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INVITATION

1st High Level Meeting of the European Wood Policy Platform (woodPoP)

Thursday, 1st December 2022
Congress Innsbruck, `Orangerie´, Rennweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

The renewable resource wood and other wood-based materials play a vital role and can become a key enabler for the transformation towards a carbon neutral industry and climate positive society. In the context of combating climate change, a growing number of countries, regions, cities and communities in Europe, as well as in other parts of the world, aim to enhance the sustainable use of wood and other renewable materials by fostering a forest-based bioeconomy.

Several initiatives and actions with a special focus on wood and wood-based materials are taking place within the framework of the EU but also at pan-European level. However, to gain more weight and impact, multilateral exchange is vital to facilitate sharing of best practices and coordinated approaches in developing policy solutions.

The 1st High Level Meeting (HLM) aims to set a clear signal for wood as a future-oriented nature-based solution and to call on the establishment of the European Wood Policy Platform (woodPoP) which offers in-depth wood-based cooperation among countries to establish new pathways to foster the sustainable use of wood.

The woodPoP HLM will be a forum to exchange knowledge, joint understanding and experiences with inputs from scientific and economic experts, relevant European stakeholder groups as well as regional and global organisations.

Registration is open until 16th November 2022.

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Programme

Moderator: Alexander Buck

14:00	Opening of the Meeting
	Mr. Norbert Totschnig, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria
	Mr. Teppo Lehtinen, Director General, Department of the Build Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
14:30	Setting the scene 1: „Global developments regarding the upscaling of sustainable wood-based pathways“, Mr. Ewald Rametsteiner, FAO
	Setting the scene 2: „High-end wood products: new technologies and innovations boosting the bioeconomy“, Mrs. Anne-Christine Ritschkoff, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
	„woodPoP state of play: challenges, possibilities and actions“, Mr. Petri Heino (Finland) and Mr. Georg Rappold (Austria)
15:00 - 15:20	Coffee break
	Exchange of views on the establishment of a European Wood Policy Platform
16:30	Conclusion and Endorsement of the „High Level Call on upscaling wood policy cooperation in Europe“
20:00	Joint Gala dinner of the High Level Meeting and the International Wood Construction Conference (IHF) at Congress Innsbruck

International Wood Construction Conference (IHF)

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