



European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)

Fifth Expert Group Meeting (EGM)

11 September 2024

Mjøstårnet, Norway



Item 1

Opening of the Meeting

Item 2

The Norwegian Wood Building Programme: Achievements and Lessons Learned

Joint Presentation by Espen Stokke, Senior Advisor, Forest Policy Section, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and Lone Ross, Head of Research, Division Forest and Forest Resources, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO).

Item 3

Updates and WoodPoP Status Quo

Item 3.1

Update from the Chair

Item 3.2 Updates From The Technical Working Groups Co-Leads

Technical Working Groups

SIGN-UP for a TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUP:

<https://woodpop.eu/>

Governance (Lead: AT)

Wood policy formulation and implementation, wood-related policy recommendations

Building (Lead: DE)

Use of wood in construction and green public procurement

Innovation and Research (Lead: CH)

Innovation and research initiatives and programmes, financing

Education and vocational training (Lead: SI)

Qualification along the wood-based value chain

Communication and information (Lead: CZ)

Preparatory work for a European wood building contest

Item 3.2.1

Technical Working Group Governance

Meetings and activities in 2024

Focus of work: woodPoP Policy Paper

Online Meetings on 19 March and 22 May, written procedures

Initial Discussions at the Technical Working Group Governance, March – June

First Exchange:
19 March

Written inputs
April

Zero Draft
22 May

Written comments
until 5 June



Consolidation at the Wood Policy Lab

3-5 July 2024, Traunkirchen, Austria

Consolidated Draft to be shared with EGM

Wood Policy Lab, 3-5 July 2024, Traunkirchen (AT)

Developing key messages for policy formulation and implementation processes at all levels



Planned activities

- Study Update, **Wood Policy in Europe**, European Forest Institute, Fall 2024
- Extract **key messages** out of the woodPoP Policy Paper (together with TWG Communication)
- Presentation of woodPoP Policy Paper at **Global Webinar Series on Sustainable forest-based bioeconomy** (first quarter of 2025)
- Planning of other **outreach activities** in 2025

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Technical Working Group Building

Meetings and activities in 2024

Meeting N°5, 1 March 2024/online, 16 participants

- Discussed latest development and standards related to the Carbon Accounting and Storage in and on Timber Buildings based on an expert presentation
- The concept for a mapping study on support measures to foster public procurement of timber buildings and related services. This was developed in a sub-group Public procurement.

Meeting N° 6, 23 May 2024/online, 19 participants

- Discussed latest various development related to Health & Wellbeing and Timber Buildings.
- Expert presentations: latest VOC-research and wood, psychophysiological effects of wood, Wood & Health Eu-project.
- Furthermore latest development regarding the mapping study on support measures to foster public procurement of timber buildings and related services were presented.
- Knowledge of the flagship buildings in European countries was hoped for. Secretariat and Heino created a website: <https://woodpop.eu/resources/buildings/>

Upcoming meetings (planned for Oct. and Dec.) and topics

- actual topics still to be covered: resource availability, building technologies, insurance
- TWG members discussed how input or conclusions from knowledge-sharing sessions could be further used or presented as lessons learned recommendations or needs for further actions in the policy paper or other TWG results.
- annual plan for 2025

Focus: Study to collect and analyse relevant examples of existing programs supporting the procurement of timber construction

Phase 1: Collect qualitative and quantitative data on existing programs and support measures on national level of a selected number of countries to foster timber construction (started in spring 2024).

- Survey distributed to key informants from Slovenia, Czech Republic, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Austria and Finland.
- Deadline extended to fill out the survey until mid-September.
- Identification of Best Practices and pioneer countries to follow up within Phase 2

Focus: Study to collect and analyse relevant examples of existing programs supporting the procurement of timber construction

Phase 2 : Conduct follow-up interviews with public procurers to assess awareness and effectiveness of existing support measures in best practice countries (Starts end of 2024).

- Interviews will be conducted by a consultant (not selected).

Outcome: Conclusions and policy recommendations on support measures for PP of timber buildings.

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Technical Working Group Innovation and Research

TWG Innovation & Research

Objectives:

- Identify and showcase exemplary practices and challenges in wood research and innovation transfer to businesses.
- Develop a European map illustrating the commercialization and market adoption of wood innovations.

Outcomes:

- Comprehensive list of priority policy recommendations.
- Curated catalogue of public and private programs supporting wood innovations.

Meetings and activities in 2024

Completed:

- **31 January 2024:**
 - Discussions on public and private programs to promote wood in construction.
 - Assessment of innovation project funding and their TRL-level.
 - Exploration of bi- and multilateral cooperation financing.

Upcoming:

- **18-20 September 2024 (Rescheduled):**
 - Workshop on the European forestry-wood RTDI capacity report.
 - Analysis of financing opportunities for commercialising innovations.
 - Formulation of policy development recommendations.

Focus:

- **Commercialising Research and Innovation:** In-depth case studies from Switzerland, Austria, France, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, and Luxembourg to be detailed.
- **European R&D Capacity Map:** A visual tool to enhance research visibility and bridge innovations with market demands.
- **Funding Program Analysis:** A comprehensive review of public and private financing mechanisms for SMEs in the wood sector, with a particular focus on **hardwood** utilisation.

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Technical Working Group Education and Vocational Training

Meetings and activities in 2024

Meetings held:

- 18/01/2024 Actions to increase the attractiveness of the industry for the highest quality personnel (MSTeams)
- 07/02/2024 Micro-credentials for the wood sector (MS Teams)
- 17/04/2024 New European Bauhaus Academy (MS Teams)
- 01/07/2024 Agenda of the session of the TWG Education and vocational training at Holzbauforum Innsbruck (Portorož, Slovenia & MSTeams)

Meetings and activities in 2024

Planned activities/Focus of work

- *17/09/2024 Overview of activities – 5th Expert Group meeting, event in Brussels, etc. (MSTeams)*
- *07/11/2024 Active participation at the **Wood Policy and Innovation Workshop 2024**, November 7, 2024, in Brussels*
- *04/12/2024 **28th International Wood Construction Conference**, Innsbruck, Austria: Perspectives from the New European Bauhaus Academy on upskilling and reskilling the wood construction sector*

Focus:

- Action plan
- Life long learning & micro-credentials
- New European Bauhaus Academy

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Technical Working Group Communication and Information

Meetings and activities in 2024

Meetings held:

- ❖ TWG 4: 9 February 2024
 - *Sharing experiences on existing national and international wood competitions / awards*
- ❖ Subgroup of the TWG : 28 August 2024
 - *Discussion in a smaller group about the details of the WoodPoP competition / award*

Upcoming meeting:

- ❖ TWG 5: end of September / early October 2024

Focus of work:

❖ Informational materials / leaflets

- *Preparation of informational material / leaflet on each WoodPoP country based on agreed template*
- *The goal is to promote WoodPoP as a whole and at the same time the sustainable wood utilization*
- *The material will provide information about each country on forests, wood utilization, circular economy, etc.*

Focus of work:

❖ WoodPoP Award / Wood Building Prize

- *Based on the winners of the last round of the national competitions*
- *2 categories: residential and public buildings*
- *Participants: architects (realized buildings), students (project proposals)*
- *Voting: combination of professional jury and general public via website*
- *Frequency: biennial or every third year*
- *Final ceremony could be part of a WoodPoP High Level Meeting*
- *First edition is planned during the WoodPoP HLM in Q4 2025*

Item 3.3 Update from the Secretariat

Homepage

The screenshot shows the homepage of the European Wood Policy Platform (WOODPOP). The page has a clean, professional layout with a gold and white color scheme. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Events, News, Resources, and a Close button. A search icon is also present. The main header features the title "EUROPEAN WOOD POLICY PLATFORM (WOODPOP)" in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is a brief description of the platform's mission: "WoodPOP is an innovative policy dialogue platform which brings together all relevant actors to advance the sustainable use of wood. It develops wood-related policy solutions, measures and recommendations to strengthen wood-based circular bioeconomy." A "Contact Us" button is located below the description. To the right of the text is a map of Europe with a green circle highlighting the platform's focus area. Below the header is a section titled "What We Do" which is divided into three columns: "Focus Areas", "Videos", and "Documents". The "Focus Areas" section includes icons for Policy Development, Research, Stakeholder Engagement, and Policy Implementation. The "Videos" section features two video thumbnails with play buttons. The "Documents" section lists three documents related to the platform's governance and policy development. At the bottom, there is a "Join a Technical Working Group" section with a form for registration. The footer contains a list of partner organizations: Government, Industry, Citizens and Business, Researchers and Academia, and Environmental Organizations.

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EUROPEAN WOOD POLICY PLATFORM (WOODPOP)

WoodPOP is an innovative policy dialogue platform which brings together all relevant actors to advance the sustainable use of wood. It develops wood-related policy solutions, measures and recommendations to strengthen wood-based circular bioeconomy.

Contact Us

What We Do

Focus Areas

Technical Working Group (TWG) provides an evidence-based, non-binding, advisory platform to identify, explore and develop policy solutions for the wood-based circular bioeconomy. The TWG is composed of representatives from industry, academia, government, and civil society.

- Policy Development
- Research
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Policy Implementation

Videos

- Knowledge event: Meeting of October 2022 (Webinar, Record)

Documents

- The European Wood Policy Platform (WOODPOP) Charter
- Guidelines of the European Wood Policy Platform as agreed on 4 October 2022
- WOODPOP Call on opening wood policy consultation in Europe
- The Economic Impact of the Forestry and Wood Industry in Europe in View of the Bioeconomy

Governance

WoodPOP is a voluntary and non-binding advisory platform.

- Charter of the European Wood Policy Platform, signed and approved on 4 October 2022
- Guidelines of the European Wood Policy Platform, signed on 4 October 2022
- 2024 Update of the Study on Wood Policy in Europe: Organization of a Wood Policy Call, Workshop and Meetings for policy makers and Stakeholders (Technical Wood Policy Programme)

Join a Technical Working Group

Join wood-based circular bioeconomy working group, share your views.

Your Name	Your Call Name
Business	Organization
Country	Field

For information on joining working groups:

- Government
- Industry
- Citizens and Business
- Researchers and Academia
- Environmental Organizations

Join Us

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woodPoP's First Wood Policy Lab in Traunkirchen, Austria



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Discussing Wood Governance across Europe and beyond



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woodPoP High Level Meeting boosts the dialogue on the renewable resource wood



BY WEBMASTER | MEETINGS

woodPoP kick-off in Innsbruck, Austria

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November 6 @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The 3rd woodPoP High Level Meeting

To be announced

Save The Date On November 6, 2024, from 14:00 to 18:00 CEST, the European Wood Policy Platform (woodPoP) will host...



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November 7 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wood Policy and Innovation Workshop 2024 'Europe's innovative wood construction sector as driver for the green and digital transition'

Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union Rue Wiertz 77, Brussels, Belgium

The Wood Policy and Innovation Workshop will take place on 7 November 2024 at the Representation of the Free State...



December 2024

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December 4 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Upskilling and reskilling the wood construction sector: Perspectives from the New European Bauhaus Academy

Innsbruck, Austria Rennweg 3, Innsbruck, Austria

The Prologue "Upskilling and reskilling the wood construction sector: Perspectives from the New European Bauhaus Academy" is organised by the...



DOCUMENTS

For the detailed program and practical information about the Study Tour, please click this link: [Study Tour and 5th EGM Norway: Practical Information](#)

For the agenda of the Expert Group Meeting, please click this link: [Draft Agenda Expert Group Meeting](#)

REGISTRATION

To join the Study Tour, register by clicking on the link: [Registration](#).

(open until 2 September 2024)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW – STUDY TOUR

Day 1 Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Study tour to public wood building and state-of-the-art production facilities in the Greater Oslo region and focus on wooden wall elements

08.45 Departure of the Excursion bus in Oslo City Center

- Pick-up at Oslo Central Station (Oslo S), Jernbanetorget 1, 0154 Oslo

There is also the possibility to join directly for the Expert Group Meeting at the hotel via public transport (bus or train).

09.15 – 12:30 Morning Excursion

- HasleTre Office Building, Bøkkerveien 2, 0579 Oslo
- Transfer to Wood Hotel (with a short viewing stop)

12.30 Lunch at the Wood Hotel

13.30 Afternoon Excursion and Guided Tour of the Wood Hotel

- Visit Ringsaker Vegg- og Takelementer AS (RVT) Brugsvegen 11A, 2390 Moelv, Norway
- Check-in at the Wood Hotel (around 15.00)
- Guided Tour of the Wood Hotel (around 16.00)

19.00 Dinner

Newsletter



woodFlash

woodFlash is the European Wood Policy Platform's (woodPoP) official newsletter bringing news, updates, and recent developments within the platform.

woodPoP TWG Corner



Call for Survey Respondents

Insights on Pan-European innovation funding and financing in the forest-based sector

The Technical Working Group on "Innovation and Research" is inviting experts on the European forest industry, finance sector, and related fields to share their knowledge on funding programs and financing strategies for wood innovations. Your responses will help the TWG develop a robust framework to support future innovations.

[Participate in the survey](#)



Fire Safe Building With Wood

First technical brief by Technical Working Group on "Building"

Newsletter

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An initiative by the Federal Ministry
of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions
and Water Management

1. Register on the cloud with your e-mail





2. Access will be granted by the Secretariat

The screenshot displays a OneDrive interface with a sidebar on the left and a main content area. The sidebar includes navigation options: All files, Personal Files, Recent, Favorites, woodPoP Documentation, ISG, HOLZ, Wood Building and Policy Inno..., Shares, Shared with you, Shared with others, Shared by link, Deleted shares, 729.5 MB used, and Files settings. The main content area shows a list of folders, each with a checkbox, a folder icon, a name, a 'Shared' status, a share icon, a three-dot menu icon, and a timestamp 'a few seconds ...'. The folders listed are: TWG 1 Governance, TWG 2 Building, TWG 3 Innovation Research, TWG 4 Education VT, TWG 5 Communication, TWG Governance 22 May 2024, Various Powerpoint presentations, and Wood Policy Lab, Participants, 3-5 July 2024.







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Access to Technical Working Groups for members



All meeting documents from the High Level Meetings and Expert Group Meetings available for everybody

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<input type="checkbox"/>	 4th Expert Group Meeting, 19 April 2024, online	Shared 	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 5th Expert Group Meeting, Study Tour - 10-11 September 2024	Shared 	...
2 folders			

All meeting documents from the High Level Meetings and Expert Group Meetings available for everybody

- Name ▲
-  N1 Meeting 21 June 2023 online
-  N2 Meeting 13 September 2023
-  N3 Special Meeting 29 November 2023 Innsbruck
-  N4 Meeting 21 March 2024 online
-  N5 Meeting 22 May 2024 online
-  N6 Wood Policy Lab, 3-5 July 2024

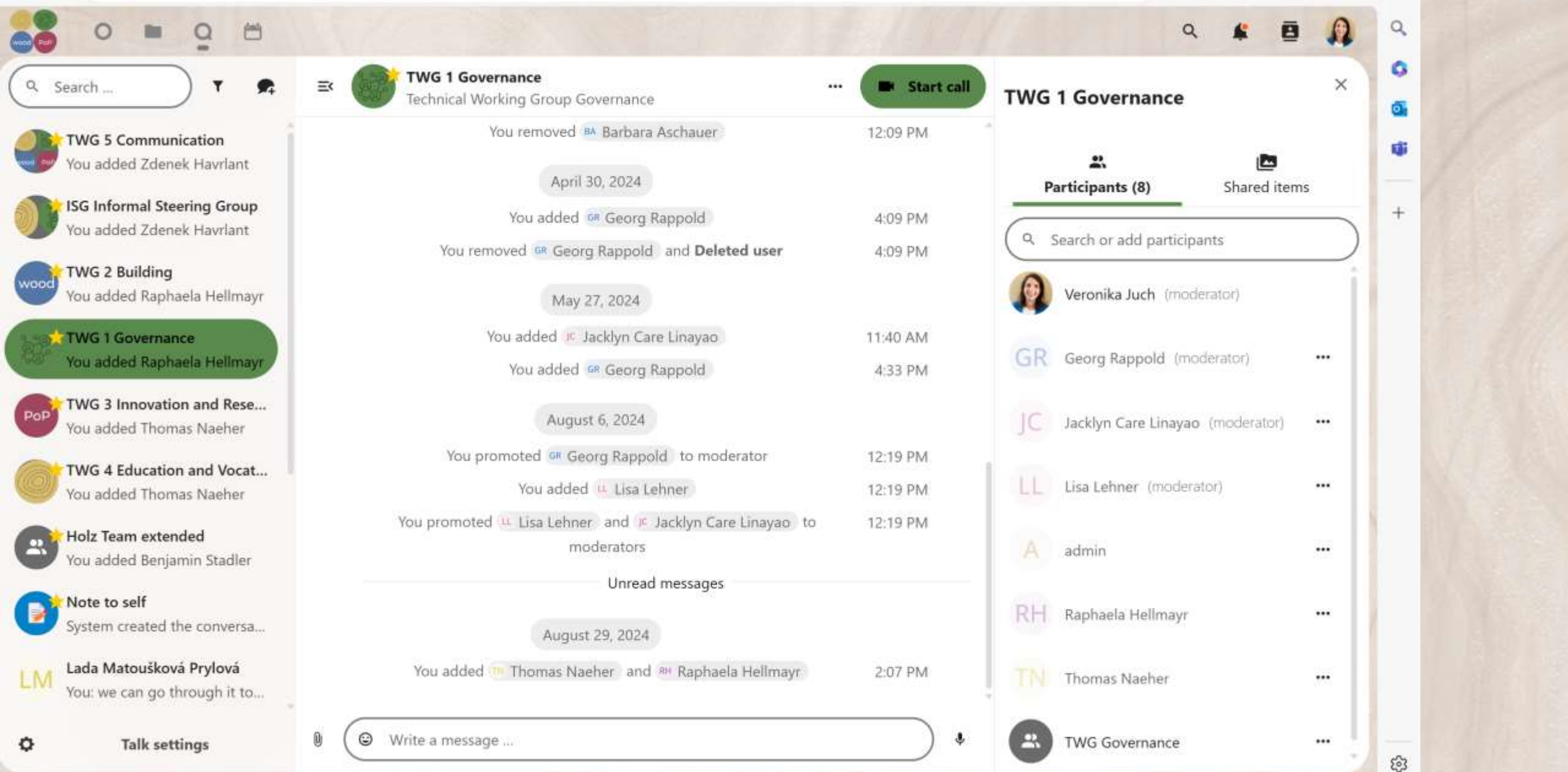
Meeting Documents for each Technical Working Group

-  N2 Meeting 13 September 2023.zip
 -  TWG_Governance_scope_draft_12092023.pdf
- 2 files and 6 folders

☰ All files > TWG 1 Governance > **N2 Meeting 13 September 2023** 🔗 + New

- Name ▲
-  Presentations Shared 🔗 ⋮
-  Draft Agenda TWG Governance 13 Sept2023 V2.pdf + 👤 ⋮
-  Memo TWG.Governance 13 September.pdf + 👤 ⋮

2 files and 1 folder



A Virtual Space for each Technical Working Group

 Federal Ministry
Republic of Austria
Agriculture, Forestry, Regions
and Water Management



Landbruks- og
matdepartementet



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BIOECONOMY RESEARCH



COFFEE BREAK





Item 4

Discussion of the WoodPoP Policy Paper



Item 4.1

Introduction of the WoodPoP Policy Paper



Video From The Wood Policy Lab

Traunkirchen, Austria | 03 – 05 July 2024

A wood-based circular bioeconomy for a sustainable Europe

Green construction and innovative wood solutions



Objective

- A **reference point** for the political work of woodPoP members
- Identifies **critical fields of action**
- Identifies **necessary structural short to long-term framework conditions**, as well suitable instruments and resources

- **A pan-European audience** on national and regional levels
- Takes into account **regional diversity** and **specific policy needs of the whole pan-European** continent to strengthen the wood-based circular bioeconomy
- Commits **to supporting a sustainable wood policy at the pan-European level**

Definition

For the purpose of this Policy Paper, sustainable wood policy is understood as the following:

- A **sustainable wood policy** integrates the principles of **Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)** into the **wood-based value chain**, ensuring a **holistic approach from sustainable forest management to the end-product** meeting both present day and future needs

- This policy encompasses **environmentally sound practices, social responsibility, and economic viability** throughout **the entire process of timber production, processing, and distribution.**
- **By considering sustainable forest management and the wood-based value chain,** the policy aims to **maintain forest health, support local economies,** and promote the use of **sustainably sourced wood products** that contribute to a **resilient and environmentally friendly wood-based circular bioeconomy.**

A wood-based circular bioeconomy for a sustainable Europe



- 1 Wood Sourcing and Supply Chain Management
- 2 Circular Utilization
- 3 Wood Process and Manufacturing
- 4 Construction and Buildings
- 5 Develop Smart and Green Wood Uses
- 6 Skills and Education
- 7 Communication and Awareness
- 8 Governance: Regulatory Compliance, Harmonisation, and Sustainability

1 WOOD SOURCING AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT:

- **Strengthen sustainable forest management**, including reforestation, climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and ecosystem resilience
- Ensure **availability of wood resources** for all wood-based industries

2 CIRCULAR UTILIZATION:

- Support **circular thinking, design and action in all stages of processing and service life**, allowing reuse of the relevant product system and its materials
- Encourage **sequential use of biomass as a material** maximising economic, environmental, and social benefits
- Foresee a **final use as an energy source** when the material quality cannot be valorised any longer.

3 **WOOD PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING:**

- Incentivize **investments in modernisation, enhanced efficiency and productivity, better resource management** as well as innovation and new business models

4 **CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDINGS:**

- Contribute to a new European Framework for the **use of wood in mass-market development**
- **Review and remove obstacles for wood construction** (i.e. height and floor area allowances)
- Apply scientifically-based **Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) accounting rules** (quantifying long-term biogenic carbon storage of wood)

5 SMART AND GREEN WOOD USES:

- Encourage **pan-European and transnational programmes** to foster innovation, research and development
- Support **novel uses for wood** (including processing residues and post-consumer wood)

6 SKILLS AND EDUCATION

- Foster **advanced, modern, and interdisciplinary education and vocational training courses**
- Promote **mutual recognition of diplomas and training including micro-credentials**

7 COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS:

- Highlight the **contribution of sustainable managed forests and wood products to tackling climate change** and advancing opportunities to the circular bioeconomy
- Urge government entities to embrace the **multiple benefits of wood in planning and development endeavours** (including green procurement)

8 GOVERNANCE:

- Encourage **pan-European, national and regional wood programmes and initiatives** integrating best practices
- Foster **cooperation between public and private actors**
- Foster **meaningful engagement and participatory processes** to consult stakeholders

Item 4.2 Overall exchange and detailed discussion