Key facts about glass and glass industries

• About 1,200 companies across the EU ranging from SMEs to large multinationals
• Approximately 200,000 workers employed directly in glass making and many more in glass processing, transformation and downstream activities
• Around 35 million tonnes of glass produced annually in the EU
• An inert substance preferred by consumers for its ability to protect taste and products’ natural origins
• A fully recyclable and highly recycled material which helps save precious natural resources
• In many of its applications glass provides ‘negawatts’ throughout its life-cycle as it contributes to saving energy in buildings, automotive and transport and is also essential to produce renewable sources of energy
• Glass is deeply rooted in our European culture and heritage. It is found in each home and on every table
• A material of the future which enables many high-tech applications

Glass Alliance Europe members:

5 European trade associations:
FEVE Container glass
Glass for Europe Building, automotive and solar-energy glass
EDG Domestic glassware
ESGA Special glass
GlassFibreEurope Continuous filament glass fibres (CFGF) – Reinforcement glass fibres

13 National Federations:
Austria Fachverband der Glasindustrie Österreichs
Belgium Fédération de l'Industrie du Verre (FIV-VGI)
Czech Republic Association of the Glass and Ceramic Industries of the Czech Republic (ASKPCR)
France Fédération des Chambres Syndicales de l’Industrie Du Verre (FCSIV)
Germany Bundesverband Glas (BV Glas)
Great Britain British Glass Manufacturers’ Confederation
Hungary Magyar Üvegipari Szövetség (MÜSZ)
Italy Assovetro
The Netherlands Verenigde Nederlandse Glasindustrien (VNG)
Poland Polish Glass Manufacturers Federation (ZPPS)
Spain Vidrio España
Turkey Türkiye Sise Ve Cam Fabrikaları (TSVCF)
Glass Alliance Europe is the European Alliance of Glass Industries. It has the unique feature of regrouping all the glass industries to work on common issues. It is composed of 13 national glass associations and of the main sectors of the glass industries: container glass, flat glass, special glass, domestic glass and continuous filament glass fibres.

Thanks to the unique properties of the glass substance, glass industries make available glass products fit for a sustainable, resource-efficient, low-carbon and culturally vibrant European society. Just think of it: fully recyclable bottles and jars, energy efficient glazing and windows for buildings, automotive and all transport modes, glass for interior furniture and design, weight-lightening continuous filament glass fibres in reinforced composite applications such as wind turbines, flaconnage, tableware and art work, optical fibres, glass for photovoltaic modules, glass for smart phones, televisions and monitors, lighting glass, optical glass, laboratory and technical glassware and glass ceramic (cookware), and much more...

Aware of the great added-value of our products, the European glass industries have come together in Glass Alliance Europe to highlight the importance of glass making across Europe and to promote an economic and policy environment allowing European-based glass manufacturing industries to continue flourishing and providing Europe with an innovative, stylish and sustainable material that is present in every aspect of our daily lives.