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Special Meeting of the Technical Working Group 'Wood governance across Europe and beyond'

Date: **29th November 2023**

Location: **International Wood Construction Conference (IHF), Innsbruck/Austria**



Technical Working Group

Governance

Technical Working Group GOVERNANCE

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Participating members of the TWG:

41 Members (12 country representatives, 29 stakeholder organisations)

Meetings held:

TWG 1: 21 June 2023

- Introduction of TWG, discussion on the scope, identification of issues

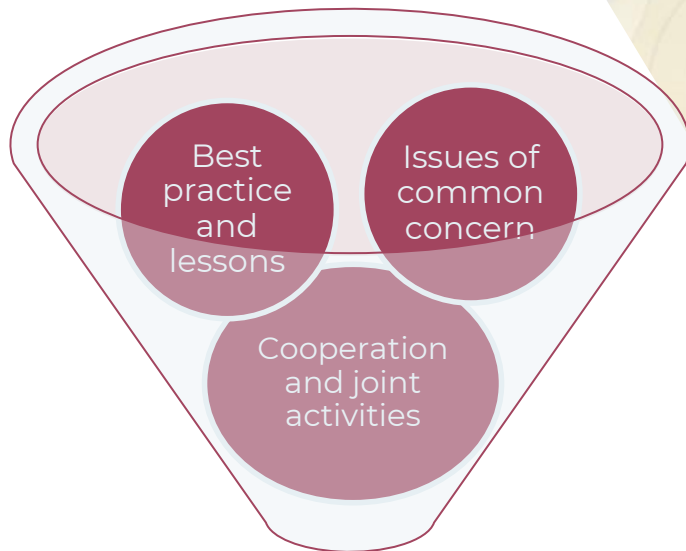
TWG 2: 13 September 2023

- Presentation of national wood building programmes and initiatives

TWG 3: 29 November 2023

- Special Meeting „Wood Governance in Europe and beyond“

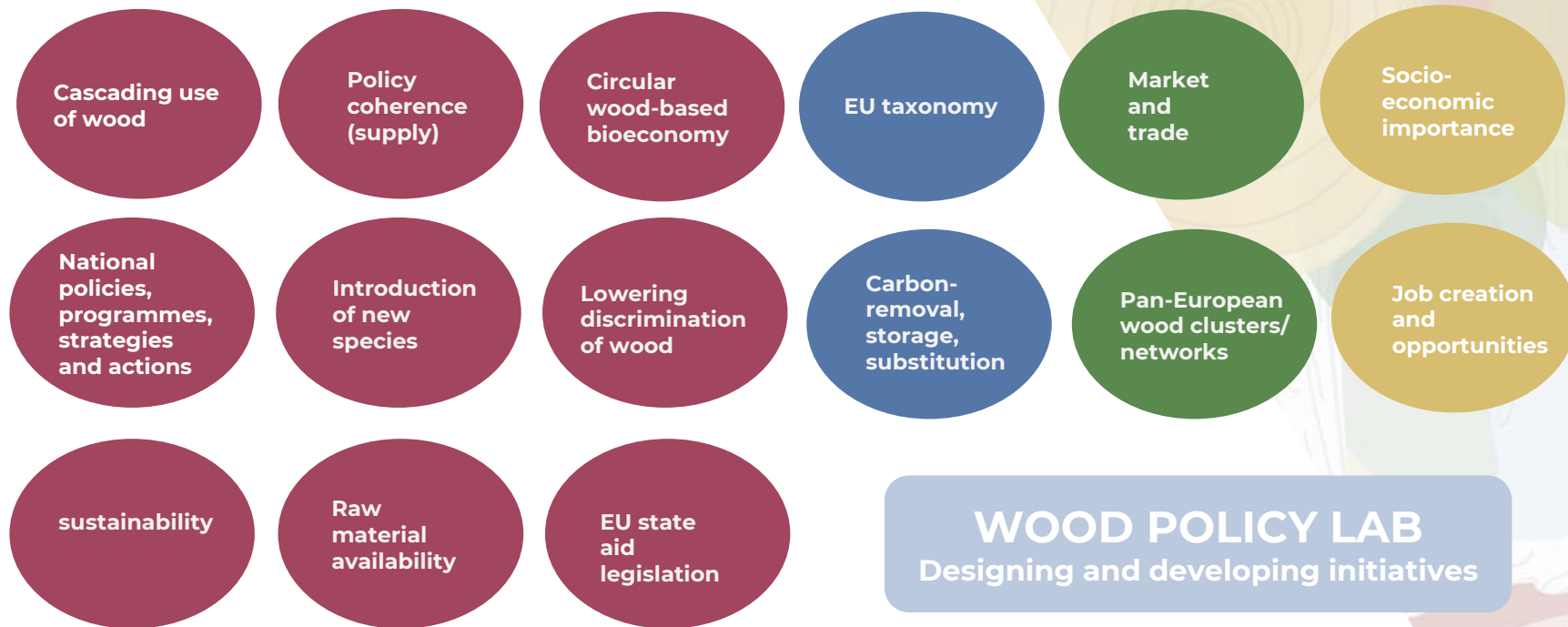
Scope of the TWG Governance



**Wood-related policy solutions,
actions and recommendations**

- political and legal framework
- financial framework
- structural framework
- socio-economic framework

Priorities and topics



Upcoming activities

- Knowledge to action: **Study on wood policy and governance in Europe** by the European Forest Institute
- Dedicated **Wood Policy Lab** (2-3 day event in Austria)
- Drafting a **political paper** outlining woodPoP key messages
- Coordinating **outreach** into policy processes
- Two online Working Group Meetings to prepare input for outreach and woodPoP High Level Meeting



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Thank you very much!

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BUILDINGS

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Meetings held :

TWG 1: 21 June 2023

- Introduction of TWG, discussion on the scope, identification of issues

TWG 2: 13 September 2023

- Presentation of FNR and German government activities in the topic
- presentation of TWG survey and discussion on future scope
- co-creation exercise on Public Procurement

TWG 3: 06 November 2023

- Discussion of the High-Level Meeting results
- Presentation of 6-month work plan
- Further discussions and input on Public Procurement of Buildings and related services

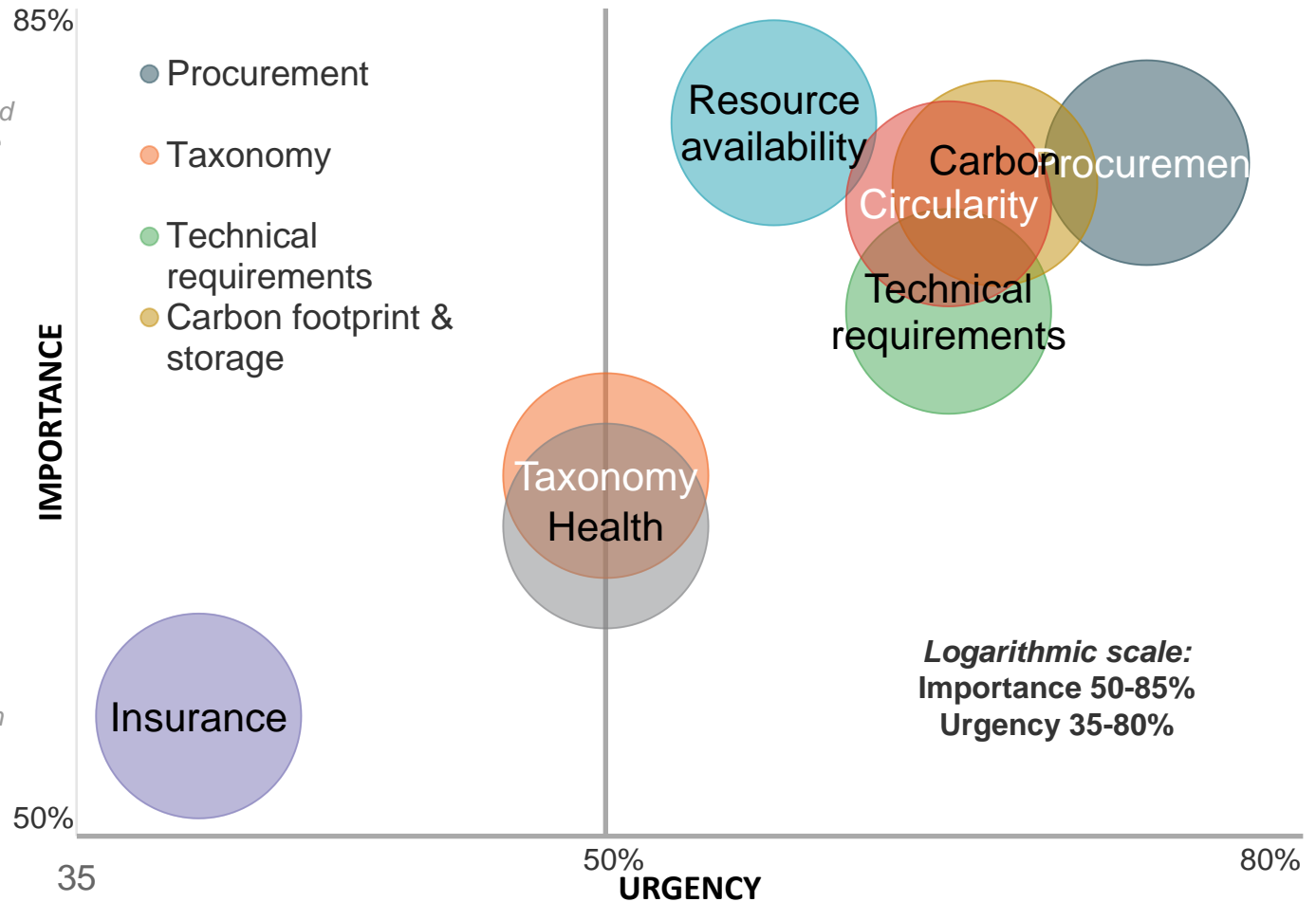
Participants:

37 participants (10 countries' public administrators, 14 stakeholder organisations)

2. Importance and Urgency of proposed TWG Building topics (results spread out for visualisation)

Please use the matrix to prioritize topics by their urgency and importance, using the full scale available to sort out less urgent and less important tasks. The objective will be identify Important but Not Urgent long-term topics so that these do not become Urgent.

- **Procurement** of building and construction services (Green Public Procurement GPP)
- **Taxonomy** (New construction, renovation, investments)
- **Essential technical requirements** (i.e. sound, fire, isolation, indoor air)
- **Carbon footprint** regulation, carbon storage in and on buildings
- **Resource availability** for the wood-products value-chain
- **Insurance** issues (construction and building)
- **Circularity** issues
- **Health & wellbeing**



Priorities and topics:

Wood in
buildings and
construction

Public
procurement
of
buildings
and related
services

Regulation

R&D
European
networks
and
projects

Health and
wellbeing

Resource
Availability

Circularity
and carbon

Policy solutions,
actions and
recommendations

Technical
requirements

Barriers and
drivers
related to
construction
with
wood

- political and legal framework
- financial framework
- structural framework
- socio-economic framework

Working plan

11/2023	12/2023	01/2024	02/2024	03/2024	04/2024
TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Fire Protection 	Meeting PP-Sub-Group WS Fire Protection	PP-SG Meeting	TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Carbon storage/accounting, etc. Discussion of PP-Study Scope and possible study tender 	PP-SG Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Milestone: Start of Tender Study </div>	TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Health and Wellbeing
05/2024	06/2024	07/2024	08/2024	09/2024	10/2024
PP-Sub-Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss results Procurement Study <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> Milestone: Final Tender Study </div>	TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Resource Availability Discussion of Dissemination Action for PP Study 	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Milestone: Start of PP-Study dissemination </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> Summer Break </div>		TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Building Technology 	TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Procurement Insurance of timber buildings Preparation of HLM



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Thank You!

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Technical Working Group Innovation & Research

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'Wood governance across Europe and beyond'

29th of November 2023

Innsbruck, Austria

Lead of the TWG: Alfred W. Kammerhofer, Head of Section at FOEN Switzerland

TWG 3: Innovation & Research

Participants:

- 45 participants (16 country representatives, 2 European stakeholder organisation)

Focus on:

How do we achieve Net-Zero by 2050 in Europe and what contribution must wood make to this? («it's already in 26 years»)

- Wood and wood-based innovations for construction and other sectors.
- National and regional programs promoting innovations in wood, wood-based materials.
- Flagship projects, demonstrators.
- National and regional initiatives.
- Coordination and operational structures to promote innovations also on transnational level.



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How do we do this ? (Workplan, milestones until end of 2023)

- Collecting information on national and regional programs
- Analysing the current state of the art across European countries
- Drafting an overview on wood-based innovations for construction and other sectors
- Mapping the innovation operations across Europe and identifying key drivers
- Analysing the timelines for various aspects
- Developing a catalogue of priorities
- Drafting recommendations and ideas for policy development
- Concluding on what is needed to speed up innovations in the woodworking industries, building and living with wood sectors.



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First interim results from countries' reports: (1/2)

Some countries ...

- promote CO₂-friendly construction by either supporting construction projects based on the share of wood, or a CO₂ compensation price is paid for the additional production of wood construction materials (without public money, but with money from e.g. fuel importers from a compensation fund). The goal here is fossil decarbonisation in the building sector.
- also support investments in the expansion of production facilities for the manufacture of timber construction elements with public funds. Switzerland, for example, does not have such direct state support for industry.
- have specific targets for the use of wood in construction (only for public buildings or also for residential and administrative buildings)



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First interim results from countries' reports: (2/2)

Some countries ...

- also have recommendations to builders (institutional, public and private), planners and architects for sustainable construction with wood or timber construction in real estate strategy, or the procurement of sustainable wood
- funded new professorships focus on wood construction and architecture.
- have wood initiatives or action-plans with funding amounts between 10 to 90 Mio. €.
- In research projects, most countries already have European cooperation, like in the Horizon-Program (e.g. woodWisdomNet or ForestValue). However, some countries are additionally strengthening cooperation between innovation research AND industry as well as SMEs. These efforts are also expanding cross-borders in some regions in Europe (e.g. Baltic sea region).



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Thank You!

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Technical Working Group Education and Vocational Training



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Meetings held :

TWG 1: July 27, 2023

- Constitution of the Technical Working Group, defining proposed activities and strategic objectives

TWG 2: August 24, 2023

- Discussion on strategic objectives of the TWG based on the results of the survey and actions to follow

TWG 3: October 3, 2023, Helsinki / Finland (Live & hybrid),

- Programs in Europe & action plan leading to defined strategic objectives

Participants:

36 participants (7 country representatives, 20 stakeholder organisations)



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Scope of the TWG Education and Vocational Training:

- Increase the attractiveness of the sector through advanced, modern, and interdisciplinary education.
- Support the develop of microcredentials on wood and its use in all participating countries.
- Developing policy solutions, actions and recommendations enabling systematic support to the sector for upskilling and reskilling of workers.
- Foster collaboration with the New European Bauhaus Academy that should become a platform for knowledge transfer of the wood sector to the construction ecosystem.



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Priorities and topics:

EQF
system –
harmonize
throughout
Europe

Microcredentials
on wood and its
use

Include
digitalisation
into education
and wood
sector

Attract
young
people

Presenting
the sector
as advance
sector

Socio-
economic
importance

Support to
SME's and
micro
companies

Carbon-
removal,
storage,
substitution

Keeping skilled
workers in
wood sector

Increasing the
attractiveness
among
children,
students...

Upskilling
and
reskilling of
workers

Job creation
and
opportunities

Sustainability

Circularity

A necessary
response to
demographic
changes

- political and legal framework
- financial framework
- structural framework
- socio-economic framework

Next steps:

Online meeting of the Technical Working Group

6 December, 2023, online – Zoom; 10.00 – 11.30 CEST

Define activities of Action Plan Actions

- Action 1: Increase the level of knowledge, experience and competences and diversifying the structure of the workforce in wood-related industries
- Action 2: Systematic investment in the development of top personnel for a breakthrough in the woodworking industry - Interdisciplinary education and training
- Action 3: Increasing the attractiveness of the industry for the highest quality personnel



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COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

*Wood Governance across Europe and beyond,
29 November 2023,
Innsbruck*



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Participants:

- ❖ 36 participants (11 country representatives, 8 stakeholder organizations)

Meetings held:

- ❖ TWG 1: 8 September 2023
 - *Discussed the role of the TWG, its interaction with other TWGs, priority topics of communication and main messages; shared information about existing inter/national wood-related communication activities.*
- ❖ TWG 2: 25 September 2023
 - *Participants approved the role of the TWG and summary of discussion from the first meeting.*
- ❖ TWG 3: 3 November 2023
 - *Participants discussed possibility of a new international contest in wood building design and shared experiences about their national competitions.*



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Role of the TWG Communication and Information:

service group for
other TWGs and
woodPoP as a
whole

promote woodPoP
and wood as
material in general

regular
communication
with each TWG

need for a brief
and concise
communication
strategy

learning / sharing



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Priorities in communication and key messages:

- ❖ Simplify TWGs' complex work into easily understandable messages.
- ❖ Improve the perception of wood product use, increasing knowledge about wood-based industries, highlight the environmental and economic benefits of the wood value chain.
- ❖ Linkage to promotion of sustainable forest management - sustainability of wood.
- ❖ Design specific approaches for individual TWGs.
- ❖ Need for a brief and concise communication strategy.
- ❖ Build on national experience and best practice.

Next steps:

- ❖ Identify strategic communication objectives, couple of key messages and target groups.
- ❖ Plan a new international contest in wood building design.
- ❖ Welcome co-lead of the TWG and new members.



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