



RSPO SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY



How can German companies achieve sustainability in palm oil?

Powering progress through sustainable palm oil

Doing business without harming people or the planet is not without challenges. Yet a growing number of companies are realising that sustainability is the only way forward. From net-zero pledges to traceable supply chains, businesses are engaging to take meaningful and measurable action.

In 2004, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) was established to promote the production and use of sustainable palm oil. The RSPO Standards have been established to promote the sustainable production of palm oil with respect for the environment, human rights and the wellbeing and inclusion of smallholders. These standards help German companies to progress towards meeting their sustainability commitments and targets.

In Germany, the heightened focus on legal compliance and growing conscious consumerism make RSPO membership more relevant than ever.

“Membership in the RSPO gives us the opportunity to actively contribute to more sustainable palm oil production and to drive industry-wide transformation. RSPO certification of our private label products is an important instrument to support environmental and social responsibility along the entire supply chain”

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Companies that have joined the RSPO and sourced certified sustainable palm oil are:



Making progress towards company sustainability commitments and targets



Contributing to the protection of tropical rainforests and endangered species



Protecting labour and human rights



Contributing to socioeconomic development in producing countries, where many people rely on the oil palm industry for their livelihoods

RSPO Members*



Worldwide
6,160

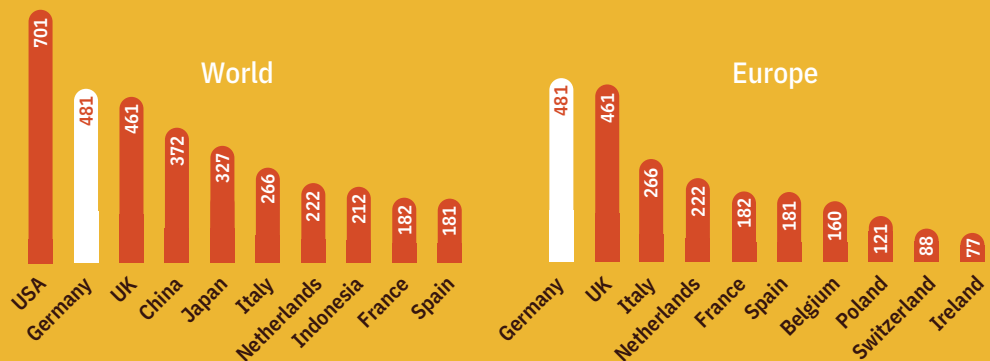


Europe
2,893



Germany
481

Top 10 countries of RSPO members (worldwide and in Europe)



*As per June 2025

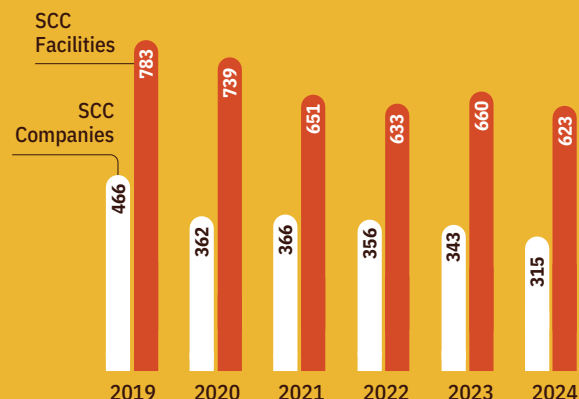
With a stunning number of 481 members, Germany ranks first in Europe and second globally in terms of membership. This reflects the country's strong commitment to sustainable palm oil practices and responsible sourcing in global palm oil supply chains.

Countries with the highest number of Certified Companies and Facilities

Country	SCC Companies	SCC Facilities
Germany	315	623
United Kingdom	340	569
Netherlands	134	349
Italy	202	283
France	154	274
Belgium	113	271
Spain	142	210
Poland	108	190
Greece	54	66
Ireland	51	58

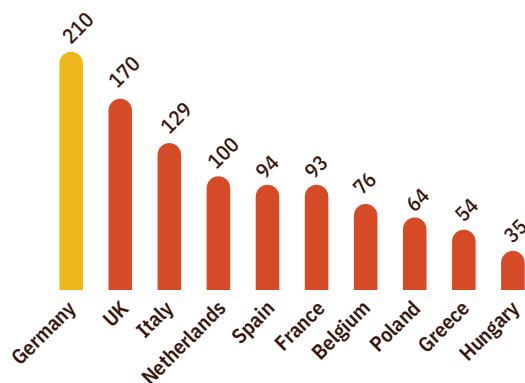
Supply Chain Certification is designed to ensure chain of custody, safeguard trade and traceability, and have it independently certified by a third party. It is a prerequisite for companies that want to make claims about the presence of certified materials along the supply chain, so that these claims can be trusted by the company's clients, customers and other stakeholders. Germany holds again the first position with 315 certified companies and 623 facilities, showcasing the added value of certification.

Supply Chain Certification (SCC) trends in Germany



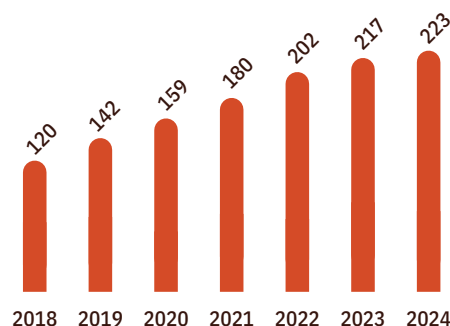
Germany holds a leading position with 315 certified companies and 623 facilities, with both companies and facilities showing robust growth through the years.

Top 10 countries with Trademark Licences



Trademark Licences are necessary for corporate or product-related communications. Germany, with 210 licences obtained, has the highest number of Trademark Licences within Europe!

Growth in RSPO Trademark License Holders in Germany



This chart shows the growth in the number of RSPO Trademark License Holders in Germany from 2018 to 2024. This trend suggests increasing commitment among German companies to sustainable palm oil practices over the years.

READY TO COMMIT TO A BIGGER CAUSE?

Whether your company produces, trades, distributes or sells products containing palm (kernel) oil and/or derivatives, it is essential that you only buy from RSPO Certified sustainable sources.

RSPO will support you in drafting and implementing procurement policies, provide pre-competitive spaces for you to learn about the issue, and help tell your sustainability story publicly and transparently.

RSPO Members with an RSPO Trademark Licence gain additional opportunities for communications online, business-to-business (B2B), and business-to-consumer (B2C).

JOIN US

If you are already a member and would like to learn more about advancing your sustainability journey, or if you have not yet joined, please contact info.eu@rspo.org to arrange a call with our dedicated team!



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