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**22 > 24 SEPT. 2014**

PLACE DU LUXEMBOURG  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

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**P R O G R A M M E**

**BOOSTING ECONOMIC GROWTH  
BY ENHANCING THE COMPETITIVENESS  
OF THE WOODWORKING INDUSTRIES**



# Programme

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

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> OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BRUSSELS WOOD ACTION DAYS

> OPENING OF THE WOOD BOX (by invitation only)

📍 *Belgian Information Centre (Former Gare Léopold) at the Luxembourg Square*

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17h30 Advance Press Opening

18h00 Presentations during the cocktail

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

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8h00-9h30 Networking Breakfast to present the Woodworking Industries' Manifesto to the EP ENVI & AGRI Committees

📍 *European Parliament – Meeting room A5G305*

12h30-14h00 Networking Lunch in presence of MEPs and industrialists

📍 *Restaurant of the European Parliament*

14h00-15h00 Presentation of the Woodworking Industries' Manifesto to the EP ITRE Committee

📍 *European Parliament – Meeting room A3H-1*

15h00-18h00 Congress: Meeting Tomorrow's Housing Challenges

📍 *European Economic & Social Committee - Meeting room TRE 7701*

20h00 Welcome Reception & Networking Dinner: Renewing the Club du Bois

📍 *Club Royal des Guides (on Luxembourg Square opposite the EP)*

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## 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

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10h30-12h00 Congress: Forest-based Innovation and Research needs for reaping the potential of sustainable habitats for strengthening Europe's low carbon bio-economy

📍 *Forestry House on Luxembourg Square*



# EUROPEAN WOODWORKING INDUSTRY - MANIFESTO 2014-2019 BOOSTING INDUSTRIAL GROWTH & JOBS IN EUROPE

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## Our Call to the EU Institutions

Manufacturing sectors such as the woodworking industry sit at the heart of the European economy and are key drivers of jobs and growth. As a major part of the EU Forest-Based Industries (FB-I), the European woodworking and furniture industry is the **EU's fifth largest manufacturing industry**, contributing € 218bn to the European economy and **generating over 2.1 million jobs**, many of which are found in rural areas.

We look forward to playing our part in helping Europe achieve the goal **of increasing industry's share of GDP to 20% by 2020**. The woodworking industry has set itself the goal of increasing its total annual industrial output by 4%. Such an increase would contribute €2.35bn to the European economy, including €405 million per year in increased tax revenues for Member States while also creating 80,000 new jobs and reducing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by an additional 150 million tonnes.

A favourable operating climate is essential for the woodworking industry to continue to deliver the jobs and the positive economic impact that comes with growth. To achieve this goal we would welcome your support on the following policy priorities.

## About Us

**European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois):** CEI-Bois has 27 European and National Member Federations in 17 countries. It is the main body defending and representing the interests of the European woodworking industries, which includes more than 184,000 companies generating an annual turnover of 122 billion euros and employing around 1.1 million workers in the EU.

**European Panel Federation (EPF):** EPF has members in 25 countries and represents the manufactures of particle board, MDF, OSB, hard and softboard. The EU wood panel industry has a turnover of about 22 billion euro every year; creates over 100,000 jobs directly and counts more than 5,000 enterprises in Europe.

**The European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry (EOS):** Through its member countries EOS represents some 35,000 sawmills in 13 countries across Europe manufacturing sawn boards, timber frames, glulam, decking, flooring, joinery, fencing and several other wood products. Together they represent 75% of the total European sawn wood output and a turnover of almost 34 billion EUR, creating over 259,000 job opportunities annually in the EU.

## Our Policy Priorities

### 1/ Competitiveness & Industry

- Ensure a level playing field that supports the procurement and manufacturing of wood products
- Facilitate better access to funding and support investment
- Avoid divergence within EU legislation and reduce administrative burdens

### 2/ Environment & Climate Change

- Encourage the increased use of wood in construction and in daily life applications
- Prolong the life cycle of wood and optimise the use of wood to foster a resource efficient bio-based economy
- Re-organise incentives to improve the total supply of wood as a raw material

### 3/ Agriculture & Rural Development

- Encourage afforestation and reforestation across Europe
- Avoid the leakage of raw materials without processing and develop a stricter anti-dumping and anti-subsidy policy



*We call on all MEPs who support  
our manifesto to join the European  
Parliament Club du Bois.*



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European Economic and Social Committee

