TOWARDS A EUROPEAN RESEARCH INNOVATION AND SKILLS AREA FOR THE FOREST, WOOD AND FURNITURE INDUSTRIES



# InnovaWood SSP interactive workshop on European project development

# 18-19 May 2017 Koper, Slovenia

# Scope

European project development support:

- 1. Fully understanding the European landscape
- 2. Maximizing the use of the opportunities of the IW network
- 3. Preparatory and brokerage for upcoming co-fund call
- 4. Improving the impact section of EU proposals

# **Programme:**

# Day 1: 18 May 2017

# 12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

### 13:30 - 18:00

Interactive workshop - European landscape for the Wood and Furniture sector European landscape for the wood, furniture and forest-based sector unravelled

- What does it mean to play on the European level?
- What does Europe offer to us and how can we benefit to a maximum from it?
- What can we learn from each other?
- How can IW members further bundle forces to use existing programmes and mobilise European funds?

In this workshop we discuss the complete EU landscape for research and innovation, grand challenges and EU policies that are related to the European activities of the InnovaWood member institutions. We will draw the European picture on all policies, important stakeholders and EC Funding programmes and their philosophy, in particular for those of interest to our sector.

### **Preparatory and brokerage**

The upcoming calls for proposals that provide opportunities to our sector will be analyzed. Concrete preparation of some proposals in support of InnovaWood and its members in the upcoming co-fund call that is expected in autumn of 2017 will be discussed.

### 19:00 - 23:00

Evening programme: social event and dinner

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### Day 2: 19 May 2017

#### 9:00 - 12:00

## Interactive workshop on project preparation

Three criteria are evaluated when a project proposal is submitted:

- excellence in science
- implementation
- impact

**This workshop is focusing on impact section**. The impact section of a European project proposal is the section with the biggest weight in the score of the evaluation. However, very often this section is poorly addressed and this results in a failure of the proposal. We will prepare a set of data and reference materials that can be useful to prepare the impact section of your proposals. This will be done with a special focus on the forest, woodworking and furniture sector.

- 1. Understanding and correct using the European instruments
  - Structure of the work programme
  - How to read and correspond correctly to a call text?
- 2. How to define and improve the impact of your proposal?
  - How and where to collect quantitative and realistic data
  - Define appropriate and measurable indicators to demonstrate the impact
  - Understand and fully respond to the expected impacts of the call
- 3. Project activities related to impact
  - Dissemination and communication activities
  - How to deal with business and exploitation plans
  - Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights

#### 12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

#### 13:00 - 16:00

### Potential initiatives in support of the InnovaWood business plan

The outcomes and ideas resulting from the discussions in the interactive workshops will be reflected in the light of the further development of the InnovaWood business plan.

#### Sum up

#### **16:00**

**Closing drink and departure of participants** 

# Organizer

InnovaWood Secretariat in collaboration with local hosts: University of Primorska and InnoRenew CoE.



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# Travel and accommodation information

# Venue

University of Primorska, Koper

# How to reach Koper by plane?

The closest airports to Koper are:

- Trieste Airport (TRS), about 45' drive from Koper.
- <u>Ljubljana Airport</u> (LJU), about 1h20' drive from Koper.
- <u>Venice Marco Polo Airport</u> (VCE), about 2h drive from Koper.
- Treviso Airport (TSF), about 2h drive from Koper.
- Zagreb Airport (ZAG), about 2h30 drive from Koper.

<u>Shuttle service</u>: The easiest way to get to Koper from any of the above airports is to take a shuttle service, for example <u>GoOpti transport</u>. You can make the reservation for transfer directly to your hotel. Prices can be particularly good if the shuttle is booked well in advance (1-2 months).

<u>Bus or train</u>: If you don't decide for the shuttle service, you can travel by <u>bus</u> or <u>train</u>. If you fly to Ljubljana Airport, you can get a bus to Ljubljana and from there take a train or bus to Koper.

# **Recommended Hotels in Koper**

Garni Hotel Pristan; Ferrarska ulica 30; SI-6000 Koper Bio Hotel Koper; Vanganelska cesta 2; SI-6000 Koper City Hotel Vodišek; Kolodvorska cesta 2; SI-6000 Koper