



## European Hardwoods Innovation Alliance

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#### **Objective**

Creation of a focused, thematic innovation, research and training network that will strongly enhance the excellent knowledge and will emphasise the value added use of HARDWOODS within Europe.

#### Include and represent all stakeholders

- Material supply
- Primary transformation
- Secondary transformation
- Consumers



# Why a thematic innovation research and training network on hardwoods ?

- Coordinating the know-how and the building of a critical mass that will lead to breakthroughs in innovation, research
- Mobilize the current unexploited potentials of hardwood use in Europe
- Increase the use of hardwoods, as well for traditional applications
- Create new qualified employment in smart rural regions within Europe.



# This initiative should create a research and innovation

# "Think & <u>DO</u>! Tank".



#### STEP 1:

Production of a research and innovation programme composed and structured by **16 innovation and research (IR) fields** that are relevant for the valorisation of hardwood.

Supply side

(drafted by European forestry Institute)



- I. HARVESTING, TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS, MOBILISATION
- II. FOREST OWNERSHIP AND RESOURCE ACCESSIBILITY
- III. HARDWOODS RESOURCE LOCATION AND POTENTIAL
- IV. FOREST MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
- V. TREE BREEDING
- VI. TRADE AND MARKETS

VII. SOCIETAL ATTITUDES AND EXPECTATIONS

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**Demand side** 

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- **VIII.** SMART BUILDINGS & TIMBER CONSTRUCTION
- IX. FACADES & EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS
- X. INTERIOR DESIGN
- XI. FURNITURE & WELL-BEING
- XII. WOOD-BASED COMPOSITES, NEW MATERIALS & FIBRES
- XIII. GREEN CHEMISTRY (FOOD & NON-FOOD)
- XIV. LIFE-STYLE GOODS
- XV. MOBILITY (HUMANS, ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS)
- XVI. CLEVER KEEN INJECTION



#### **STEP 2: GAP ANALYSIS**



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INNOVATION & RESEARCH PROGRAMME FIELDS		EXISTING KNOWLEDGE	RESEARCH NEEDS	INFRASTRUCTU RE	
8	SMART BUILDINGS & TIMBER CONSTRUCTION				
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#### **STEP 3:**

Production of a detailed **Strategic Implementation Plan** including indicators and criteria for monitoring the progress and success of this initiative

To be developed jointly with industry and to be based upon the new IR programme



#### STEP 4: Installing a long-term operational structure that remains flexible with less red-tape and administration burden

- Task Force leaders identified: **16 IR fields coordinators** (one industry and one research)
- The **secretariat** (under the umbrella of IW) should be composed of science **coordinators plus industry representatives** for securing relevance for the industry and for advising the operations..
- Task force leaders shall be selected **based upon a motivation letter** including track records in management / coordination.
- Establish an "ECONOMY COUNCIL" composed of industry representatives



#### Next steps

- Opening call for candidates (Spring 2016)
- Transparent selection process of Task Force leaders
- EIP Raw Materials: EHIA Commitment
- Promotion and mobilisation of the EHIA
  - FTP Advisory Committee, 8 March 2016, Brussels
  - InnovaWood GA, 16-17 March 2016, Montpellier
  - Scientific Seminar at the up-coming FBC2016, 14 April 2016, Lyon
  - Symposium on Wood Products Industries in Future Bio-economy Business, 7-8 April 2016, Lahti
  - Support from EU Commission DG R&D

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