



INDEPENDENT UNION OF
THE EUROPEAN LUBRICANT INDUSTRY

UEIL KEEPING EUROPE TURNING

The Union of the European Lubricants Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association representing **more than 35 associations and 450 companies** covering the entire lubricants' value chain, from manufacturing and distribution to recycling.

Our mission is to support informed policymaking by educating EU stakeholders about the value and benefit of the lubricants industry for Europe's economy, society, and the environment.

WE DRIVE GROWTH AND INNOVATION

- **Our sector is competitive, modern, innovative, and evolves with technological advancements.** We employ more than **100,000 people** in Europe and produce a turnover of approximately **€30bn per year**.
- **UEIL favours free and fair competition** and advocates for a fairer, more stable, and more transparent regulatory level playing field. We handle numerous competition cases every year and work very closely with other stakeholders to ensure free and fair competition across Europe.
- **UEIL is an SME champion.** We represent **more than 450 predominantly small and medium-sized companies**, which account for **30%** of the automotive oil market share, and manufacture and distribute lubricant products throughout the EU. We strongly support the EU SME Strategy and its objective to improve market access for the **25 million SMEs** which form the backbone of the EU's economy.



WE CARE ABOUT OUR IMPACT

- The European lubricants industry is **safe and sustainable**. Our members **strongly support the objectives of the European Green Deal** and are actively working to both lower their carbon footprint and become more energy efficient, thereby helping Europe meet its ambitious environmental targets.
- We proactively **help our members drive sustainability within their organisation** and are developing sustainability guidelines and KPIs. Our sustainability manifesto contains a number of commitments which can be found on [our website](#).



- We **provide consumers and end users with the necessary reliable information** which ensures both the safe use and responsible disposal of our products.
- **GEIR (Groupement Européen de l'Industrie de la Régénération)** is the European re-refining industry section of UEIL which supports the collection of used oils and re-refining these back to valuable lubricant base oils. In this way we embody the principles of the Circular Economy and help reduce fossil fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

WE KEEP EUROPE TURNING, AND KEEP IT SUSTAINABLE

WHAT ARE LUBRICANTS?

Lubricants are products which reduce friction, heat, and wear and tear between mechanical components that come into contact with each other.

LUBRICANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION – ROAD, RAIL, AIR, SEA

- Transportation accounts for over **70%** of the European lubricants market.
- Lubricants **help means of transport run efficiently and reduce costs** to the consumer and the environment in the form of lower emissions.
- The lubricant industry has developed new engine oil formulations to reflect the continuous improvements in engine design. This has **increased fuel economy and resulted in engine downsizing**.
- By continuing to develop new engine oils, the lubricants industry **has supported the take-up of biofuels in Europe**.



LUBRICANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

- The industrial use accounts for around **30%** of the European lubricants market.
- Aside from transport, **lubricants are used in all manufacturing sectors** as diverse as food processing, metalworking, precision engineering, textiles and clothing.
- Lubricants **lower friction and therefore the amount of energy needed** to carry out an industrial process. This in turn extends the life of industrial equipment.
- Modern lubricants are **high performing fluids with exceptionally high stability** - they no longer evaporate and deteriorate as in the past, meaning the equipment can be used for longer without requiring an oil change, reducing reliance on non-renewable resources.

To find out more about UEIL, its membership, and the issues on which we campaign, please contact secretariat@UEIL.org or visit www.ueil.org.