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To the participants of the
6th WoodPoP Expert Group Meeting (EGM) and
Technical Working Group «Innovation & Research» (TWG-3)

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Invitation to the 6th Expert Group Meeting and the Technical Working Group «Innovation & Research» (TWG-3) Workshop from 1st to 2nd of April 2025 in Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Members, Experts and Interested Parties, Representatives of Ministries and National Authorities

On behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Region and Water Management, the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), the Swiss Wood Innovation Network (S-WIN), the Wood Cluster of Luxinnovation, we are delighted to invite you to the 6th Expert Group Meeting of the European Wood Policy Platform and a working session of the Technical Working Group "Innovation & Research" (TWG-3).

On **Tuesday, 1 April 2025**, the meeting of the **Technical Working Group** Innovation will allow for an in-depth discussion and analysis focused on **bridging the gap between research and innovation and on the implementation and commercialization of RTDI** (Research, Technological Development, and Innovation) results. This **workshop** will provide a platform to illuminate and debate the latest findings from our ongoing work, including surveys on the "European innovation landscape in the wood sector". We will explore strategies to bring innovations to market more effectively, with a particular emphasis on the crucial role of both public and private instruments.

We invite workshop participants to give a 3-minute flash presentation on a success story of how research results are commercialised and implemented in industry or services.

On **Wednesday, 2 April 2025**, the **Expert Group Meeting** will provide an update on **recent developments** of importance for WoodPoP and feature a discussion on **a new study on EU wood-based policy**. It will offer an important opportunity to provide guidance on the dissemination of the Wood Policy Paper agreed upon at the latest High-Level Meeting and to discuss the next steps of the Platform.

All Expert Group Meeting and Technical Working Group participants are invited to join an **exclusive tour of a production plant operated by a major construction company**, which is currently building a 24-storey timber hybrid high-rise using glue-laminated beech wood for residential and commercial purposes.



The event also includes a visit to the NEST (**Next Evolution in Sustainable Building Technologies**), a modular research and innovation building where new technologies, materials, and systems are tested, researched, developed, and validated under real-world conditions. The NEST exemplifies close collaboration with partners from research, industry, and the public sector, accelerating the market introduction of innovative construction and energy technologies, and promoting sustainable and circular resource and energy use.

Please note that slots for the excursion on 1 April are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Full programme: [The 6th Expert Group Meeting and TWG Innovation & Research Workshop and in Zurich, Switzerland - WoodPop](#)

Please confirm your attendance by **registering by 20.03.2025 at the latest** under the following link: [WoodPoP Expert Group Meeting / TWG Innovation & Research Workshop / Excursion](#)

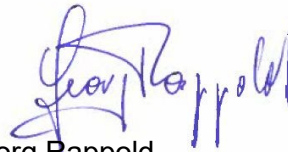
Best regards,



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