

European Wood Policy Platform (woodPoP)

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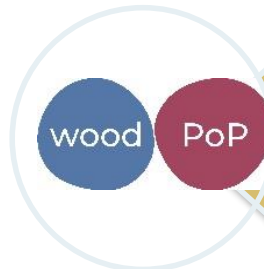
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Supporting upscaling of wood policies on various levels



Towards a global wood policy platform

- Austrian Forest Fund Project with IUFRO and FAO
- Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW)



Paneuropean Wood Policy Platform (woodPoP)

- Wood policy dialogue between policy makers, administration, stakeholders, science and society
- Governance/wood construction/innovation/education



Austrian Wood Initiative/Finnish Wood Programme

- National wood policy – framework conditions
- Sustainable supply and use of wood

woodPoP High Level Meetings

1st HLM 4 October 2023 in Innsbruck, Austria/hybrid

60 participants from 16 Pan-European countries, 14 international, regional and stakeholder organisations incl. industry

woodPoP CALL on upscaling wood policy cooperation in Europe

Official kick-off for the platform and strategic exchange

2nd HLM 4 October 2023 in Helsinki, Finland/hybrid

80 participants from 19 Pan-European countries, European Commission, 22 international, regional and stakeholder organisations incl. industry

Opening by the **Finnish Minister of Environment Kai Mykkänen** and the **Austrian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management Norbert Totschnig**

Exchange of Views on the **priorities of the initiative**, Agreement on the **Guidelines (structure and working method)**



First woodPoP High Level Meeting



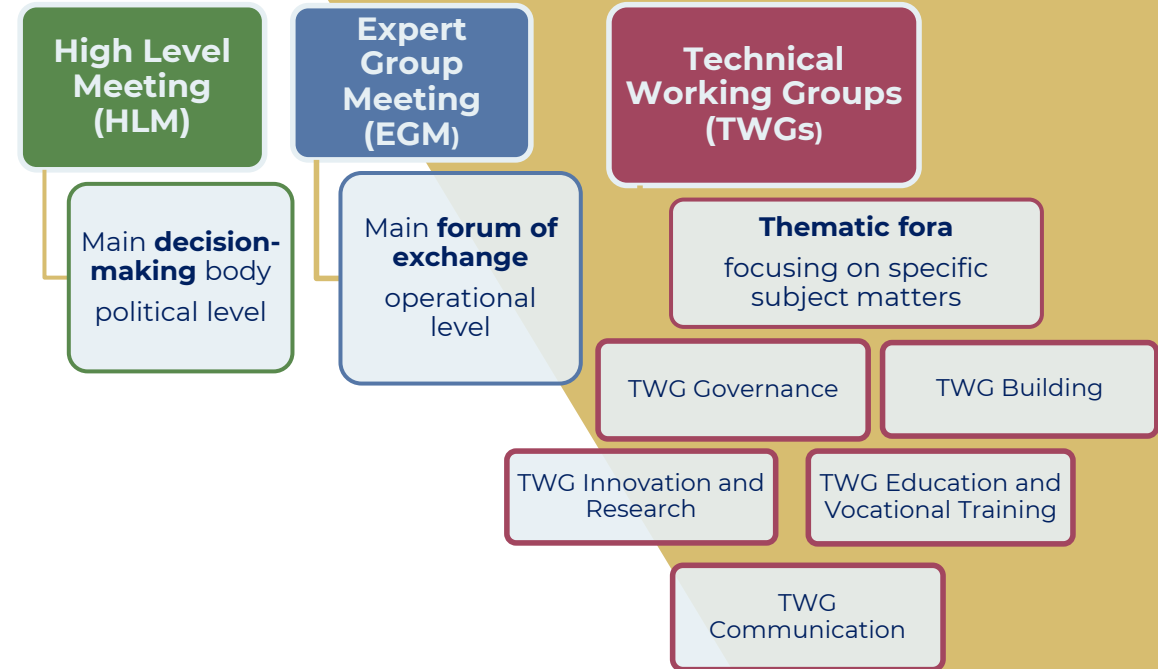
Second woodPoP High Level Meeting

WOODPOP CALL

on upscaling wood policy cooperation in Europe, for the benefit of

- **FACILITATING** a wood-focused policy dialogue platform on **sustainable production and consumption of wood** and its contribution to an **innovative, circular bioeconomy**
- **FOSTERING** cooperation and joint activities on wood related matters as well as **effective wood policy development** and implementation in the pan-European region
- **PROMOTING** the **added value of wood**, wood-based materials and especially long-lived wood products from sustainable forest management as key drivers for inclusive green growth, contributing to climate protection and mitigation through reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- **EMPHASIZING** the numerous benefits of **multifunctional forests** and the need for transformative change in order to foster **wood use as a nature-based solution**, to promote its **climate mitigation and adaptation potential** and contribute to halting the global loss of nature
- **ACKNOWLEDGING** the broad expertise and vast **knowledge of the forest-based sector in Europe** as a key enabler to develop efficient, future oriented wood-based pathways

Goals and structure of woodPoP



Technical Working Groups

- 1. Governance** (Co-Lead: AT)
 - Wood policy formulation and implementation, wood – related policies
- 2. Building** (Co-Leads: FI + DE)
 - Use of wood in construction and green public procurement
- 3. Innovation and Research** (Co-Lead: CH)
 - Research initiatives
- 4. Education and vocational training** (Co-Lead: SI)
 - Qualifications along the wood-based value chain
- 5. Communication and information** (Co-Lead: CZ)
 - Wood promotion and advocacy, public awareness

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Objectives of the Working Groups

- **CONNECT**: identify issues and address data gaps
- **COLLABORATE**: provide recommendations to the wood PoP High Level Meeting
- **EXCHANGE**: discuss challenges and trade-off, develop solutions

Special Meeting of the Technical Working Group Governance *‘Wood governance in Europe and beyond’*

**29 November 2023, International Wood Construction Forum (IHF),
Innsbruck/Austria (in person only) 13.50 – 17.00 CEST**

The session is open to all interested participants
as part of the Wood Construction Forum programme
(Pre-conference seminar V: Wood and politics).

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Thank you!

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Division wood-based value chain

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