



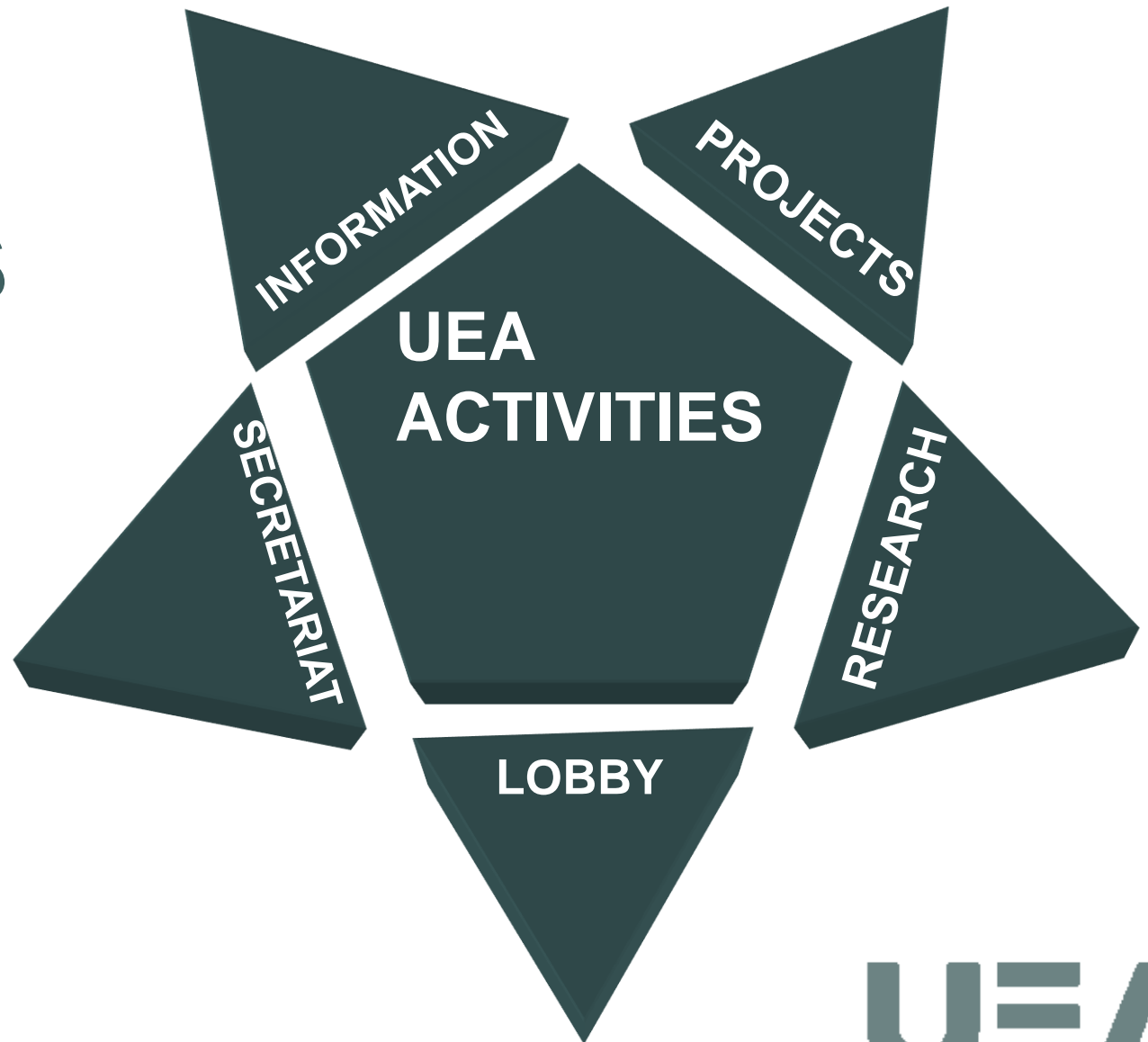
**THE EU FURNITURE INDUSTRY  
DESIGN PROTECTION  
Bart De Turck  
UEA secretary general**



# UEA

1. **Founded 1950 to promote cooperation among furniture manufacturers in Europe**
2. **27 countries member**
3. **President Czech Mr. Cudka vice presidents Mrs Griffon and Ashton (France and UK)**
4. **General council , Directors board, Technical Committee, Social Commission**
5. **Partner in EU Social Dialogue Commission Furniture**
6. **Founder and secretariat of World Furniture Federation**

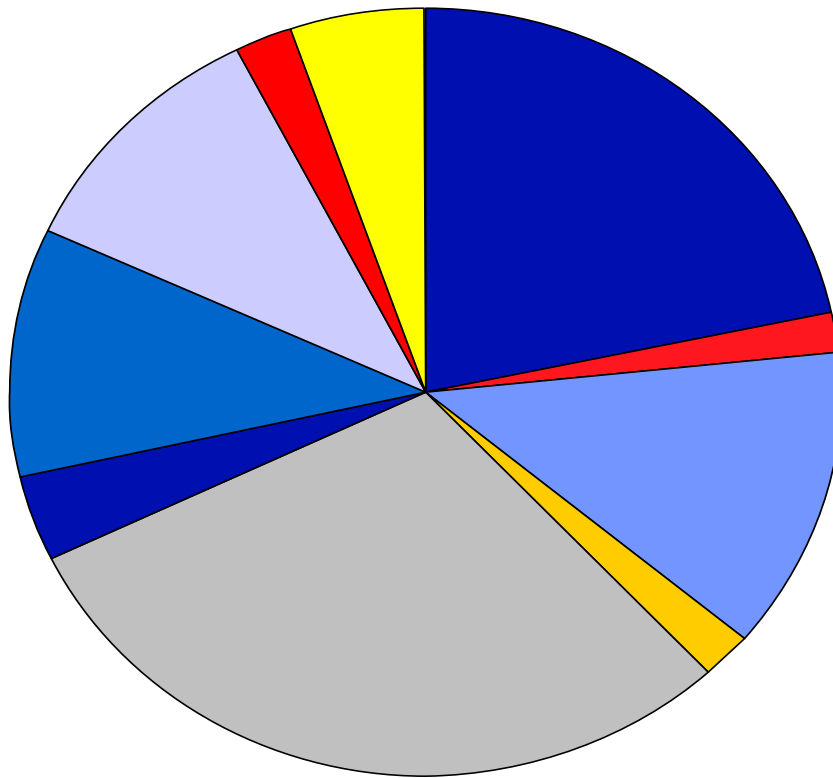
# UEA Activities



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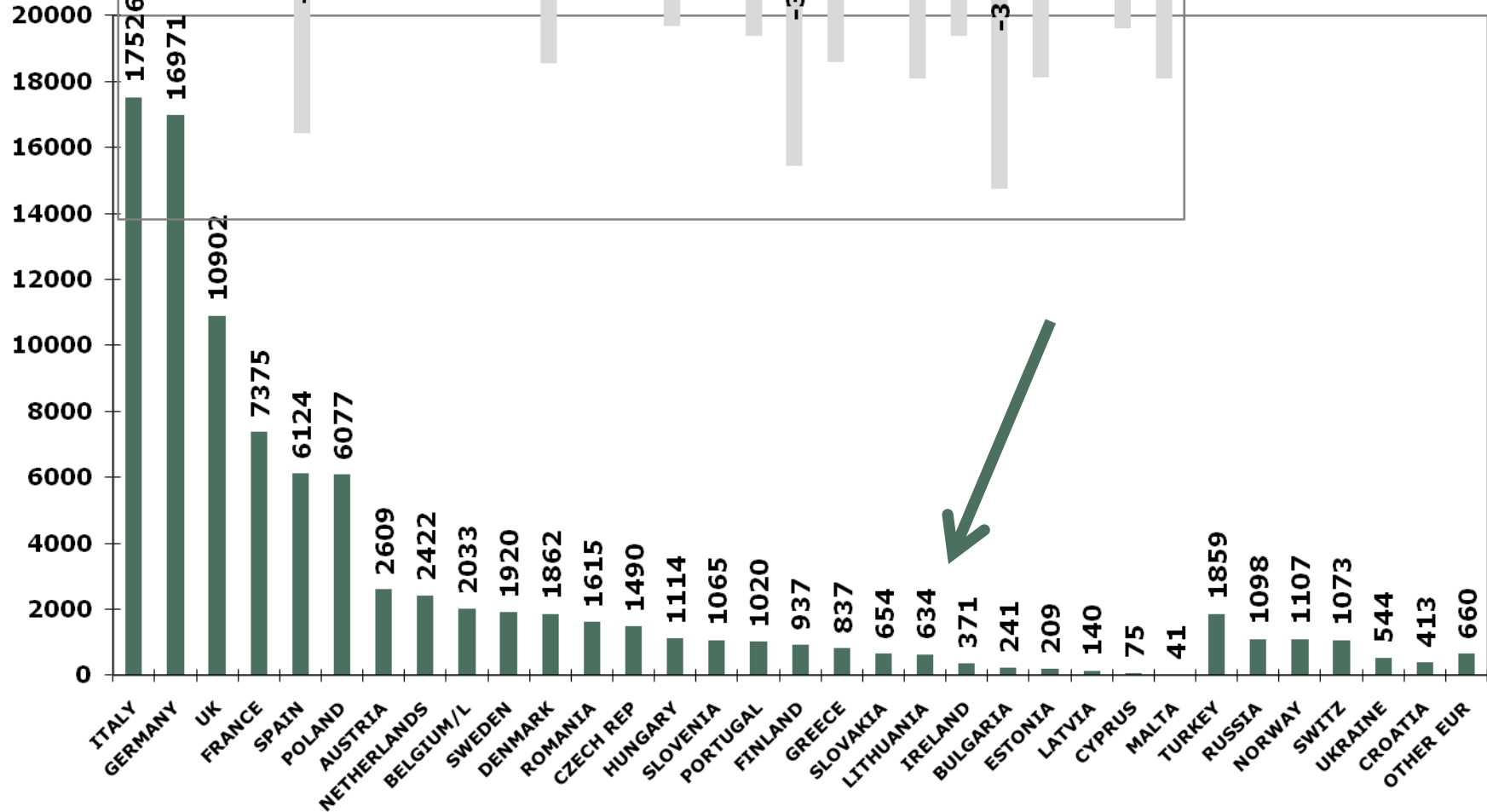
# UEA Time usage according to priority subject

## Design protection 10%



# 2009 FURNITURE PRODUCTION

In MIL €

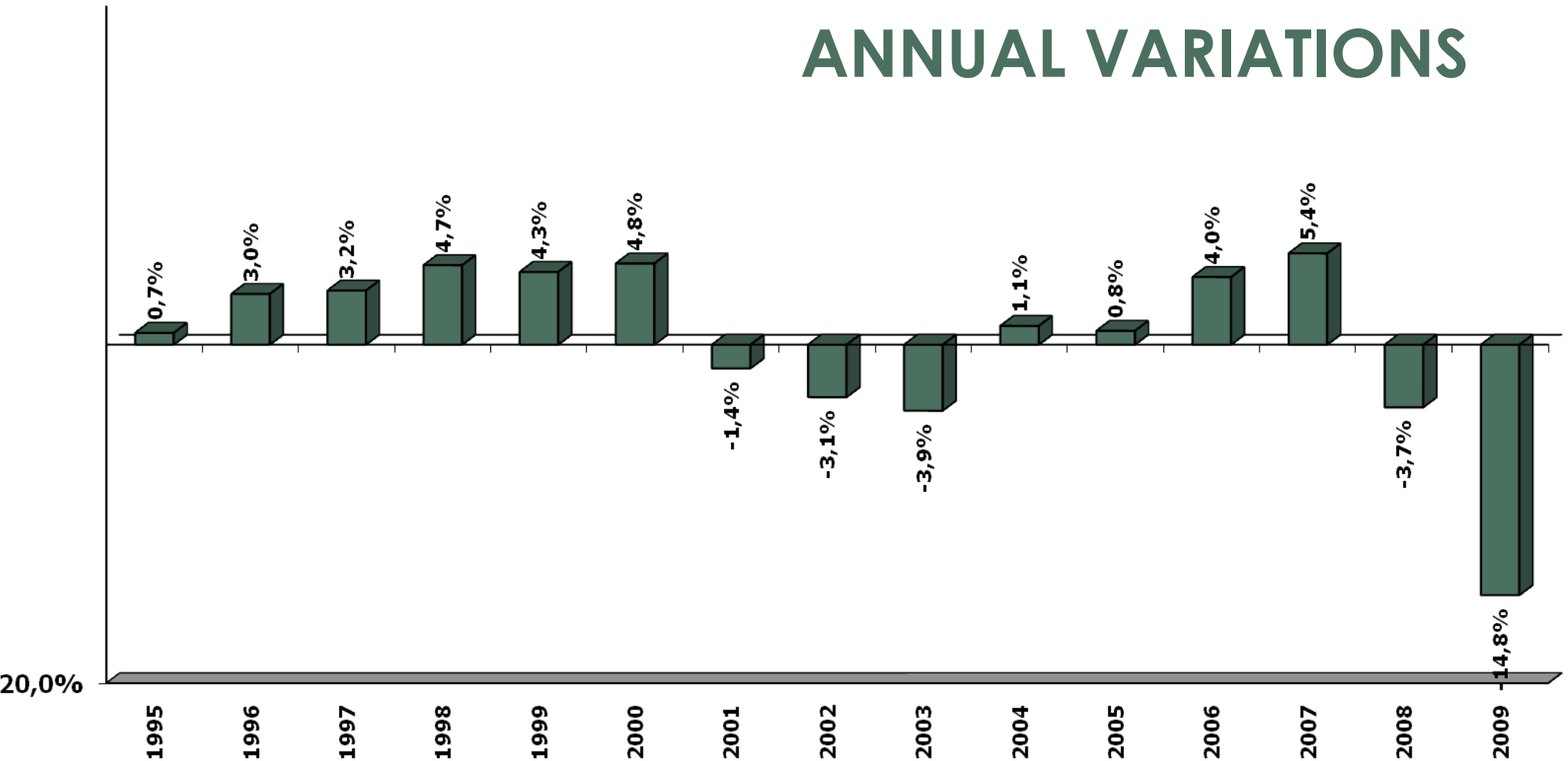


■ 2009

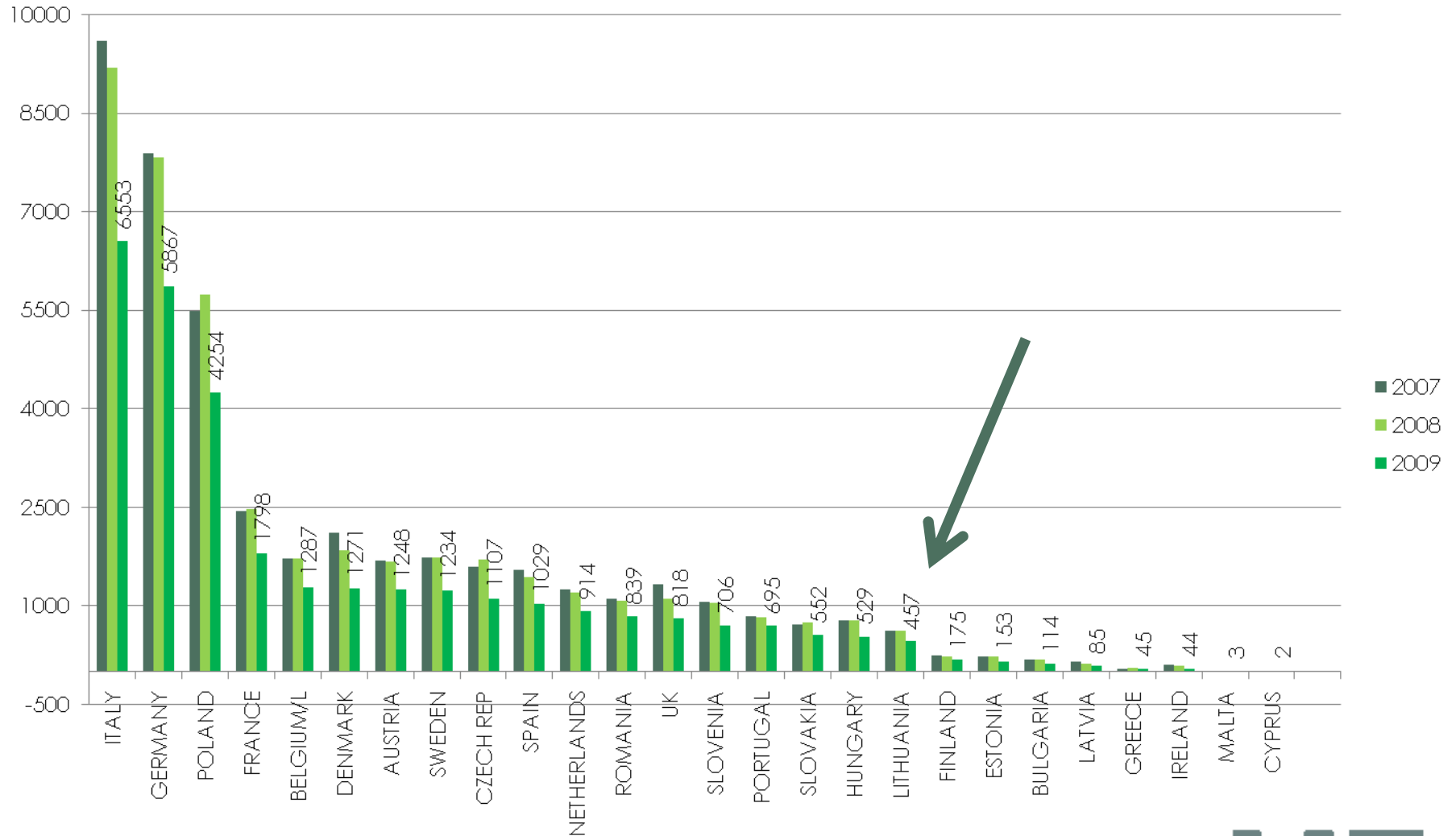
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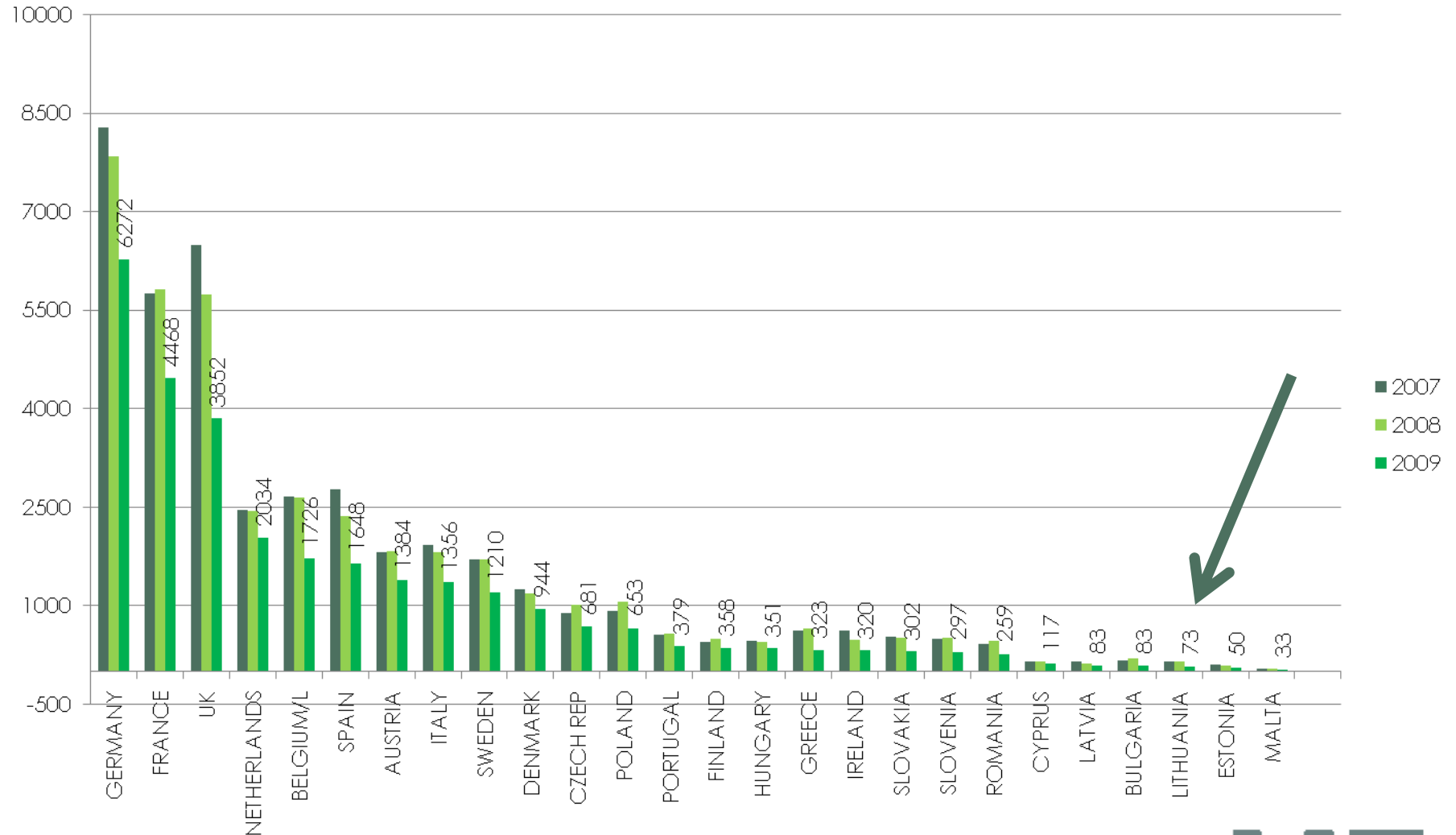
# FURNITURE PRODUCTION VALUE ANNUAL VARIATIONS



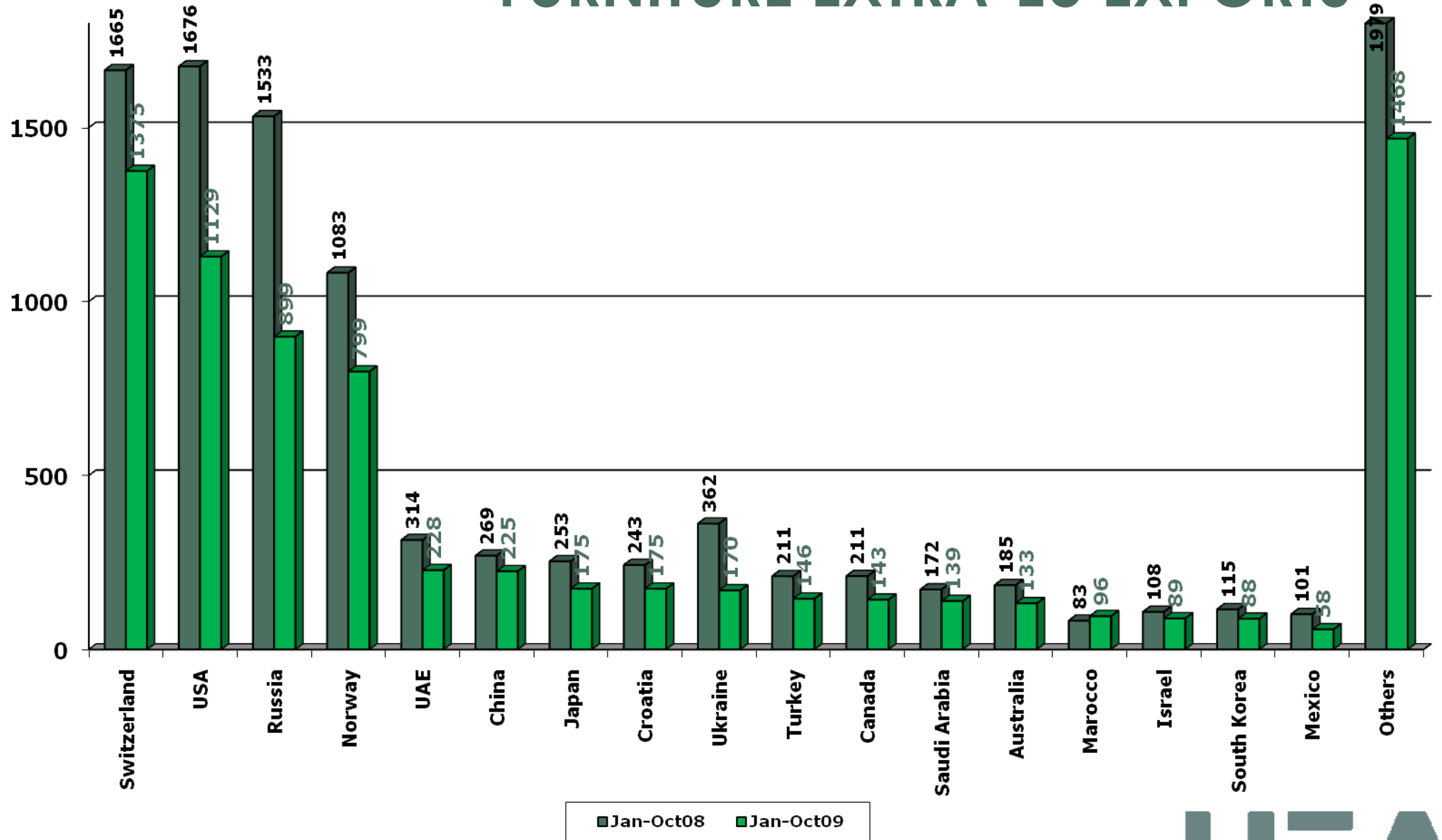
# FURNITURE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY



# FURNITURE IMPORTS BY COUNTRY



# FURNITURE EXTRA-EU EXPORTS



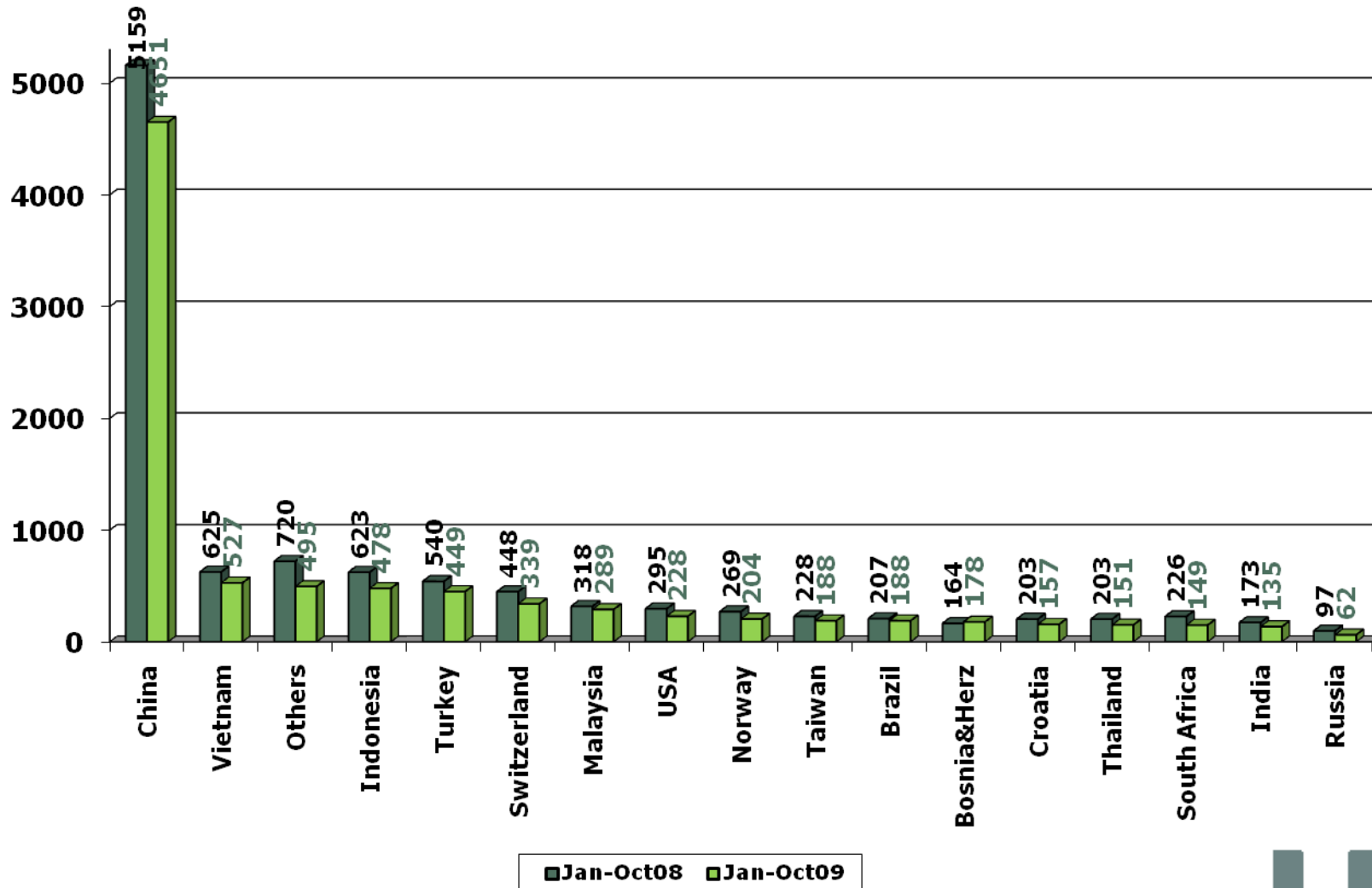
■ Jan-Oct08 ■ Jan-Oct09

**7533 Mio Euro: -28.7%**

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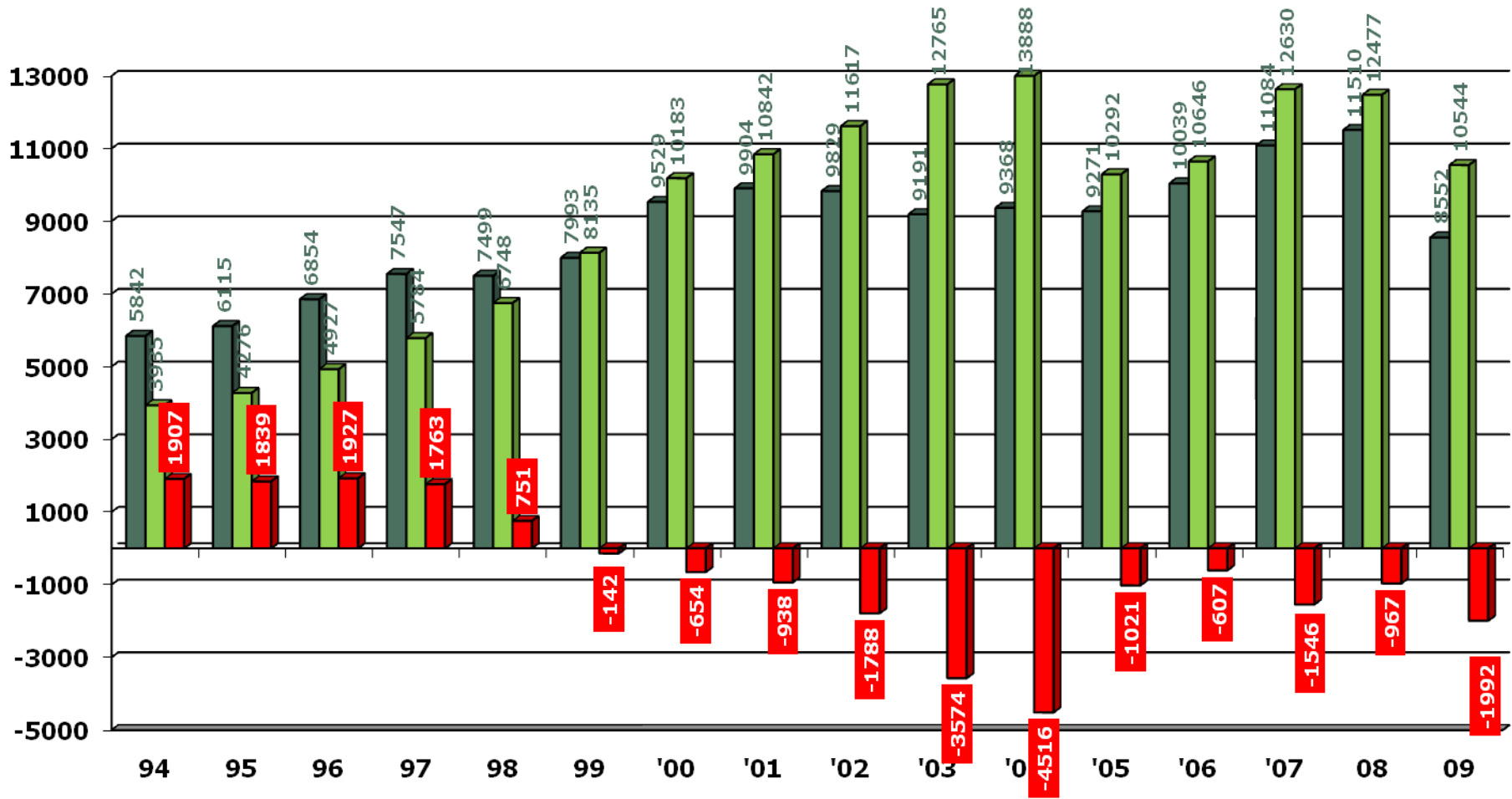


# FURNITURE EXTRA-EU IMPORTS



8868 Mio Euro: -15.5%

# FURNITURE TRADE BALANCE



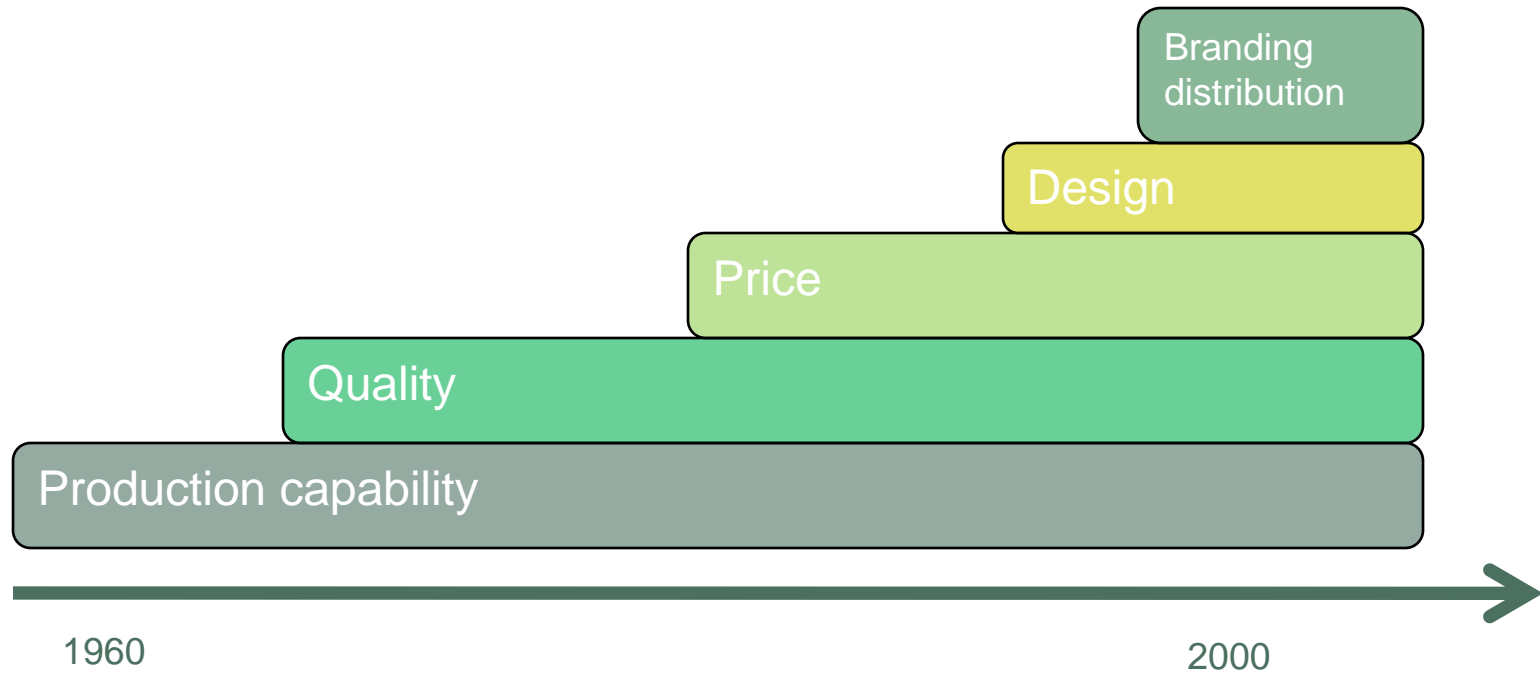
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# Product competitiveness aspects in furniture industry



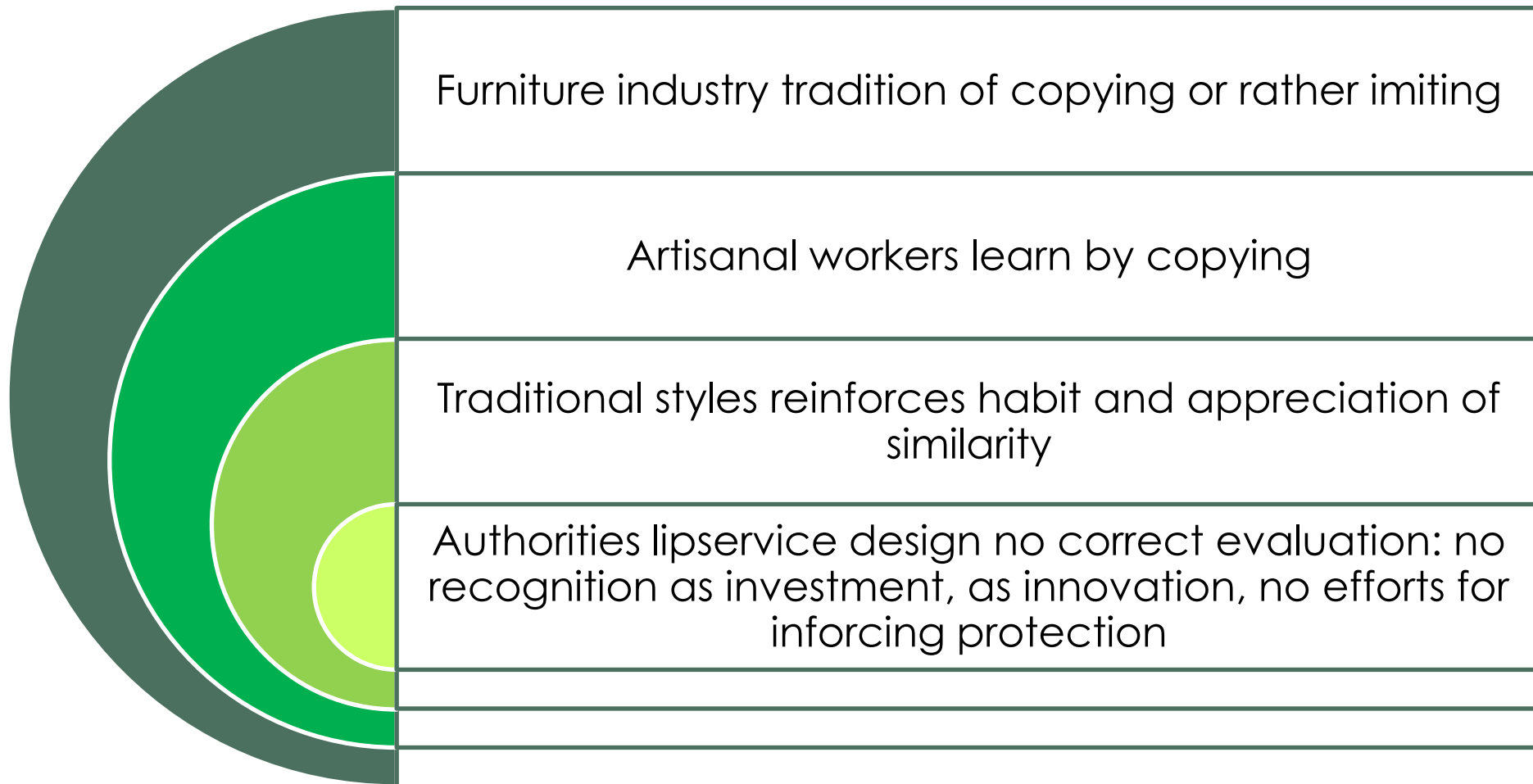
timeline



**Design has  
become a crucial  
competitive  
element**

**European design  
recognized world  
wide as leading  
design**

**But....Difficulty of  
protecting  
investment**



# UEA Involvement in Design protection

**UEA chaired multi sector workgroup on Green Book design protection**

**Presentation of IPR in tens of seminars all over EU and candidate countries**

**Collection of infractions for EC**

**Specific action projects to promote design protection**



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**THE EUROPEAN FURNITURE INDUSTRY  
 DEFENDS ITS DESIGN RIGHTS  
 WE PARTICIPATE**

-  Union Européenne de l'Ameublement
-  Associação Portuguesa das Industrias de Mobiliario e Afins
-  Union Nationale des Industries Françaises de l'Ameublement
-  Verband der Deutschen Möbelindustrie
-  Asociación Nacional de Industriales y Exportadores de Muebles de España
-  Associazione Nazionale delle Industrie del Mobile e dell' Arredamento
-  Association of Finnish Furniture and Joinery Industries
-  Centrale Bond Van Meubelfabrikanten
-  Austrian Furniture Industry
-  Asociace Českých Nábytkářů
-  Asociația Producătorilor de Mobila din România
-  Ogólnopolska Izba Gospodarcza Producentów Mebli
-  Zvez spracovatelov dreva Slovenske republike
-  Magyar Bútor és Faipari Szövetség
-  Bulgarian Branch Chamber of Woodworking and Furniture Industry
-  Lietuvos Mediena
-  Asociacija Latvijas Mebeles
-  TBL Möbel og innredning
-  Swedish Federation of Wood and Furniture Industry
-  Verband der Schweizer Möbelindustrie
-  Association of Furniture and Woodworking Enterprises of Russia
-  Malta Furniture Manufacturers Organisation
-  Udruženje građana iz oblasti industrije drveta i namještaja Bosne i Hercegovine



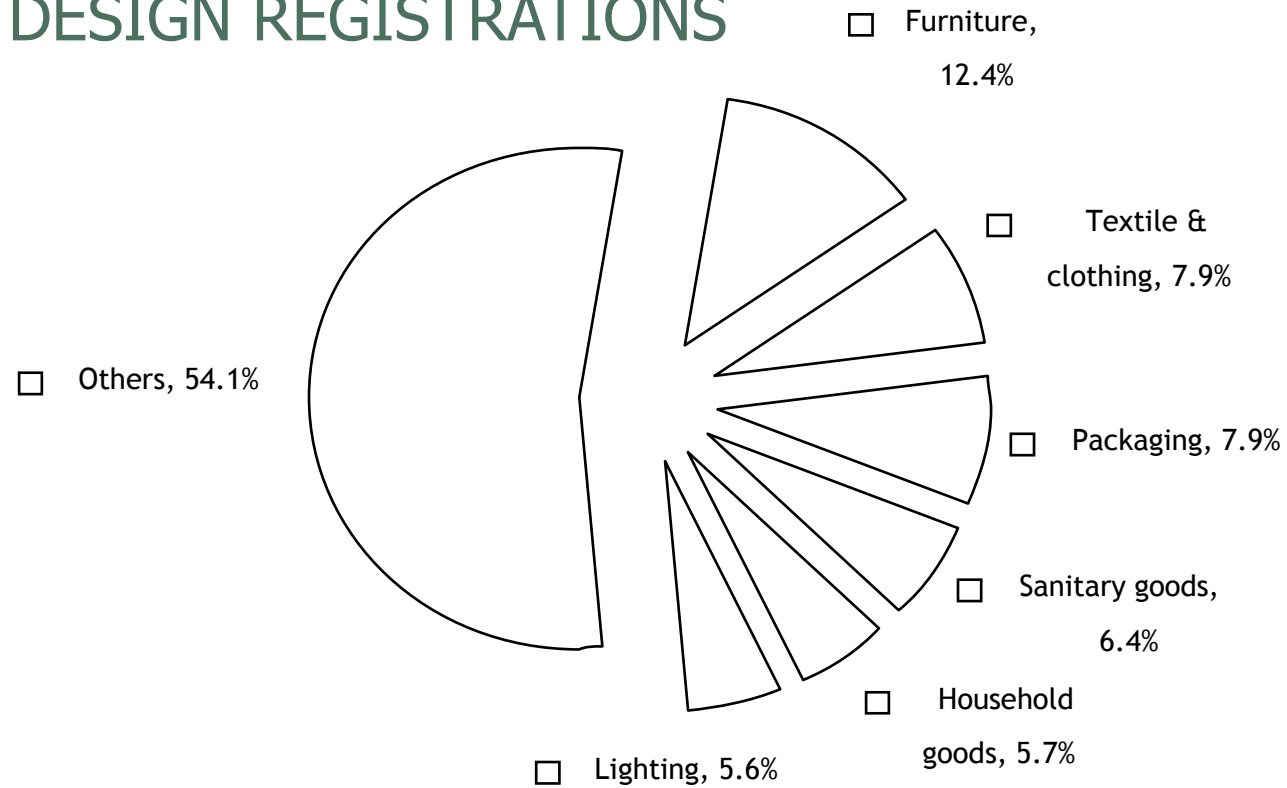


## ***WFC Resolution 2 Approved during the founding meeting in Shanghai on September 10 2007***

With a view to maintain fair competition worldwide, member companies of the WFC member organizations shall respect, recognize and refrain from interfering with, or in any way or any manner taking unfair advantage of, either directly or indirectly, intellectual property rights ("IPR") owned by any member company of the other WFC member organizations. IPR means rights to any and all intangible assets protectable under the national, supra national and international laws, including WTO regulations.

# SOME FIGURES

## DESIGN REGISTRATIONS



# FURNITURE INDUSTRY

Country	Registrations	In %		Country	Registrations	In %
Italy	6,682	29.6%		Czech Rep.	124	0.5%
Germany	5,473	24.2%		Finland	79	0.3%
Netherlands	2,400	10.6%		Ireland	59	0.3%
Spain	1,713	7.6%		Lithuania	42	0.2%
France	1,625	7.2%		Cyprus	28	0.1%
UK	1,368	6.1%		Greece	26	0.1%
Denmark	1,029	4.6%		Luxemb.	24	0.1%
Belgium	715	3.2%		Slovakia	15	0.1%
Portugal	391	1.7%		Latvia	11	0.0%
Austria	321	1.4%		Slovenia	8	0.0%
Sweden	270	1.2%		Estonia	3	0.0%
Poland	198	0.9%		Hungary	1	0.0%
				<b>EU 25</b>	<b>22,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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