

In the SAWYER Project, we analysed how the double digital and green transition (Twin Transition) is going to change the jobs of the furniture manufacturing sector in 2030.

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Aims

The **Twin Transition** (green & digital) will have a huge impact on the EU furniture sector during next years and decades.

In the SAWYER Project, we analysed how the **Twin Transition is going to change the jobs of the furniture manufacturing sector** in the future.

SAWYER built up its analysis on the outcomes of the DIGIT-FUR Project, which analysed the impact of the **digital transformation** on the furniture industry and in the sector key occupational profiles.

We integrated DIGIT-FUR results with the expected impacts of the sector **transition toward a more circular economy**. The final result is a detailed analysis of the foreseen changes in **eleven key occupational profiles** of the sector due to the Twin Transition in 2030.

Occupational profiles analysed

- Sales and marketing manager
- Industrial production manager
- Supply chain manager
- Maintenance & repair engineer
- Furniture designers
- Cabinet-makers and related workers
- Woodworking-machine tool setters and operators
- Upholsterers and related workers
- Wood processing plant operators
- Furniture assembler
- Factory hand

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Impacts of the twin transition on the EU furniture industry

Forecast of the sector by 2030 due to its circular economy transition and digital transformation

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Final report

- 1 Project final report, with all the results, is available in **10 languages**. It can be downloaded, along with other technical reports, in <https://circularfurniture-sawyer.eu/downloads/>

Results

- 2 Identification of the main legislative and voluntary instruments that will directly impact the circular transition of the sector.
- 3 Forecast how the sector will be in 2030 due to its circular transition.
- 4 Analysis on how the Twin Transition will change the tasks currently performed by the eleven most characteristic occupational profiles in the sector.
- 5 Forecast of which changes will occur in these occupational profiles from an occupational health and safety perspective. We identified which risks will remain unchanged and which will emerge, increase, decrease or disappear.
- 6 New knowledge, skills and competences that these professional profiles will need in that future scenario.
- 7 The main initiatives that are being deployed across Europe to promote this transition toward a more circular economy.
- 8 Conclusions and recommendations for our legislators, companies, VET regulators and providers.

Table 1: 10 EU legislative and voluntary instruments and their impact on the furniture sector

Instrument	Impact on the furniture sector
Green Deal	... (detailed description of impact)
Circular Economy Action Plan	... (detailed description of impact)
... (other instruments)	... (detailed description of impact)

Forecasting survey and working results

Year	Value
2020	100
2025	120
2030	150

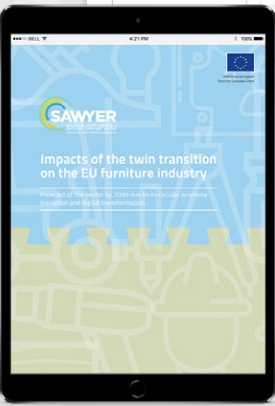


Table 4: Hazards and risks changes

Hazard/Risk	2020 Occupational profile	2025/30 Occupational profile	Profile tasks forecast
... (various hazards and risks)

Table 5: Skills and competences needs

Skill/Competence	2020 Occupational profile	2025/30 Occupational profile	Profile tasks forecast
... (various skills and competences)



Table 8: Conclusions

Section	Key Points
Conclusions	... (detailed conclusions)
Recommendations	... (detailed recommendations)

