EuSalt
The European Salt Producers’ Association acts according to the interest of salt producers across Europe and beyond. Representing more than 70% of the European salt industry, EuSalt is the interface between the latter and EU institutions, as well as other stakeholders. We do believe that good governance and efficient policies stem from inclusive dialogue and integrated solutions. Therefore, EuSalt is here to provide expertise and answer any questions you may have about everything salt.

The Salt Industry
Europe is the second largest producer of salt worldwide. The sector is very heterogeneous, encompassing large international companies, as well as (very) small, often family-owned, businesses. There are three traditional ways to produce salt, depending on geology and weather conditions:

- Solar salt, harvested from the sea or inland wetlands
- Salt can be mined underground through traditional shaft mining (rock salt), or
- Boreholes reaching out to deep salt layers (vacuum salt)

Global Salt Production in %
- Europe: 38%
- USA: 21%
- China: 17%
- Other: 24%

INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
Salt is the raw material for +1,000 chemical applications: production of glass, PVC, paper, textiles, detergents and so on.

WATER SOFTENING
Salt is used to reduce the hardness of water, thus increasing the energy efficiency of appliances.

DE-ICING
Salt is a cost-effective de-icing agent that helps maintain our mobility and safety through winter. ‘Sensible salting’ can limit damages to the environment.

FOOD & FEED
Salt preserves & gives flavour to food. It is part of a balanced, healthy diet for it helps our body function properly. Salt can also be a carrier for important micro-nutrients (iodine, fluoride, folic acid).

SALT
Sodium Chloride