

European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)

8th Expert Group Meeting (EGM)

24 March 2026

Online

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Opening of the Meeting

Georg Rappold

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WoodPoP Updates

Item 1.1

Update from the WoodPoP Secretariat

Alexander Buck

New Coordinator at WoodPoP Secretariat



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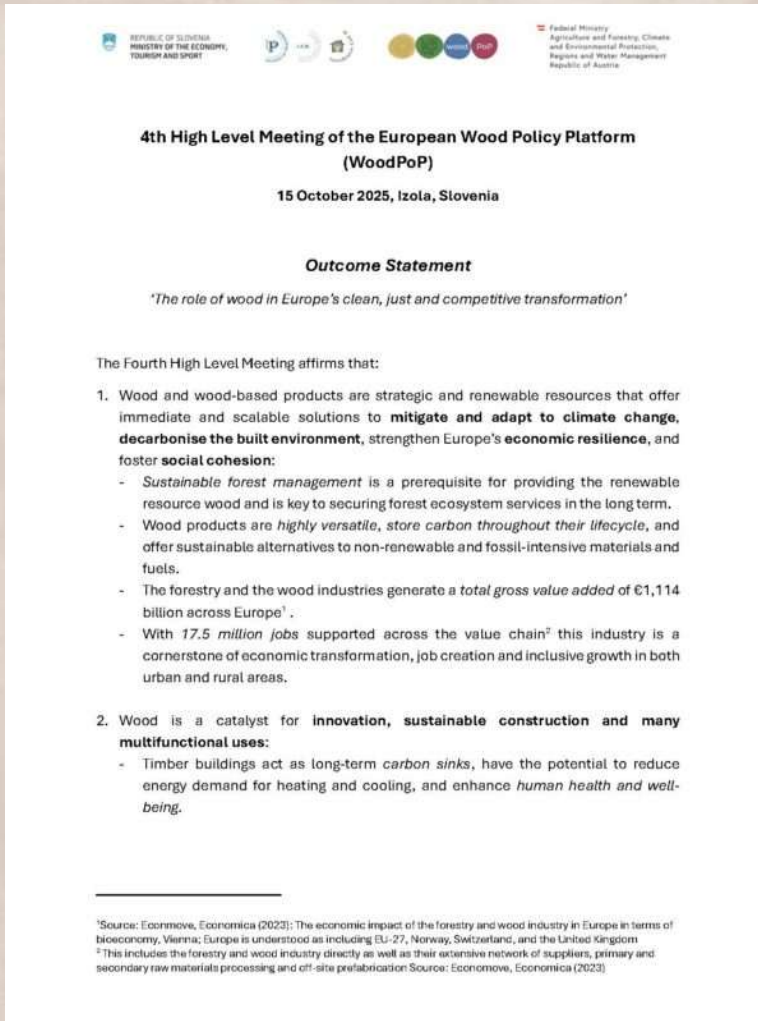
4th High level meeting in Izola – looking back

Georg Rappold

Video: WoodPoP 4th High Level Meeting in
Izola, Slovenia Video
(IUFRO YouTube Channel)

4th WoodPoP HLM Outcome Statement: “The role of wood in Europe’s clean, just and competitive transformation”

1. Wood is a **strategic renewable resource** supporting climate goals, economic resilience, and job creation
2. Timber enables **innovative, sustainable construction** and multi-functional uses
3. A wood-based circular bioeconomy supports a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient transformation in Europe
4. Investing in **education, skills and training** is essential to sustain expertise across the wood-based value chain.





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Progress and Outlook of Technical Working Groups Co-Leads

WOODPOP TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

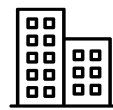
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WORKING GROUP:
<https://woodpop.eu/>



Governance

Wood-related
policy
recommendations,
Policy Paper
outreach

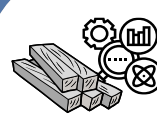
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Building

Use of wood in
construction, Green
public procurement
and Interlinkages
between wood and
health

LEAD: DE



Innovation & Research

Overcoming the
valley of death for
innovation,
Innovation guide

LEAD: CH & LUX



Education & Vocational Training

Qualification along
the wood-based
value chain,
Development of a
Policy Brief

LEAD: SI



Communication & Information

Preparatory work for
a European Wood
Building Prize,
Information leaflet

LEAD: CZ & IE

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Technical Working Group Governance

Co-Chairs: Georg Rappold and Lisa Lehner

Latest activities

- Setting up the WoodPoP evaluation, online consultation with TWG members to create questionnaire
- Coordinated WoodPoP answer on the EC public consultation on the revision of the State Aid General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)
- Organisation of the WoodPoP Policy Lab, 20-22 April in Tulln, Austria

Upcoming activities

- Consolidating the outcomes of the evaluation questionnaire
- Policy science paper “Is there enough wood?”
- Drafting recommendations for the future of WoodPoP:
 - reflect on the achievements and impacts of WoodPoP since its launch, identify strengths, gaps and opportunities, explore future strategic directions, and develop recommendations for the further development of WoodPoP

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Technical Working Group Building

Co-Chairs: Martin Behrens & Petri Heino

Meetings TWG BU

24.09.2025 TWG BU Meeting

Extended Policy Brief Public Procurement; Innsbruck Workshop

03.12.2025 PROLOGUE V: Health and wellbeing in timber buildings

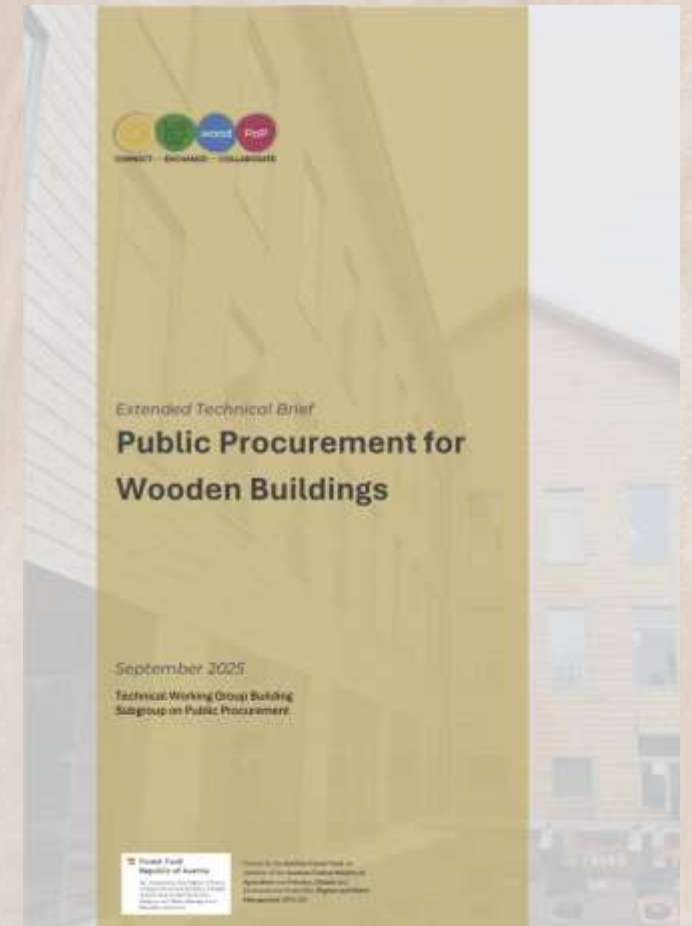
Workshop with test stations at International Wood Construction Conference, Innsbruck, Austria

05.02.2026 TWG BU Meeting

Theme: “Persuasive Soft Measures for a public sector to promote the use of wood in Construction”

Upcoming 16.04.2026 TWG BU Meeting

Theme: “Circular Timber Buildings and Construction” presentations on Design and Architecture, Recyclability of Building Materials and Policy Challenges



Prologue Workshop “Health and Wellbeing in Timber Construction” and follow-up activities

- Workshop with test stations at International Wood Construction Conference, Innsbruck, Austria
- Writing group is currently drafting policy brief



New Sub-Group on Eurocode 5

- Ongoing activities SG held 5 meetings since September 2025
- Representatives from woodPoP TWGs, industry and public stakeholders
- Facilitate EU exchange and joint activities to support the EC5 roll-out
- National funding initiatives in AT and FI
- letters to National contact points to gather support for an European wide initiative planned



Thank you.





Martin Behrens and Petri Heino

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Technical Working Group Innovation and Research

Co-Chairs: Alfred Kammerhofer & Johnny Brebels

WoodPoP' TWG 3' Task Forces since 2025:

-  Task Force 1: Bridging the Valley of Death in Wood Innovation, *Leads: Uwe Kies, Vanesa Bano (both InnovaWood)*
-  Task Force 2: Financing Innovations in the Wood Sector, *Lead: Alfred W. Kammerhofer (CH)*
-  Task Force 3: Helping to Shape Future Research Topics, *Lead: t.b.n. (IE, LU)*
-  ~~Task Force 4: Overview of Regulations Affecting Wood, *Lead: Espen Stokke (NO)*~~ -> **TWGs 1 + 2 = Gov + BC**

Support Structure

All Task Forces are supported by:

- WoodPoP Secretariat
- External Consultant (coordination & technical reporting until end of 2025)

3 policy briefs since end of 2025

- 1st on FP10 proposal
- 2nd on Advanced Materials Act
- 3rd on wood promotion programs



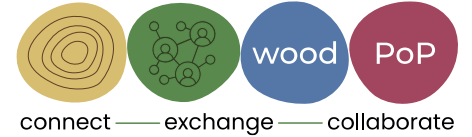
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Federal Office for the Environment FOEN



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#MakingInnovationHappen



Task Force 1 on '**Bridging the Valley of Death**' (Innovation to Impact) will develop a more detailed policy brief (4–5 pages with diagrams) by summer 2026. This will be done together with an EUFORE/Eco-Refiber (project) mapping study, and potentially a joint survey or meeting.

! Task Force 4 (Standards and Regulations) has effectively been transferred to the Technical Working Groups on Governance and Buildings, so this task force can now be discontinued. Experts will be organised by the two other TWGs.

Task Force 2 on financing innovations : draft 12–18-month roadmap

Q1–Q2: Foundation Setup

- Create a lightweight Innovation Finance Observatory
- Build analytics capabilities with minimal governance
- Develop data models and establish partner networks

Q3–Q4: Pilot Implementation

- Launch pilot financing windows (contingent loans & hybrid mezzanine instruments)
- Partner with key financial institutions
- Support demonstration-to-commercial project transitions

Q5–Q6: Institutional Capacity

- Formalize governance of the Wood Innovation Investment Platform
- Conduct first capital raise
- Onboard project pipeline
- Publish annual finance KPI dashboard

Task Force 3: Influencing FP10 and EU policy/programming

- A strong call has been made to all members to register in the **European Commission Expert Database**, to ensure wood and forestry expertise is included in evaluations and policy design.
- There has been agreement **to construct a structured contact database**. This will comprise Commission DGs, programme committees, national contact points and permanent representations in Brussels.
- The WoodPoP Secretariat and Alfred W. Kammerhofer (BAFU) will coordinate the project. The aim is to avoid duplication and to orchestrate targeted lobbying.
- The technical working group 3 will examine FP10 topics and themes in greater detail from June onwards, once the initial framework outline is available.
- New European Bauhaus, EIT and public procurement, affordable housing and the simplification of regulations and standards.
- A new project commencing on 1 May will integrate NEB values into the public procurement of advanced materials. The proposal was put forward as a potential foundation for an FP10 discussion on public procurement with the objective of 'opening doors for the sector'.



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Technical Working Group Education and Vocational Training

Co-Chairs: Andreja Kutnar & Darko Sajko

Key activities

Planning the woodPoP Student Award

- *Development of the workshop protocol with students*

Co-creation of the award with the students (Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, etc.)

- *Mapping the wood related programs in Europe*
 - *Updating the list of programs*
 - *Preparation of the communication letter to study programs' coordinators*
 - *Involving students at University of Primorska to support the communication with study program coordinators*

Plans

Implement workshops with students

- in different countries by July 2026
- on-line workshop with students from different universities (July 2026)

Public vote on ideas for woodPoP Student Award (August 2026)

Contact the programs' coordinators – support in updating the list of programs (March-June 2026)

Announcing the woodPoP Student Award at the 2026 HLM meeting in November 2026

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Technical Working Group Communication and Information

Co-leads: Tomáš Krejzar, Lada Matoušková Prylová & Des O' Toole

Meetings since the 7th EGM

- ❖ TWG 13: 3 October 2025
- ❖ TWG 14: 26 November 2025
- ❖ TWG 15: 30 January 2026

Discussions mostly focused on preparations for the WoodPoP Dara Award.

Upcoming meeting:

- ❖ TWG 16: April 2026 (tbc)

- ❖ Steering Group for the preparations of the Dara Award meets regularly, next will be on 27 March 2026

Highlights

- ❖ Main focus: preparations for the **WoodPoP Dara Award** and the overall WoodPoP communication plan
- ❖ Development of a **social media campaign** (regular weekly posts), press releases and articles
- ❖ Planning of the **Dara Award Ceremony** in Prague on 26 November 2026
- ❖ Successful collaboration with students on the **design of a physical trophy**
- ❖ Discussion on broader **promotion** of WoodPoP and Dara Award (e.g. today CZ Ambassador has promoted it during his speech at UN event for IDF 2026)

What comes next?

- ❖ Continue detailed preparations of the Dara Award in collaboration with other **TWGs** and the **Steering Group**
- ❖ Continue developing a comprehensive **communication plan** (including press releases and articles) and post regularly on social media
- ❖ Finalise collaboration with the **student-winner** of the creation of the physical trophy
- ❖ Promote the **Dara Award** and **WoodPoP** at various relevant events
- ❖ Support preparation for the **Hall of Fame** and the launch of **public voting**

Item 2

WoodPoP DARA Award – Celebrating Sustainable Timber Construction

WoodPoP Dara Award

Celebrating Sustainable Timber Construction

Timber is a millennia-old building material

New “fancy” materials, replaced its use for a time

Timber is living a “Renaissance”

- Climate change
- Increase in wood fibre supply
- Need to decarbonise construction
- Reduced availability of traditional construction skillsets and the move to off-site
- The combination of unique properties provide new design possibilities



WoodPoP Dara Award

Celebrating Sustainable Timber Construction

Bringing everyone together

- Dara comes from the Irish word “Dair”, meaning oak tree
- The Dara Knot is a Celtic symbol inspired by the root system of an oak tree
- It is associated with wisdom, endurance, and strength
- It is not just a name, it encompasses the values of tradition, innovation, adaptation, sustainability, beauty and inclusivity

Hall of Fame

- All valid submissions will be featured on the webpage
- This dedicated space will showcase outstanding timber projects, celebrate innovation, inspire timber adoption, and honor excellence in wood construction



WoodPoP Dara Award

Key Dates

Submissions open from **October 2025** to End of **March 2026**

Projects must be nominated by country representatives to qualify

Eligible Projects

- Be completed by 31 March 2026.
- Feature timber as the primary building material.
- Be located in a participating country or elsewhere outside Europe, provided that the building has essentially been completed by an entity or company legally based in a participating country.

Submission Categories

- Residential buildings
- Non-residential buildings
- Infrastructure
- Renovation, expansion projects and/or build-on-top



WoodPoP Dara Award

Physical Trophy

- ❖ Summer 2025 – cooperation with Faculty of Architecture and Secondary School of Applied Arts has begun
- ❖ Winter semester – trophy proposals prepared by 22 students
- ❖ January 2026 – 6 finalists were chosen by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Czech Forestry Institute
- ❖ 4 March 2026 – Finalists presented their proposals to the Steering Committee
- ❖ 5-18 March 2026 – online voting

Dara Award

Physical Trophy

[Video update from the Czech Ministry of Agriculture and the Czech Forestry Institute on the Top 6 student-designed trophy for the Inaugural WoodPoP Dara Award](#)

WoodPoP Dara Award

Winning design



- ❖ Author: Julie Kratěnová, Faculty of Architecture
- ❖ Materials: oak and glass
- ❖ Inspired by the Celtic Dara knot
- ❖ Evokes a wooden structure made of two parts joined by a single connection
- ❖ The glass element represents the Czech glassmaking tradition

WoodPoP Dara Award Participation

18 countries

17 Judges
representing countries



WoodPoP Dara Award

Key Dates

Submissions open from Today to end of March 2026

**Nomination of
national focal
points &
Jury Committee**

March 2026

**Submission
closes**

May – July 2026

**Selection of
awardees (Jury)**

Public Vote

June - August 2026

**Award
Ceremony
*November
2026***

**5th High Level
Meeting Prague,
Czech Republic**





Save the date



1ST DARA AWARD CEREMONY

26 NOV 2026



Prague, Czechia

Item 3

WoodPoP Outcome papers Recent Outputs and Next Topics

4th High Level Meeting of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)

15 October 2025, Izola, Slovenia

Outcome Statement

'The role of wood in Europe's clean, just and competitive transformation'

The Fourth High Level Meeting affirms that:

1. Wood and wood-based products are strategic and renewable resources that offer immediate and scalable solutions to **mitigate and adapt to climate change**, **decarbonise the built environment**, strengthen Europe's **economic resilience**, and foster **social cohesion**:
 - *Sustainable forest management* is a prerequisite for providing the renewable resource wood and is key to securing forest ecosystem services in the long term.
 - Wood products are *highly versatile*, *store carbon throughout their lifecycle*, and offer sustainable alternatives to non-renewable and fossil-intensive materials and fuels.
 - The forestry and the wood industries generate a *total gross value added* of €1,114 billion across Europe¹.
 - With *17.5 million jobs* supported across the value chain² this industry is a cornerstone of economic transformation, job creation and inclusive growth in both urban and rural areas.
2. Wood is a catalyst for **innovation, sustainable construction and many multifunctional uses**:
 - Timber buildings act as long-term *carbon sinks*, have the potential to reduce energy demand for heating and cooling, and enhance *human health and well-being*.

¹Source: Econmove, *Economica* (2023): The economic impact of the forestry and wood industry in Europe in terms of bioeconomy, Vienna; Europe is understood as including EU-27, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom

²This includes the forestry and wood industry directly as well as their extensive network of suppliers, primary and secondary raw materials processing and off-site prefabrication. Source: Econmove, *Economica* (2023)

NEW POLICY BRIEF!



Wood for Europe's future: FP10 as the engine of decarbonisation and competitiveness

A Policy Brief of the Task Force 'Helping to shape future research topics' of the Technical Working Group 'Innovation & Research' of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)



Contribution of WoodPoP to the Advanced Materials Act Consultation

A Policy Brief of the Technical Working Group 'Innovation & Research' and inputs from other Technical Working Groups of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)

NEW POLICY BRIEF!

Policy Brief
January 2025



Contribution of WoodPoP to the Advanced Materials Act Consultation

The European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) plays a strategic role in shaping framework conditions for sustainable wood-based value chains and in developing evidence-based policy solutions, proposals, and recommendations. By fostering dialogue among policymakers, industry, and research, the platform drives innovation and strengthens wood's contribution to climate change mitigation, supporting Europe's transition towards a clean, just, and competitive economy. The results of the sector to strengthen the wood-based circular economy are summarised in the Policy Paper "A Wood-Based Circular Economy for a Sustainable Europe".

The European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) welcomes the inclusion of the Advanced Materials Act and calls for targeted measures to ensure that renewable bio-based materials—particularly wood—are widely recognised as advanced materials.

Wood is an essential raw material for Europe's green transition, generating climate benefits, ensuring circularity, and fostering strategic autonomy. Its multifunctionality, renewability, and ability to substitute fossil-based and carbon-intensive materials make it indispensable to Europe's industrial and climate strategies. It has high potential to support rural development due to the local raw material availability in the EU and to a diverse market structure and sustainability.

Wood as an advanced material supports all objectives of the Advanced Materials Act—increasing R&D activities, increasing production capacity and availability, improving circularity and sustainability, or the simplification of procedures.

Bio-based materials, like wood, clearly fall within the definition of advanced materials (as already mentioned in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the on-programmed European Partnership 'Sustainable Advanced Materials for Europe' (SAMP4E), especially when resulting in improved performance compared to fossil-based materials or when they are recycled. Bio-based materials are renewable and have advantages full lifecycle impacts. Their systems are independent of critical raw materials, allowing impacts to be full quality and efficiency.

To fully leverage its potential, we recommend the inclusion of the following key priorities in the Advanced Materials Act:

- Explicit recognition and prioritisation of renewable bio-based materials as advanced materials, reflecting their essential role in achieving climate neutrality and circularity.
- Investment in European production capacity, with wood-based advanced materials prioritised as a means to strengthen supply chain resilience, reduce import dependencies, and enhance strategic autonomy.



Wood Promotion as driver of Europe's green transition: Insights from WoodPoP

A Policy Brief based on the Wood Policy Paper, expert inputs, in-depth discussions and collective reflection within the European Wood Policy Platform

NEW POLICY BRIEF!

Policy Brief
6 February 2021



Wood promotion as driver of Europe's green transition: Insights from WoodPoP

The European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) is a pan-European initiative that brings together policymakers and stakeholders across the wood value chain. It aims to support the development of sustainable, wood-based bioeconomy policies in Europe through dialogue, knowledge exchange, and joint policy recommendations. WoodPoP emphasises that wood is a unique and versatile resource for addressing key challenges relating to climate, the circular bioeconomy, the housing crisis, affordable housing, and rural development. These programmes are designed to be technology-neutral and in alignment with the EU's internal market and regulations of its member states, including state aid regulations. In line with the European Green Deal, Circular Industrial Deal, the EU Forest Strategy, and emerging EU carbon storage policies, as well as the EU Competitiveness, these programmes support the transition to climate-friendly construction, the use of wood for long-lasting applications, and the development of circular value chains. Furthermore, a new EU Bioeconomy Strategy focuses on scaling up innovations, creating market demand for bio-based products, ensuring sustainable business models from sustainable sources, and boosting rural jobs. Wood as a bio-based construction product is emphasised as a key enabler.

The strategic role of wood in European, national and regional climate policies

When used in long-life products, wood stores long-term carbon over the relevant service lifetime of the products and can replace more carbon-intensive, fossil-based materials, such as steel, concrete, and plastics, e.g., in buildings and infrastructure. This reduces the total GHG emissions associated with the manufacturing of products. Under the EU Green Deal and related technological policies, the strategic role of wood should be taken into account, timber prices, and other bio-based construction products in buildings is taken into account to promote CO₂ emissions and emissions in harvested wood products, in addition to the forest carbon stock changes.

Promoting wood for long-lasting applications like in buildings will substantially improve the carbon footprint of the harvested wood products pool, even if forest levels remain constant. An agreement by recent research, studies in demand trends in the construction sector up to 2050 suggest that higher adoption of long-lived wood products could deliver emissions savings of up to 50% compared to business-as-usual scenarios¹. National schemes such as Norway's Wood Climate-implicity allow this by incentivising farmers to use wood for new business buildings, thereby reducing emissions from the building stock while increasing productive agriculture.

When appropriately designed, these schemes can fit within the scope of competition rules and other EU state aid rules, as they support objectives of common European interest, namely climate mitigation, while ensuring proportionality, avoiding over-compensation, and addressing distortions of competition, in line with Article 107(3)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The activities of the WoodPoP are exemplary models for fulfilling the social, cultural, and educational responsibilities of public institutions while pursuing the ambitious objectives set out in

¹ Global Climate Policy Platform (2020) <https://www.gcpp.europa.eu/en/newsroom/news/2020-11-10-wood-as-a-key-enabler>

Work In Progress

Health and wellbeing of timber constructions TWG Building
Special task group
to be published in April 2026

EC public consultation on the revision of the
State Aid General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)/ TWG Governance
to be submitted by 23 April 2026

Policy science paper “Is there enough wood?” TWG Governance

Outcome briefs follow up

Dissemination & Follow-up Strategy for WoodPoP Outputs

Dissemination must be **structured, targeted, and followed up**

Approach → Each output follows a 4-step dissemination cycle:

- Launch (website, newsletter, social media)
- Targeted outreach (EU Commission, ministries, key stakeholders)
- Engagement (events, webinars, meetings, Policy Lab, EGMs, HLM)
- Follow-up (tracking and feedback collection /Track usage, meetings, feedback)

Outcome briefs follow up

We encourage you to:

- use these papers in your work,
- share them with policymakers, ministries, and relevant organisations,
- and disseminate them within your professional networks.

Your ideas on how we could further strengthen the uptake and visibility of the policy outcome papers

Item 4

WoodPoP Evaluation & Policy Lab ‘The Evolution of WoodPoP’

20-22 April, 2026, Tulln, Austria

Lisa Lehner

WoodPoP Review of activities/ sunset clause

- Guidelines adopted at HLM Helsinki in October 2023 state: “After three years, the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) will be evaluated.”
- Based on this review and following recommendations from the Steering Group, the HLM 2026 will take a decision in view of the prolongation or termination of WoodPoP activities.

How is the review set up?

- Initial discussion in the Steering Group (January 2026)
- Online questionnaire created by TWG Governance, open until 10 April 2026
- Presentation and official launch at EGM in March 2026
- Policy Lab 20-22 April 2026 in Tulln, Austria
- Drafting recommendations with input from questionnaire and Policy Lab
- Discussion at EGM 15 September 2026
- Exchange of Views and decision at HLM 26 November 2026

Evaluation Questionnaire

[Follow this link to WoodPoP Evaluation](#)

14+3 questions

Anonymous if you prefer

Open until 10 April 2026

Does not take much time!

Please share your views!



Policy Lab „Evolution of WoodPoP“, 20-22 April 2026 in Tulln

Organised by the Technical Working Group Governance

Monday 20 April 14:30 Arrivals at BOKU University/Wood K plus, Opening and Working session

Tuesday 21 April: 08:30-19:30 Working session, guided tour and excursion (Outdoor use of wood)

Wednesday 22 April: 08:30-12:30 Working session, optional lunch



Please
register
[HERE](#) until 7
April 2026



„Evolution of WoodPoP“: envisaged outcome

- Backward looking: reference to evaluation (what helped, what needs changes...)
- Forward looking: how to act in the upcoming years, which focus
- **Draft recommendations on the evolution of WoodPoP** to be adopted at HLM
- Schedule:
 - First drafting at Policy Lab
 - Consultation with TWG Governance May/June, update draft
 - Consultation with EGM June/July/August, update draft
 - Discussion at EGM 15 September



Item 5

WoodPoP Fund

Georg Rappold

Setting up a WoodPoP Fund

Why a multi-donor fund?

Enable contributions from multiple donors

Broaden donor base

Ensure sustainable funding

Who can contribute?

Governments & agencies

Private sector
(companies, industry, stakeholder organisations)

Research, regional, and international organisations

What can be funded?

General Activities
(Secretariat Core Funding)

Benchmarked Activities for specific purposes

- WoodPoP Dara Award
- Work of the TWGs
- Other products (e.g. Technical & Policy Briefs)

Item 6

Updates on international developments and processes

Lisa Lehner

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and Environmental Protection,
Regions and Water Management
Republic of Austria

COLi COUNTRY & ORGANIZATION-LED INITIATIVE

Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches 2024-2026

COUNTRY & ORGANIZATION-LED INITIATIVE
COLi GLOBAL SUMMIT
23-25 February 2026

Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches

[Watch
Youtube
Shorts
here](#)

Programme Highlights

High-Level Session | Business Talk | Science Talk

Policy meets practice

Sourcing wealth and financing opportunities

Building the future with wood

Forest potential beyond wood

Growing forest-based innovations

Advancing forest-based value chains



coli-bioeconomy.org

[COLI
Summit
Youtube
Link](#)



Co-Convener:

Australia, Austria, Finland,
Japan, Türkiye, FAO, IUFRO

Country & Organization-Led Initiative on Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches (COLI)

Joint leadership of process - Friends of COLI



FAO

- Global webinar series (Webinar series report)
- Outreach to potential partner countries (Regional balance)
- 28th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO28), 2026



Multilateral process and scientific input

- Bi- and multilateral conferences
- Contribution to other events
- Science-led Think Tank on future scenarios and related policy implementation



UNFF

- Side-event at UNFF20
- Country-led initiative in support of UNFF's work (CLI-ASFBA)
- 21st session of UNFF (UNFF21), 2026

Global Summit "Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches"
from 23rd to 25th February 2026 in Vienna, Austria

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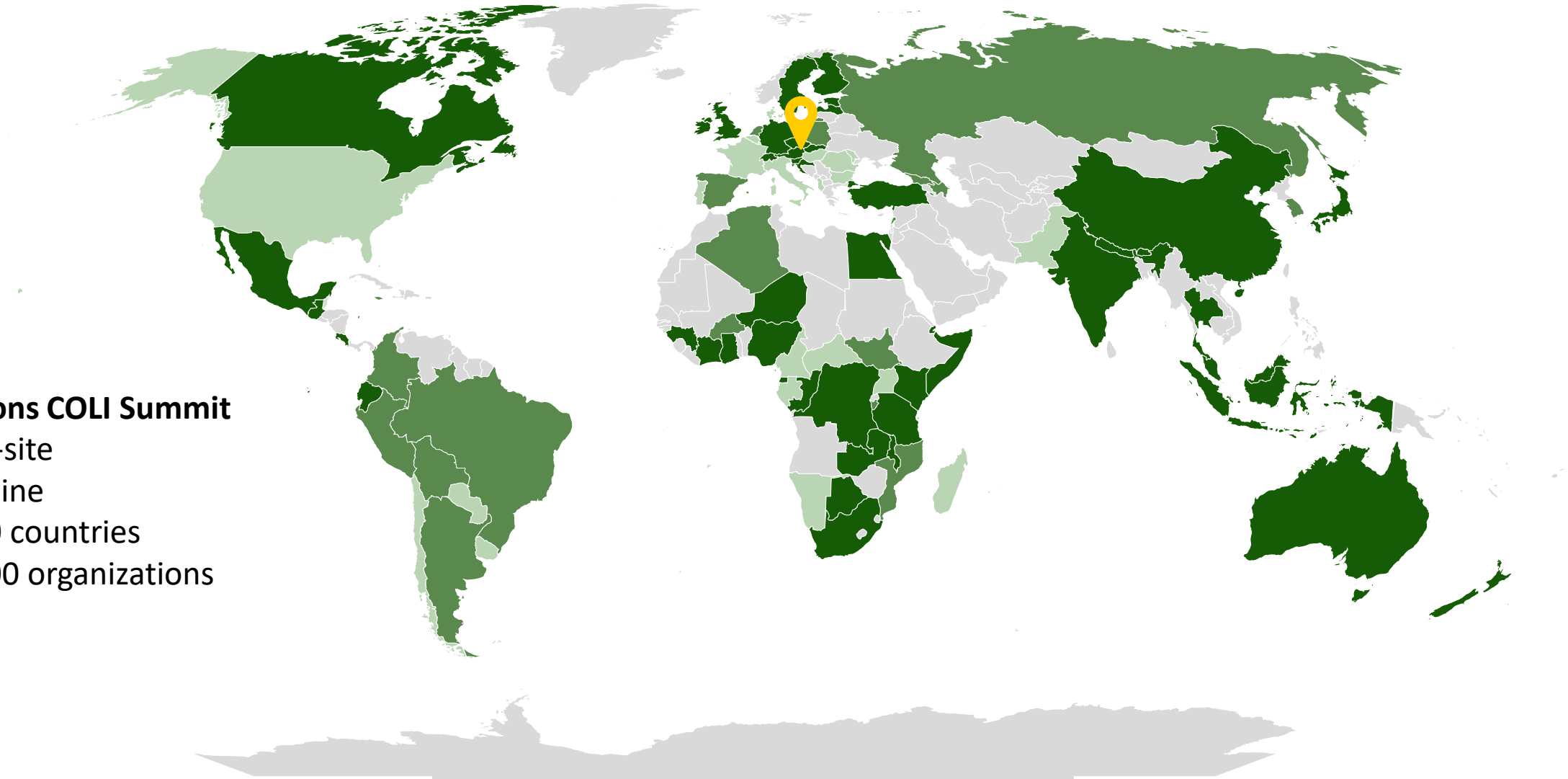
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Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches 2024-2026



Registrations COLI Summit

- 260 on-site
- 230 online
- over 60 countries
- over 100 organizations



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WoodPoP at COLI



COLi COUNTRY & ORGANIZATION-LED INITIATIVE

Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches 2024-2026



Item 7

Updates from the Secretariat

WoodPoP Cloud: cloud.woodpop.eu

CONNECT — EXCHANGE — COLLABORATE

Log in to woodPoP Cloud

Login with username or email

Password

→ Log in

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Register

Forest Fund
Republic of Austria

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

woodPoP Cloud

TWG 3 Innovation and Research

https://cloud.woodpop.eu/index.php/call/zji9xvc2

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13 days ago, February 15, 2024

- You added group **TWG Innovation Research** 11:51 AM
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Homepage: woodpop.eu



The WoodPoP Dara Award

Briefing to Focal Points and Jury Committee members
18 February 2026

WOODPOP NEWS

**DARA AWARD 2026:
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
MEET ONLINE AS SUBMISSIONS
CLOSE IN MARCH**

**WoodPoP Dara Award Hosts
Online Briefing with National
Focal Points and Jury
Members**



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WoodPoP Dara Award

Celebrating Sustainable Timber Construction

The WoodPoP Dara Award 2026 celebrates outstanding achievements in timber architecture and engineering at pan-European level. The first edition honours projects that demonstrate innovation, sustainability, and aesthetic appeal in timber design, as well as contributions to policy and societal impact in alignment with the WoodPoP principles. The competition will highlight existing projects that showcase timber as the primary building material, whether in new buildings, renovations, infrastructure or extensions.

Application will be opening soon.



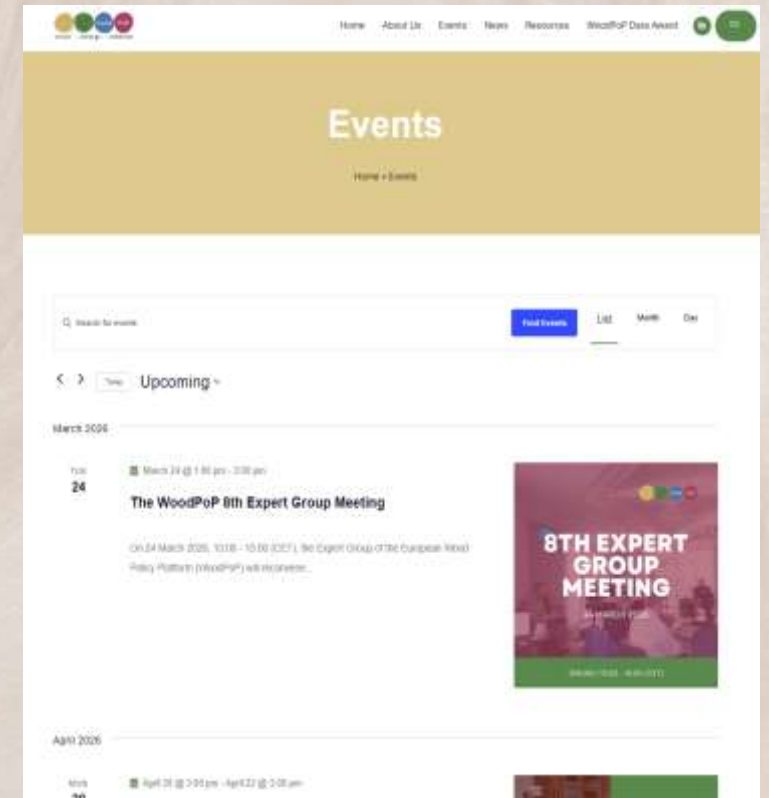
Deadline For Submission

All entries must be completed by 07th March 2026, 24:00 CEST, via the online portal.

Supporting Documents

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24 **March 24 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

The WoodPoP 8th Expert Group Meeting

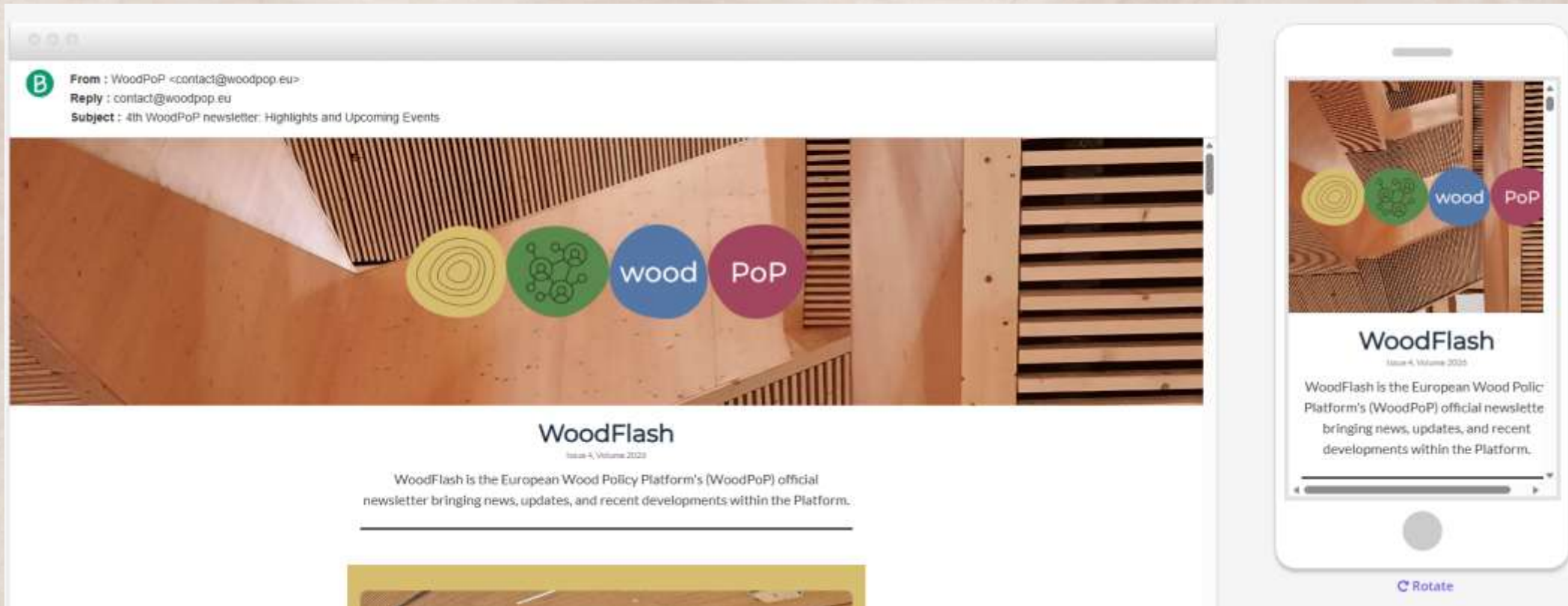
On 24 March 2026, 13:00 - 15:00 (CEST), the Expert Group of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) will convene...

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30 **April 28 @ 10:00 am - April 27 @ 10:00 am**

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- WoodPoP Policy Lab '**Evolution of WoodPoP**', 20-22 April 2026, Tulln, AT
- Steering Group Meeting, 22 April 2026, Tulln/hybrid, AT
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- Fifth HLM and **Dara Award Ceremony**, 26 November 2026, Prague, CZ
- Prologue V (**Innovation**), 2 December 2026, Innsbruck, AT
- Other meetings of interest:
 - CEI- Bois Construction and Sustainability Working Groups, May 2026, Vienna AT
 - Innovawood General Assembly 5.-7. May 2026 Tulln, Vienna AT
 - UNFF 21, 11 – 15 May 2026 New York City, USA
 - 28th Session of the Committee on Forestry FAO 28 September – 2 October 2026, Rome IT

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Closure of the meeting