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# About European Mechanical Installation Monitor

#### THE GOAL

To check and track the behaviour and trends in the European Mechanical installation market. This is done 4 times per year, by means of around 650 phone interviews (per quarter) with registered HVAC installation companies and plumbers, divided over 6 major European markets.

#### THE RESEARCH TOPICS

**Fixed part**: Economic developments of the installation companies in Europe (order book and turnover development)

#### Quarterly theme topics in 2022:

Q1: BIM Q2: Prefab

Q3: Smart buildings and products

**Q4: Media orientation** 

# Report Q1 Report Q2 Report Q3 Report Q4 May August November February 2022 2022 2023

# **COUNTRY SCOPE** Background characteristics of the interviewed respondents can be found in the appendix

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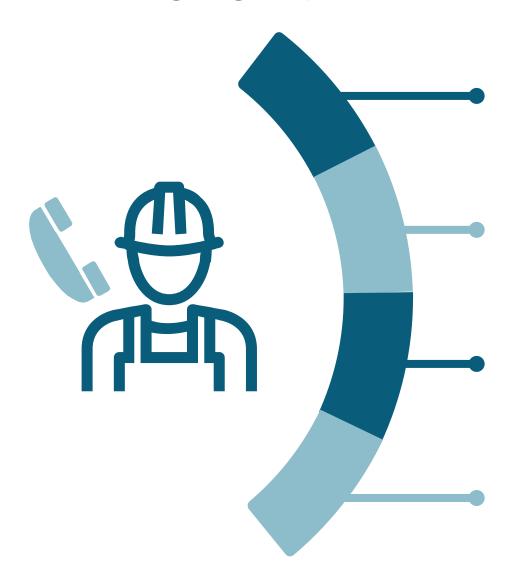
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# About target group & methodology



#### **Surveying HVAC installation companies...**

Interviewed companies need to provide HVAC installation services, but they may also do other activities in addition (Electrical installation etc.). Most interviews are conducted with owners/ directors or purchasers of these companies.

#### ... selected from a country-representative database

USP possesses an international database of HVAC installation companies, which is constantly updated. Respondents are thus not part of a fixed panel; the sample varies from wave to wave.

#### ... through phone interviews, by native-speaking agents

Phone surveys are the best approach for obtaining a sufficient number of interviews, in order to provide insights which can be relied on. These phone interviews are conducted by fixed fieldwork partners, located in the respective countries.

#### ... weighting the results based on company size groups

Country results are weighted so that all three company size groups\* have an equal influence on the total. As typically most interviews are conducted with small companies, we believe it is important to correct in order for large companies to have an equal impact on the 'total' results. This way the results are not heavily influenced by many smaller companies.

<sup>\*</sup> **Group 1**: 1-4 FTE; **Group 2**: 5-14 FTE; **Group 3**: 15+ FTE



# About the Q4 theme topic



#### Surveying media orientation and usage...

This quarter, we investigated the topic of media orientation and usage by asking installers about their usual media orientation behaviour.

Nowadays, with more and more different types of media channels, it is important for manufacturers to know how to reach their clients – the installers. Next to 'old school' information sources like magazines, trade shows and representatives, social media channels and apps are gaining ground and have claimed their position in the area of information technology.

In this report, insights will be given about to what extent different types of information sources are used by installers, what kind of information installers are looking for and prefer, the usage of social media and smart phones among installers etc.

# ...helps manufacturers to fine-tune their marketing campaigns and use the most efficient channels

To provide the necessary insights, we covered the following topics:

- Different types of information sources used by installers
- · What kind of information are installers looking for
- The usage of social media and the different social media channels
- Usage of apps

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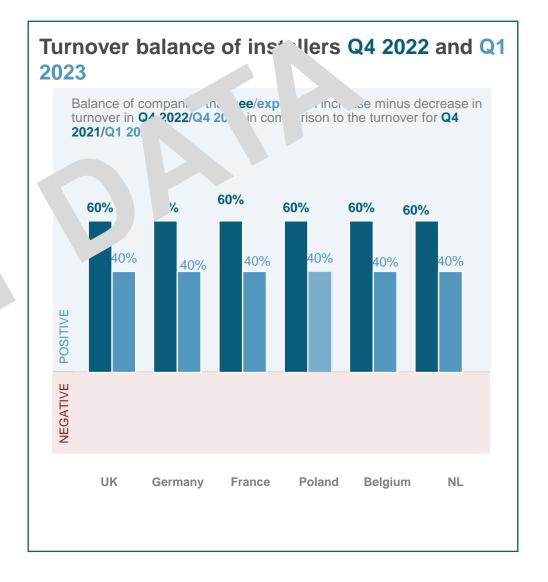
# Key takeaways



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#### **Media Orientation and Consumption**

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facebook.	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	
You Tube	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	
<b>O</b> Instagram	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	
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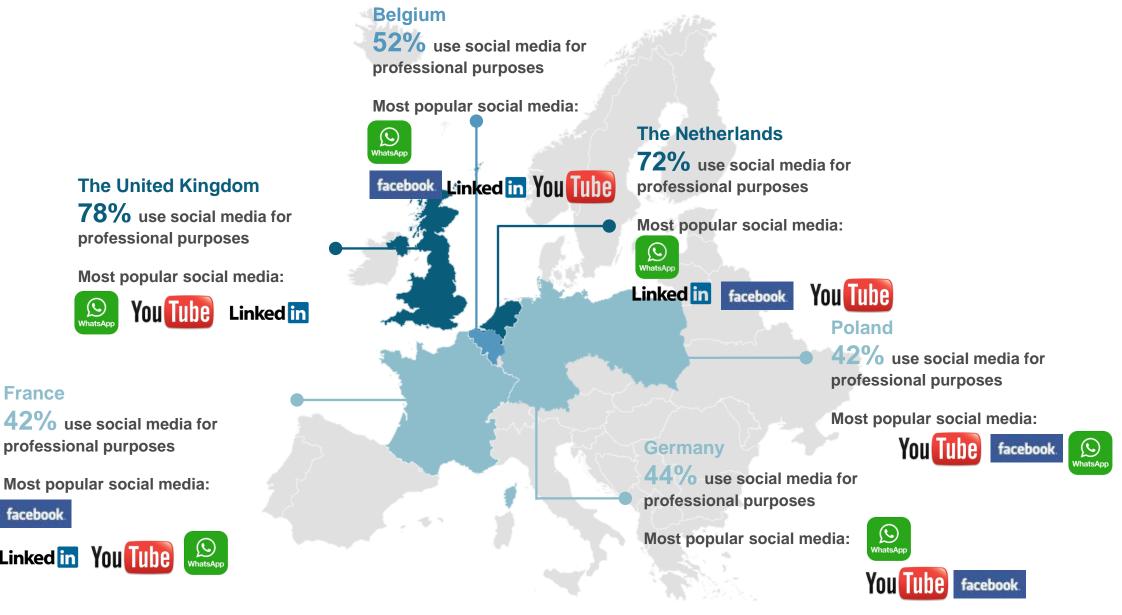
# Social media usage for professional purposes in the six countries

**France** 

facebook

Linked in

professional purposes



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#### **Core HVAC activities**

Which of the following installation activities does your company perform?

	UK	Germany	rance	Poland	Belgium	Netherlands
Sample size	125	125	25	125	100	100
Heating installations	50%	50%	F	50%	50%	50%
Hot & cold water installation	50%	7%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Installation of sanitary ware	5 '	5 5	50%	50%	50%	50%
v yn	F	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Air conditioning d cooli	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

### Other installation activities

	UK	Germany	France	Poland	Belgium	Netherlands
Sample size	125	125	125	125	100	100
Electrical installation	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Home automation installation	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Solar cell installation	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%



	By company size				
Core HVAC activities		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE	
	4	40%	40%	40%	
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		40%	40%	40%	
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		40%	40%	40%	
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		Ву	compan	y size
	Other activities	1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE
Electrical installation	40%	40%	40%	40%
Home automation installation	40%	40%	40%	40%
Solar cell, solar collectors installation	40%	40%	40%	40%

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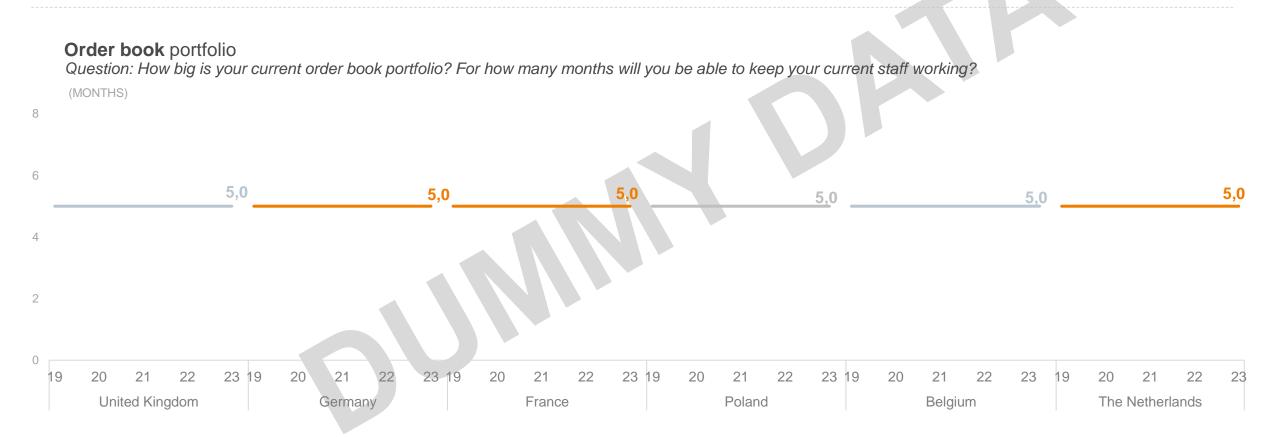
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#### **Turnover outlook**

NEGATIVE

If you compare your turnover of Q4-22 to Q4-21, how did your turnover develop? What are your expectations for the development in Q1-23?

TURNOVER BALANCE (% INCREASE minus % DECREASE)

COMPARISON SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR

#### Order book portfolio

How big is your current order book portfolio?

ORDER BOOK (MONTHS)

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#### Media sources in 2022 and the development in comparison to 2020\*

In what degree do you use each of the following information sources in your work, for choosing products and bran : \_\_\_\_\_\_rv ofte. \_\_\_\_ often + sometimes]

[VERY OFTEN + OFTEN + SOMETIMES]

TRADITIONAL MEDIA	Average	UK	Germa.	France	Poland	Belgium	Netherlands
Usage of printed product documentation files	50%	50%	. 19,	50%	50%	50%	50%
Manufacturer magazines	50%	5	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Professional magazines/ newspapers	v '	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Decrease in usage of >5% in comparison to 2020

Increase in usage of <5% in comparison to 2020



#### Media sources in 2022 and the development in comparison to 2020

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PERSONAL MEDIA	Average	UK	Germany	Fi ce	roland	Belgium	Netherlands
Personal contact with representative of the manufacturer – telephone or visit	50%	50%	57%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Advice from wholesaler/ sales assistant of the wholesaler	50%	50%	<b>,</b> %	50%	50%	50%	50%
Events at the wholesaler site	50%	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Visiting of events organised by manufacturers at manufacturer's site for clients or prospects	~ ′	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Visiting trade shows	50	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

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#### Media sources in 2022 and the development in comparison to 2020

In what degree do you use each of the following information sources in your work, for choosing products and brands? [ve.y or + often sometimes]

DIGITAL MEDIA	Average	UK	Germany	France	۶۵ ۱۹	Belgium	Netherlands
Searching on the Internet	50%	50%	50%	<b>5</b> " .	5%	50%	50%
Visiting websites of manufacturers	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Visiting websites of wholesalers	50%	50%	4	50%	50%	50%	50%
Usage of digital product documentation files	50%	50%	5 %	50%	50%	50%	50%
Reading manufacturers' newsletters	50%		50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Reading wholesalers' newsletters	50.	5ι	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Apps from manufacturers	٤ %	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Apps from wholesalers	F /0	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Online calculation and design tools from manufacturers	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

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#### Media sources in 2022 and the development in comparison to 2020

In what degree do you use each of the following information sources in your work, for choosing proof s and not very orten + often + sometimes]

SOCIAL MEDIA	Average	UK	Germany	France	Poland	Belgium	Netherlands
Specialised professional forums	50%	50%		50%	50%	50%	50%
YouTube	50%	50%	5( 5	50%	50%	50%	50%
Personal network sites such as Facebook	50%	7,	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Business network sites such as LinkedIn, Xing	7%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Instagram	50	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

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#### Media sources in 2022

In what degree do you use each of the following information sources in your work, for choosing products and brands? [very often + often + sometimes]

	Usage of printed product documentation	50%
TRADITIONAL	Manufacturer magazines	50%
MEDIA	Professional magazines/ newspapers	50%
	Advice from wholesaler	50%
PERSONAL	Personal contact with manufacturer rep.	50%
MEDIA	Events at the wholesaler site	0%
	Visiting of events organised by manufacturers	0%
	Visiting trade shows	7%
	Searching on the Internet	
	Visiting websites of manufactors	50%
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	Reading mai facture new letters	50%
	\pp \realizer rom m \ufacturers	50%
	reading how newsletters	50%
	Apps from wholesalers	50%
SOCIAL	YouTube	50%
MEDIA	Specialised professional forums	50%
	Business network sites such as LinkedIn, Xing	50%
	Personal network sites such as Facebook	50%
	Instagram	50%

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#### Most useful information sources - Top 5

Of the information sources you use, which are for you the most useful/ helpful ones?

#### Per company size 5-14 15+FTE FTE Searching on the Internet 50% 50% 50% 50% 50% Visiting websites of manufacturers 50% 50% 50% Personal contact with 50% representative of the manufacturer Advice from wholesaler/ sales 509 50% assistant of the wholesaler YouTube 50% 50%

#### Main sources of information when or iob site - Top 5

What is your main source of information when the construction or service site? P' is also let the field, for example at the construction or service site? P' is also let the field.

		Per	compa	ny size
		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE
On search engines like Google or Bing	50%	50%	50%	50%
Technical telephone hotline of the manufacturer	50%	50%	50%	50%
Online documentation files	50%	50%	50%	50%
Hard copy/ printed materials	50%	50%	50%	50%
Colleagues	50%	50%	50%	50%

Base: n=125, all installers



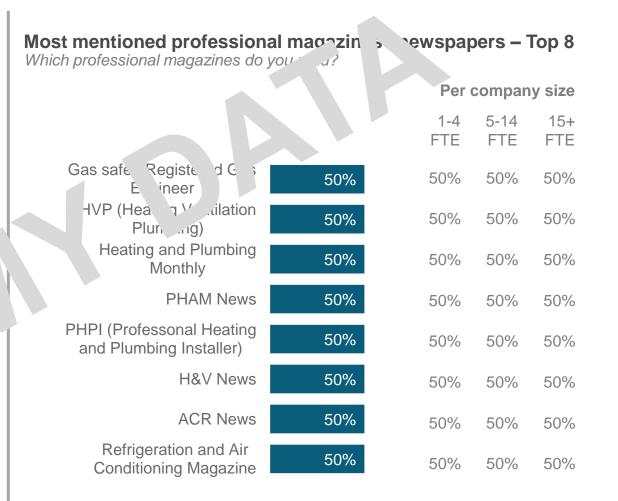
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#### **Using traditional information sources**

In what degree do you use following information sources? (Very often + often + sometimes)

		By company size		
		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE
Printed product documentation	50%	50%	50%	50%
Manufacturer magazines	50%	50%	50%	70%
Professional magazines/newspapers	50%	50%	7	20



By company size



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50%

1-4 FTE

5-14 FTE

>15 FTE

50%

50%

50%

of the installers are having personal contact with a representative of the manufacturer

#### Using other personal information sources

In what degree do you use following information sources? (Very often + often + sometimes)

		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ . Ę
Advice from wholesaler/ sales assistant of the wholesaler	50%		£ 0/1	5\ \
Events at the wholesaler site	50%	0%	50 /0	50%
Visiting of events organised by manufacturers	50%	50%	50%	50%

# Circumstances under which a contact the manufacturer representative is appreciated

When/ in what cases do you appre a repression ative of the manufacturer contacts you?

Per company size

			i ei compan			
			1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE	
	New projuct / in vator	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	Problems/ Problems/ issues	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	New prices	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	Un predefined terms, e.g. once per year	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	Never	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	nen I have to make a product or brand choice	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	Visit as a part of a marketing campaign	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Whe	en I need to perform a design or calculation	50%	50%	50%	50%	
	Trainings	50%	50%	50%	50%	



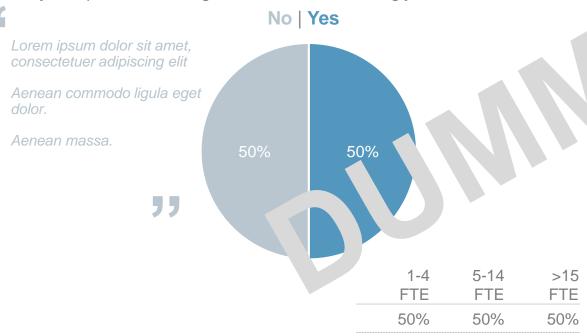
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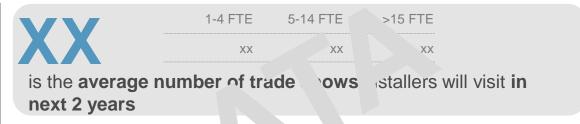
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# Expectation of the ones who visited trade shows to do that in the coming years

Do you expect to be visiting trade shows in the coming years?





Most popular shc Which trades vs do y ex ct to visit in the coming 2 years?

By company				ly Size
		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE
Installer Show	50%	50%	50%	50%
Home Building & Renovation	50%	50%	50%	50%
PHEX	50%	50%	50%	50%
Other	50%	50%	50%	50%
Don't know	50%	50%	50%	50%

Base: n=30, if visited trade shows and expect to visit them in the coming 2 years



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# Types of websites where installers search information about products and brands - Top 6

Via what type of websites do you search information on Internet about products and brands?

Per company size

	1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ FTE	
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#### Most mentioned websites - Top 10

Could you please name the websites you visit to vou search for information about products and brands?

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https://www. cester osci J.uk/	50%
https://idealhe.ng.con	50%
http://mhi-hvac	50%
/www.vaillarco.uk/	50%
https://www.screwfix.com/	50%
https://www.google.com/	50%
.ttps://www.baxi.co.uk/	50%
https://www.grundfos.com/uk	50%
https://www.mirashowers.co.uk/	50%
https://www.daikin.co.uk/	50%

Per company size



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# Type of information installers would like to find on manufacturer's website – Top 10

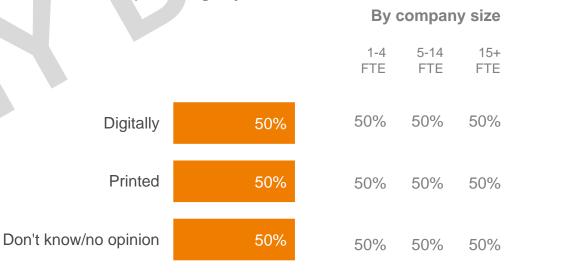
What type of information would you like to find on the website of a manufacturer?

		Per company size		
		1-4 FTE	5-14 FTE	15+ F-7
(Technical) product information	50%	50%	50°′	50
Specification texts	50%	50%	٦%	5
Installation instructions/ videos	50%		50	7%
Prices	50%	5 %	7%	50%
Availability of products	%	50%	50%	50%
Services/5 port	50	50%	50%	50%
Calculation tools for the product perform se	50%	50%	50%	50%
Product innovatio	50%	50%	50%	50%
Application possibilities of the products	50%	50%	50%	50%
Environmental performances of the products	50%	50%	50%	50%
Base: n=110, if searching on manufacturers websites				ı



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Base: n=125, all installers



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#### Apps used for professional purposes - Top 10

Can you mention which Apps do you use on a regular basis for professional purposes?

WhatsApp	7%
Baxi	3.
Vaillant	5, 3
Ideal	50%
Daikin	50%
Mitsubishi app	50%
Bosch/Worcester	50%
Apps from manufacturer	50%
Apps from wholesaler	50%
Gas App UK	50%

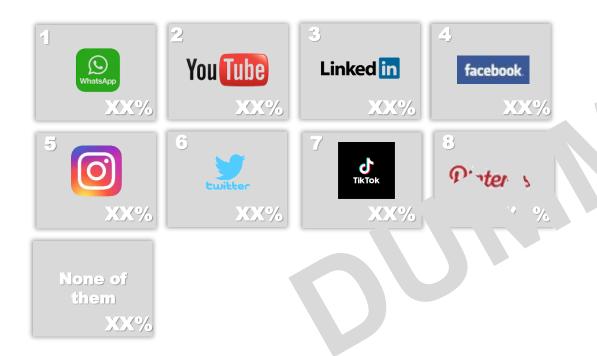
Main purpose of using apps for profe	nal purpose - Top 10			
What do you use the Apps for?	Pe	er compai	ny size	
	1-4 ETE	5-14	15+	
A division also sut product	FTE	FTE	FTE	
Advice about produc	50%	50%	50%	
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Technical product information 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	
Making o. at ations 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	
rial number registration 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	
Communication 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	
Configuration 50%	50%	50%	50%	
Troubleshooting 50%	50%	50%	50%	
Installation instructions 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	
Placing orders 50%	6 50%	50%	50%	



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#### Usage of social media for professional purposes

Which of the following social media do you use for professional purpose?

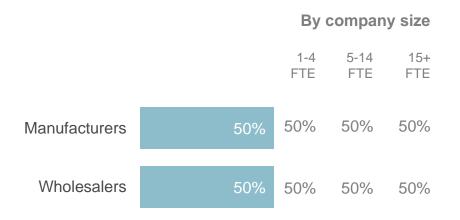




#### Wha App

Jose WhatsApp to communicate with manufacturers?

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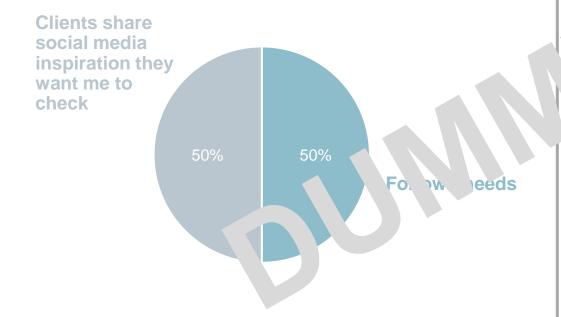




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#### Drivers behind the social media usage

Which of the following describes better the usage of social media by you: I use social media for my own needs or I use social media because clients share with me social media inspiration they want me to check.



# Reasons for using social media for oro in all purposes – Top 12 In what situation do you use social media for professional purpose?

		Per	Per company size		
		1-4	5-14	15+	
		FTE	FTE	FTE	
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) show m, finish J) work	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Product ran information	50%	50%	50%	50%	
sking for advice/ problem	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Opinion of colleagues	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Solution of technical problems	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Market trends and developments	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Latest news	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Innovations	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Manufacturer promotions	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Installation instructions	50%	50%	50%	50%	

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Base: n=125, Asked to all

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			1-4	5-14	15+
			FTE	FTE	FTE
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	Radio 1	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Heart	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Smooth	50%	50%	50%	50%
Abs	olute radio	50%	50%	50%	50%
Gr	eatest Hits	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Talk Sport	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Magic	50%	50%	50%	50%
E	BBC Radio	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Talk radio	50%	50%	50%	50%

Base: n=69, if listening to radio while at work

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**United Kingdom** 

Germany

France

Poland

Belgium

The Netherlands

Appendix



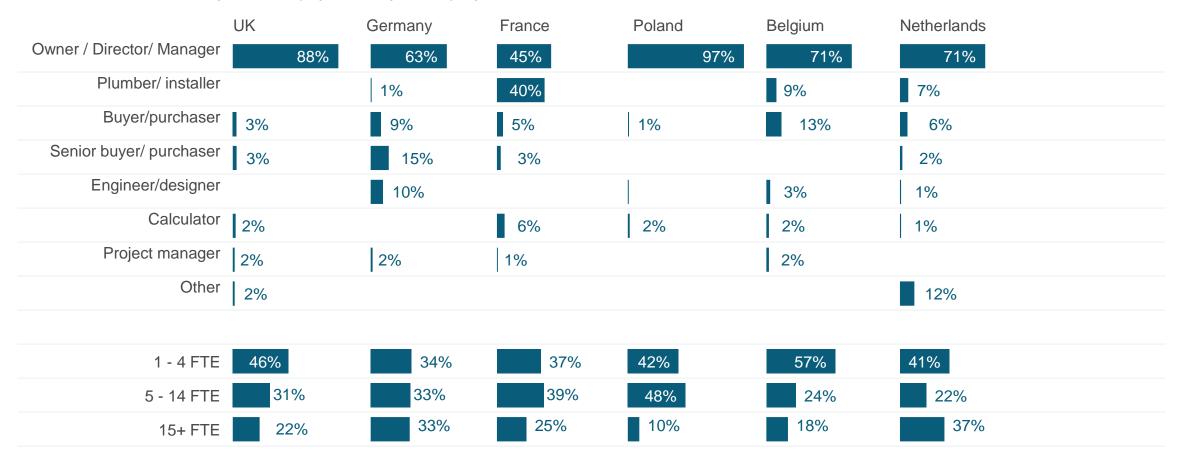


# Respondents' background characteristics

#### Job title of the interviewed respondents and the company size

Q: What is your position within the company?

Q: Yourself included, how many fulltime employees does your company have in total, in all branches?

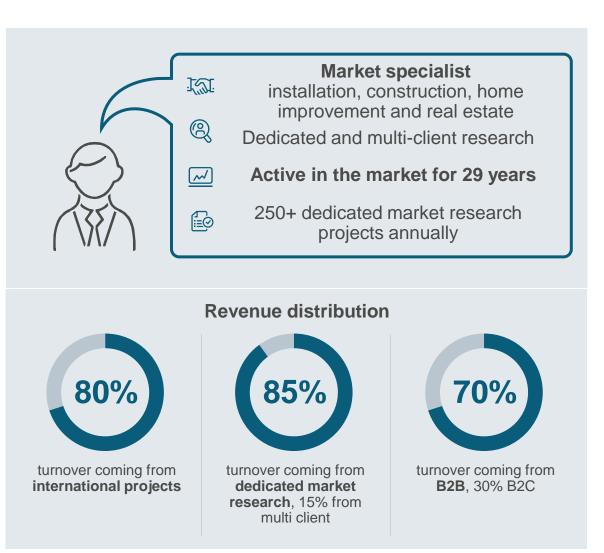


Q4 2022 data, unweighted



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	European <b>Architectural</b> Barometer	European Contractor Monitor	European Mechanical Installation Monitor	European Electrical Installation Monitor	European Painter Insight Monitor	European <b>Home</b> Improvement Monitor	European <b>Handyman</b> Monitor
Target group	Architects	Building contractors	HVAC installers	Electrical installers	Professional painters	Consumers	Handyman
Methodology	<b>Q</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Q</b>		<b>Q</b>
Annual sample size	3,400 interviews	2,050 interviews	2,600 interviews	3,000 interviews	2,300 interviews	26,400 interviews	3,400 interviews
Country scope	<ul> <li>Germany</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>France</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Italy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Germany</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>France</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Italy</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Germany</li><li>United Kingdom</li><li>France</li><li>Netherlands</li><li>Belgium</li><li>Poland</li></ul>	<ul><li>Germany</li><li>United Kingdom</li><li>France</li><li>Netherlands</li><li>Belgium</li><li>Poland</li><li>Spain</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Germany</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>France</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Denmark</li> <li>Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Germany</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>France</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Denmark</li> <li>Sweden</li> <li>Austria</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Germany</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>France</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Italy</li> </ul>
Way of reporting	Quarterly	Bi-annually	Quarterly	Quarterly	Annually	Quarterly	Annually
2023 Theme topics	<ul><li>Q1: Media orientation</li><li>Q2: BIM</li><li>Q3: Prefab</li><li>Q4: Sustainability</li></ul>	<ul><li>H1: Purchase channels</li><li>H2: Sustainability</li></ul>	<ul><li>Q1: Sustainability</li><li>Q2: Services</li><li>Q3: Purchase channels</li><li>Q4: Training needs</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Q1: Media orientation</li> <li>Q2: Training needs</li> <li>Q3: BIM</li> <li>Q4: Purchase channels</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Trend tracking</li><li>Brand funnels</li><li>Purchase channels</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Q1: Orientation; sustainability</li> <li>Q2: Purchase Channels; online performance of DIY stores</li> <li>Q3: Branding; private labels</li> <li>Q4: DIY vs DIFM; plans for 2024</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Segmentation</li> <li>Orientation and media usage</li> </ul>



# Country coverage



### Selection of customers

# Construction









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