



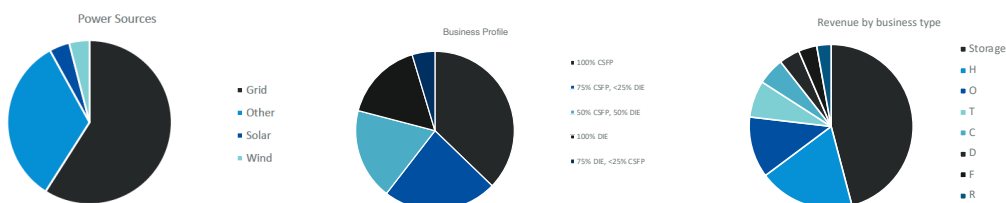
## European Cold Storage Benchmark

GCCA recently released its annual European Productivity & Benchmarking Report.

It reveals that the occupancy rate was 12% higher than the previous years, while energy consumption per facility was 38% less. 53% of the facilities use green energy, of which 40% use solar energy, 13% wind energy and 2% hydropower. Those who produce energy from solar power serve 17% of their annual consumption.



Storage still represents the largest share of revenues followed by other value-added services. Labour comes as the largest expenses, although the report indicates that the average number of workers – both permanent and temporary – is significantly lower than the previous years.



Other key market data in the European Productivity & Benchmarking Report include business profile, space usage and inventory, pallet throughput and related indicators (energy consumption per pallet, number of pallets per labour hour, labour costs, energy management and efficiency, refrigeration strategy, equipment, value-added services and future developments, financial analysis and sustainability.



15% of cold store operators get customer requests or pressure to be more sustainable or greener.

33% have customers who ask what their sustainability policies or procedures are.



13% are asked by their customers what their CO<sub>2</sub> footprint is.

The report is only available in full to warehouse member companies who participated in the survey. If you want to secure your access to the next report, make sure you participated in the upcoming 2022 EPBR survey!

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