

International cooperation:

- FP7- NEXT1KOAT “Novel high performance, water-based “high solids and bio-based industrial wood coating”
- FP7- FREEFOAM “Novel PUR foaming manufac. process with reduced toxic isocyanate content”
- FP7- ECOVARN “Development of a wear-resistant, functional, regulation-compliant Water-borne Wood Coating.”
- FP7- SILENTWOOD “Multilayered wood-based exteri.doors with enhanc.acoustic insulating properties for dwellings, sanitation and educ. centres”
- IEE - RENEW SCHOOL “Sustainable school building renovation promoting timber prefabrication, indoor environment quality and active use of renewables”
- SEE - ID:WOOD “Clustering knowledge, Innovation and Design in the SEE WOOD sector”
- WOODWISDOM Era-Net - ReWoBioRef “Mobilisation and utilisation of recycled wood for lignocellulosic bio-refinery processes”
- CORNET Era Net – HCHOlessWOOD “ Development of low Formaldehyde Wood-Based Products”
- CORNET Era Net - VOClessWOOD “Application of advanced wood coating materials and techniques to meet the requirements of the EU VOC-directive”
- E!3558 EUREKA Elisa “Electro spindle with intelligent solutions and applications“
- LdV – KnowFORwood “Transfer of innovative practices in the Vocational Education & Training to Slovenian Wood Sector”
- LdV – InnovaWood EDU “Expanding good practice in Education in the Forestry-Wood Chain sector through the InnovaWood network”
- LdV– I-Model “The Business model for implementing of innovation processes in company performing in EU“
- FP6 – WOODISM “Improving competitiveness of the forest-wood-chain by supporting SME participation in FP6 and WP7 projects“

The Cluster office

The driving force of the Wood Industry Cluster is the Cluster Office. It is responsible for the coordination of the Cluster activities and important projects of common interest. It cooperates with a number of external partners, who are experts in certain fields.

The main tasks of the Cluster Office can be summarized in the following activities:

- promotion of development of its members
- organization and coordination of the projects and activities of common interest
- preparation of projects with a large number of participating companies, wishing to apply for public tenders
- supporting internationalization
- supporting the transfer of knowledge into practice
- supporting the operation of Wood Processing and Furniture Association
- collaborate in a EU projects
- activities for strengthen cluster’s infrastructure and network

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Lesarski grozd
Wood Industry Cluster

Wood
our natural treasure

Knowledge
our opportunity

Products
our competitiveness



Cluster members

COMPANIES

Forestry and wood-processing companies, members of the Cluster are companies with a rich tradition and are well-known all over Slovenia. Their product lines cover most of the woodworking products, from sawmill and joinery products, to a wide range of furniture. In addition, some companies offer surface coatings, PU foam and energy, too.

At the moment 18 Companies members of Cluster and 90 Project members comprise our Cluster.

INSTITUTIONS

The Cluster functioning wouldn't be possible without an active participation of research and educational institutions. Common research and transfer of knowledge into practice are the key points of the Cluster functioning, while the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry participation allows the Cluster a good relation with the whole wood industry.

Members of Cluster are:

- companies wishing to carry out tasks in cooperation with other companies
- companies needing external expert advice in certain fields
- companies wishing to carry out tasks using the public funding
- knowledge holders wishing to transfer knowledge into practice
- Ministries and EU institutions promoting the transfer of knowledge into practice, encouraging training, innovation, technological development, internationalization and environmental protection

Cluster

The Institute is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 by 17 woodworking companies and two institutions, as a Wood Industry Development Centre. In 2003, the Institute was renamed the Wood Industry Cluster.

The Wood Industry Cluster comprises a third of employees in forestry and wood-processing industry and the most important research institutions in Slovenia.

We work together on various projects, which are chosen according to the needs of individual companies. The common goal of all these activities is to strengthen the competitiveness of the cluster members.

The Wood Industry Cluster has been operating together with the Association of the Wood and Furniture Industry at the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2007. The Association deals with the industry policy and coordinates its members' interests with a wider environment. The Wood Industry Cluster, however, gives operational support to its members, helping them to achieve their goals, mostly by the implementation of projects, integration and internationalization.



Organization

The Cluster activities are directed by the General Managers of the Cluster members through the managing bodies. The Cluster Office implements the programme adopted by the association bodies.



Research, innovation, creativity, efficient technology, new marketing approaches and business models, competent personnel, new skills and achievement of the synergy from different domains, are the most important tools of fast development of companies into modern, knowledge-based organizations, flexible and customer-oriented companies, that can successfully compete in the global market.

The mission of the Wood Industry Cluster is promotion of the integration of companies and research institutions, aiming at improving the knowledge transfer into the companies, facilitating their participation in international development projects and implementing projects of common interest, resulting in knowledge-based competitiveness.