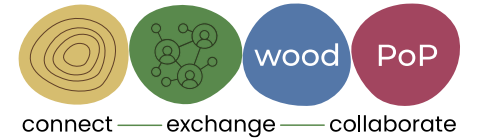




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Item 6

Preparation for the next WoodPoP High Level Meeting

15 October 2025 | Izola, Slovenia



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High Level Meeting in 2025

When: October 15, 2025 at 10:00 CET

Venue: hybrid; InnoRenew CoE, Livade 6a, 6310 Izola, Slovenia & MS Teams

Objective:

- The exchange of views will discuss how **transdisciplinary measures** can help to strengthen the wood-based sector and its contributions to a competitive, just and green Europe.
- A particular focus will be laid on how **Training** (within the sector) and **re-training** (within the sector to enhance the existing workers' skills, educating and training sector-specific skills to attract workers from other sectors) can **provide urgently needed new skills for the revitalization of the sector.**



Draft timeline:

October 14, 2025:

13:00 – 13:15	Meeting at InnoRenew CoE and bus departure
13:15 – 15:45	Site visit of Port of Koper (wood terminal) and cultural heritage building “Servitski monastery” in downtown Koper under renovation following the NEB values
15:45	Arrival back to InnoRenew CoE
16:00 – 18:15	Tour of the biggest wooden building in Slovenia and their laboratories
18:15 – 18:30	Meeting at InnoRenew CoE and bus departure
18:30 – 22:00	Dinner
22:15	Arrival to InnoRenew CoE

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Draft timeline: October 15, 2025:

October 15, 2025 – High level meeting (Moderator: Boštjan Romih (TBC))	
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee and registration*
09:30 – 09:50	Opening of the Meeting - Matjaž Han , Minister of Economy, Tourism and Sport of Republic of Slovenia; Norbert Totschnig , Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management of Austria
09:50 – 10:10	Keynote 1 – Lifelong learning and development of microcredentials in Slovenia Dr. Igor Papič, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (TBC)
10:10 – 10:30	Keynote 2 – Overview of education and trainings in the wood sector in Europe (To be defined)
10:30 – 10:40	Presentation of Policy Brief (Andreja Kutnar)
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee break**
11:10 – 12:10	Exchange of views on the Policy Brief - Moderated by Georg Rappold
12:10 – 12:20	Presentation of the Wood Building Prize
12:20 – 12:40	Reports of the Technical Working Groups' co-leads
12:40 – 12:55	Updates from the WoodPoP Secretariat and upcoming meetings (Veronika Steinhofer-Juch)
12:55 – 13:10	Closing remarks - Georg Rappold, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management (Austria) & Darko Sajko, Ministry of Economy, Tourism and Sport (Slovenia)
13:15 – 15:00	Networking Lunch
Optional: Steering group, TWG meetings	



How to get to Izola:

Airports:

[Trieste Airport](#) (TRS), 55-minute drive from Izola

[Ljubljana Airport](#) (LJU), 1 hour 20-minute drive from Izola

[Venice Marco Polo Airport](#) (VCE), 2-hour drive from Izola

[Treviso Airport](#) (TSF), 2-hour drive from Izola

[Zagreb Airport](#) (ZAG), 2 hour 30-minute drive from Izola

Shuttle service:

The easiest way to travel to Izola from the airports above is to take a shuttle service like [GoOpti transport](#). Reservation for transfer can be made directly to your hotel. Prices are lower if the shuttle is booked well in advance (1-2 months).

Bus or train:

Travel by [bus](#) to Izola is possible. Once in Izola, [public transportation](#) is available to move around the city.

- You can travel by train from most European countries via connection to Koper (Slovenia), Trieste (Italy) or Ljubljana (Slovenia). From these locations, you need a bus transfer or other transport to reach Izola.



Where to stay in Izola:

Hotels in Izola:

[Hotel Belvedere \(Cliff and Villa\)](#): Dobrava 1a, 6310 Izola

[Hotel Haliaetum](#): Morova ulica 6a, 6310 Izola

[San Simon Resort](#): Izola (multiple locations)

[Hotel Delfin](#): Tomažičeva 10, 6310 Izola

[Hotel Marina](#): Veliki trg 11, 6310 Izola

[Hotel Keltika](#): Cesta v Jagodje 1, 6310 Izola

[DeGrassi Boutique Garni Hotel](#): Drevored 1.maja 9, 6310 Izola