



A House of Wood at the European Parliament

The European Woodworking Sector:

An industry of European tradition, offering jobs, growth, and modern solutions to environmental and climate challenges.

From 22nd till 26th September, the “Wood Box” will stand on the Luxembourg Square in front of the European Parliament. On this occasion, the European Woodworking Industry invites all new and returning Members of the European Parliament as well as visitors to join them for a “walk in the wood”, and explore the rich history and modern growth potential of the EU’s fifth largest manufacturing industry, contributing € 218bn to the European economy and generating over 2.1million jobs, many of which are found in rural areas.

The Wood Box, a model exhibition showcasing the value of timber building in urban spaces, began its roadshow in Milan and stopped in Ljubljana, Bratislava and Klagenfurt before Brussels.



The European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois), the European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry (EOS) and the European Panel Federation (EPF) will host two days of seminars and conferences at the Luxembourg Square and the European Parliament. The presentations will focus on the potential of the wood sector in Europe to jumpstart growth in Europe. Members of Parliament will learn about the power of policy to help the wood sector flourish even more as a fundamental partner in Europe’s industrial renaissance.

The evidence in favour of wood to support a wide range of policies is ample. A 4% increase of the annual EU industrial round-wood harvesting and processing would mean 2.35 billion euros for the EU economy – every year – and 80,000 new jobs would be created.

Moreover, the wood sector does not pit the environment against economic growth, rather represents a sustainable and effective way of reducing CO₂ in the atmosphere: 1 m³ of wood stores 1 tonne CO₂. The longer it is used, reused, and recycled, the longer it locks in carbon dioxide.

The objective of the renewed dialogue between the wood industry and the members of the European Parliament is to define a clear framework of actions and priorities to allow the sector to develop and contribute to European industry. Dialogue with decision makers and industry will take place within the “Club du bois”, a forum bringing together stakeholders who believe in wood industry and commit to support the sector’s competitiveness.

During the Wood Action Days a Manifesto in support of the Woodworking Industries will be unveiled laying the foundation for collaboration in the next 5 years.

Kind regards,



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