Mixed materials.
  - Attached pads.
  - Black core (potential issues for NIR sorting).
  - Technologies (e.g. panels cannot be sorted unless shredded).
- Legacy additives and old plasticisers must be found and separated.

Next step: Sorting ad-hoc group to work with ERFMI/EPLF

#### Recycling

- Challenges:
  - Finding a common industry base for design for recycling.
  - Glue and subfloor residues.
- Opportunities:
  - Remanufacturing examples (suitable for other producers).
  - Reuse and potential to develop "second hand flooring platforms".
  - Exploring new gluing technologies.

Next step: Launch ad-hoc group on recycling

### **Environmental Product Declarations**

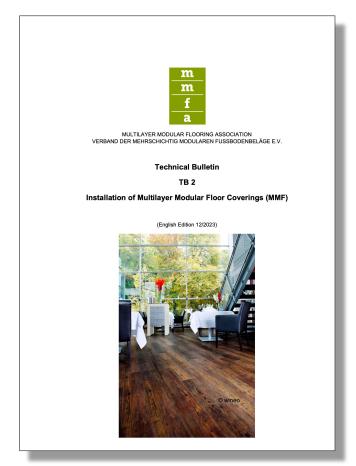
- Why an EPD?
  - Internationally recognised and standardized tool for sustainability data.
  - Becoming more and more important with regards to the new CPR.
- Wood EPD for Vinyl HDF Floor Covering (PVC layer on HDF with cork)
  - Status: under third-party verification at IBU. EPD expected in March.
- EPD for SPC Floor Covering (Solid Polymer)
  - Status: data collection process started in January. EPD expected in November.



# **Technical Bulletin updates**

- Technical Bulletin on installation updated in December. Additional information on:
  - Moisture-sensitive flooring systems.
  - Floor heating/cooling systems.

 Available in DE, EN, FR and NL (Resources section of MMFA website).





### **Standardization CEN/ISO**

- Circularity (CEN TC 134 WG 10):
  - New EN 17861 "Circular Economy Terms and Definitions" (e.g., design for recycling, reuse, recycled material content, pre- and post-consumer waste, etc.).
  - Design for Circularity document focusing on a product's life-cycle and how to avoid waste.
  - Digital Product Passport (principles and content).



### **Standardization CEN/ISO**

- Revised EN 16511: published in May 2023.
- Discussions on introducing an ISO standard for MMF-floorings in the revision of EN ISO 14486.
- Revision EN ISO 20326 including melamine surfaces on polymer cores.
- New CEN work item "Hot-spot method for dimensional stability as results of the IHD/MMFA research project".
- New CEN work item "Requirements on underlays for MMFfloorings".
- New amendment of EN 16511 to cover all flooring constructions.



# Main projects 2024

### Circularity

- Launch ad-hoc group on collection
- Launch MMFA/ERFMI/EPLF ad-hoc group on sorting
- Continue work on CISUFLO project

### Sustainability

- Finalise SPC EPD
- Draft new Technical Bulletin on Lifespan and R-strategies

#### Standards

Continue to drive standardization work at CEN/ISO



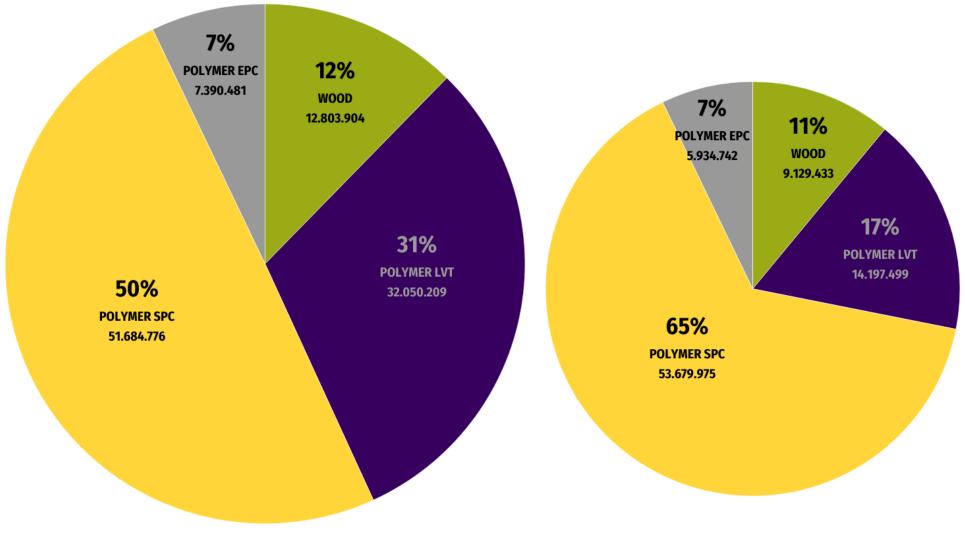
# 2023 MMFA Sales figures\*

Carl Ruland, Novalis
Convenor of the Market Development Committee

\*Scope: sales of MMFA members into the indicated markets.



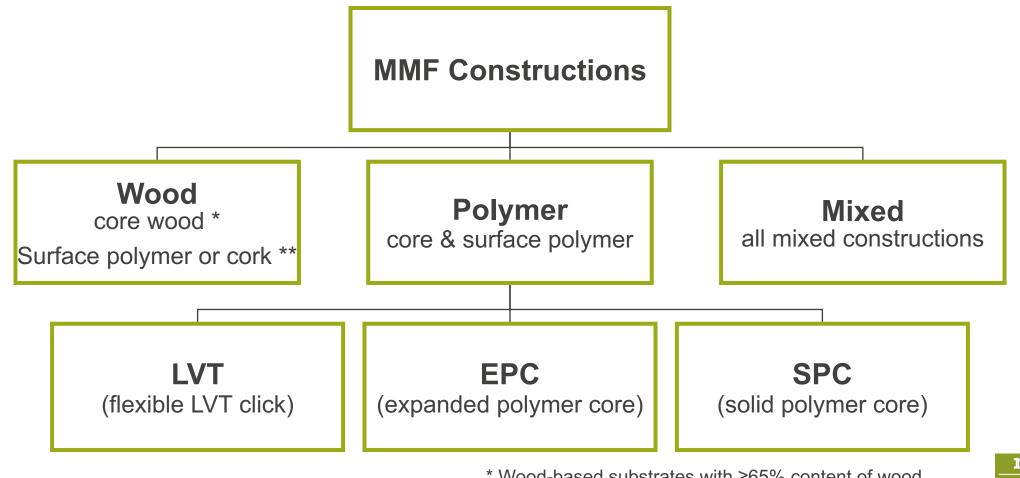
#### Market: MMFA members sold less in 2023 vs 2022



Total MMFA sales 2022 103.929.370 m<sup>2</sup> Total MMFA sales 2023 82.941.648 m<sup>2</sup>



# **MMFA** categories

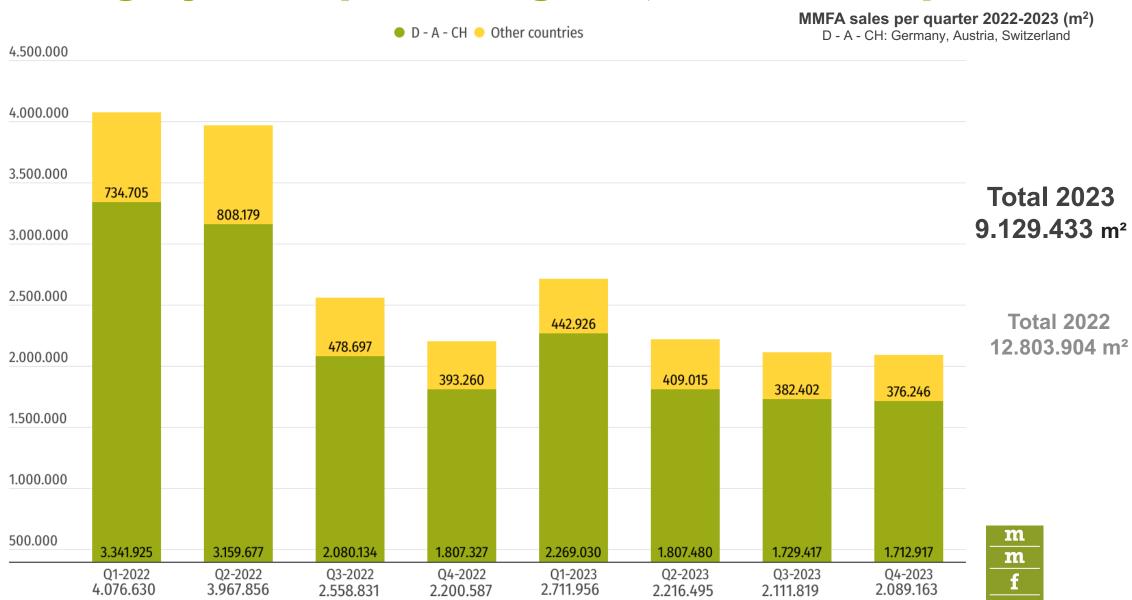


<sup>\*</sup> Wood-based substrates with ≥65% content of wood particles/fibres in the core

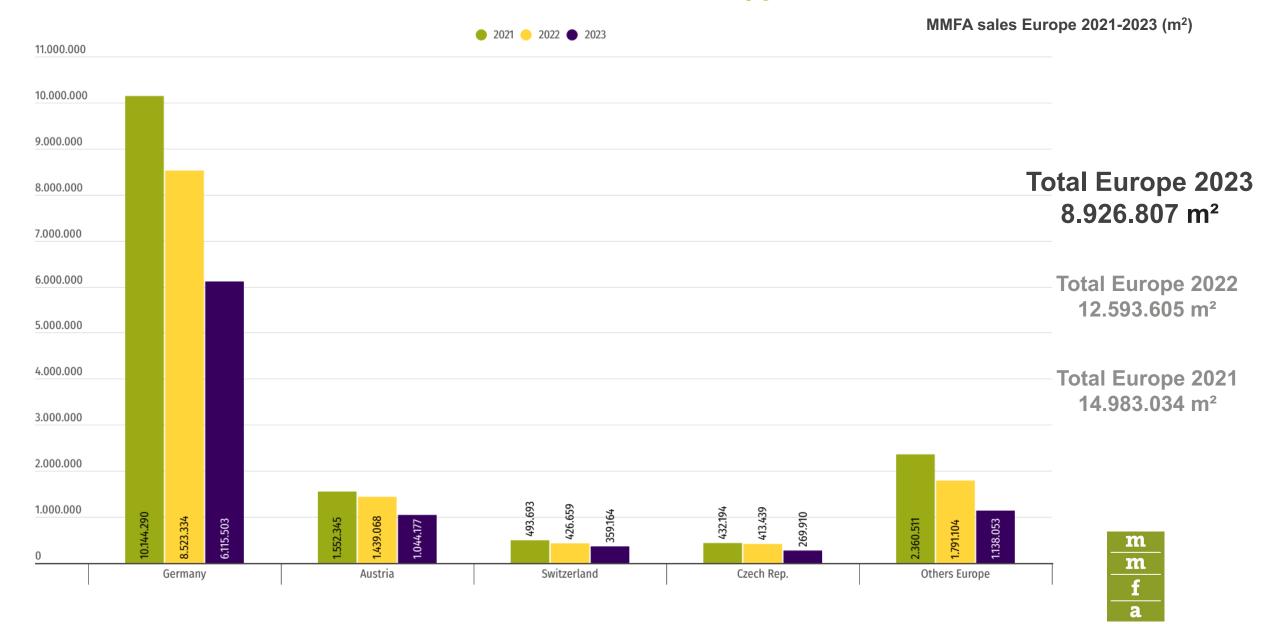
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Cork surface layer with cork thickness <2.5 mm

### Wood: Category wood plateauing at 2,1 million m<sup>2</sup>/quarter

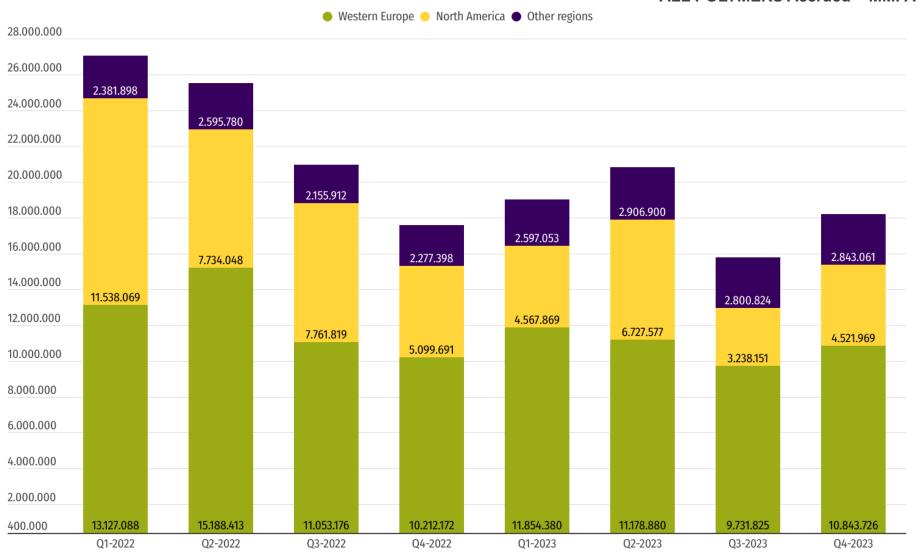


#### Wood: D/A/CH account for almost 80% of total sales



### **Polymer: Another challenging year**



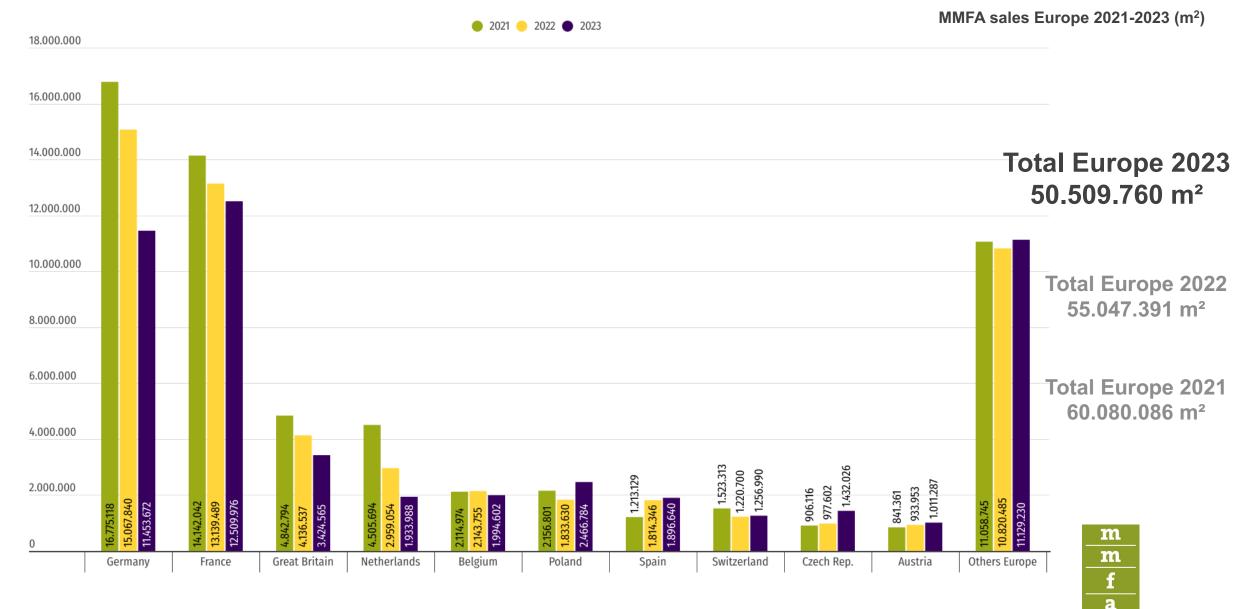


Total 2023 73.812.215 m<sup>2</sup>

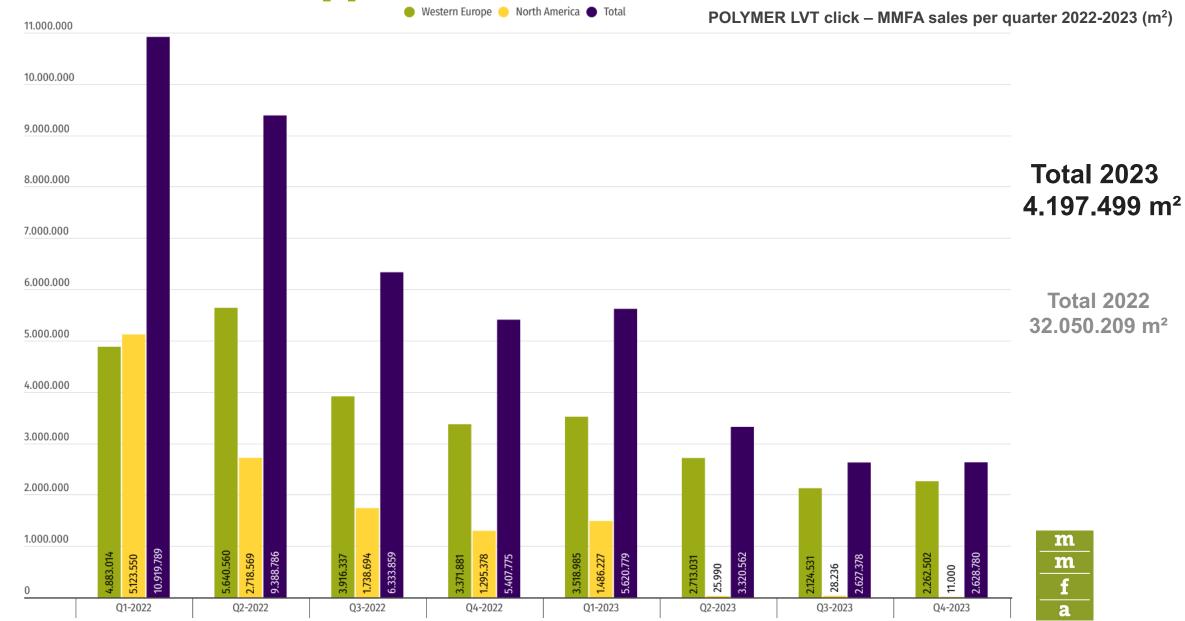
> Total 2022 91.125.465 m<sup>2</sup>



### **Polymer Accrued: France ahead of Germany**

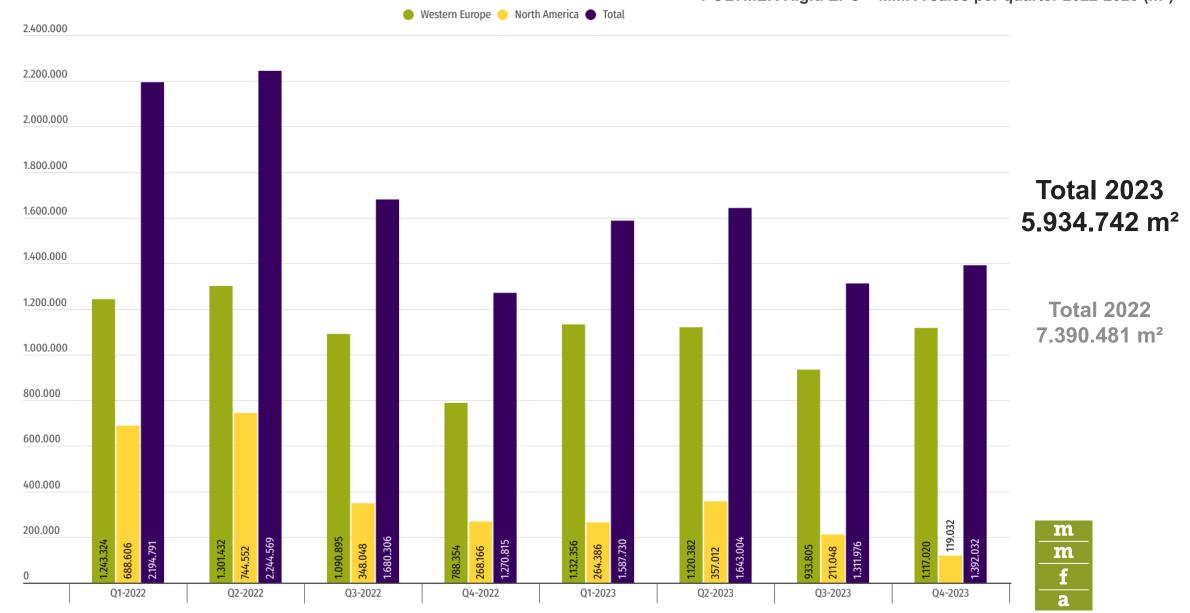


### Flexible click: Disappeared in the US



### **EPC: Smallest category 7% of total sales**

POLYMER Rigid EPC – MMFA sales per quarter 2022-2023 (m<sup>2</sup>)



### **SPC:** A growing category

Q1-2022

Q2-2022



Q1-2023

Q2-2023

Q4-2023

Q3-2023

Q4-2022

Q3-2022

# Closing remarks

Jan Dossche, COREtec President



### **Product Trends**

- Sustainability: concern for ecoconscious materials.
- Performance: mix of functionality and durability.
- Natural palette: soft hues and classic tones to offer calm and comfort.
- Versatility: matte finishes and realistic-looking textures and patterns.













Q&A



# THANK YOU

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