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## FINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Short project summary in view of the results achieved (this text should be able to stand alone and suitable for publication, therefore should also be attractive, easy readable and interesting to wider public). (ca. 1000 characters)

With its surplus of forests resources the wood sector in the SEE area presents significant potentials still to be exploited. In most of SE Europe countries, wood sector is rather fragmented, lacking an organic policy approach that would create the basic conditions for its development. In this respect, ID:WOOD project created the framework to plan and pursue common objectives and to give a structure to the network of expertise and knowledge poles across the area. The results achieved in terms of Knowledge pole involvement at local and transnational level are particularly relevant. ID:WOOD Project set up a transnational group of experts from leading wood knowledge poles and technology centers in the region, and their interaction enabled strengthening the knowledge flow between technology centers and SMEs. More than 500 SMEs benefitted of these activities and more of them will benefit in the future of the improved capacities. Furthermore, all involved territories will benefit of an improved awareness on the territorial specializations and potentials that allow a balanced cooperation among SMEs of the SEE areas.

- 1.2 Summary of the project key points described in the following parts of this final report, suitable for publication and structured according to the following main sections (ca. 2500 characters):

- Project context and objectives – highlight the major project objectives and the relevance / importance of the issues addressed by the project for the SEE area
- Key achievements – short description of main project outputs and results
- Partnership and added value of cooperation – highlight the added value of the transnational cooperation approach
- Sustainability and follow up – outline the sustainability of project results, their transferability and potential follow-ups

In most of SEE countries, wood based sector is rather fragmented, lacking an organic policy approach that would create the basic conditions to exploit substantial potentials given the surplus of woods resources that characterizes the whole area. Experiences at international level confirm the importance of developing support organizations that would enable SMEs to bridge some structural deficits and problems. The project aims at developing support organizations capacities to address SMEs needs by pooling competencies at transnational level, sharing organizational and approach models and human resources development.

Main project outputs and results focus mainly the adoption of development strategies for the wood sector in each territory. For the benefit of the SMEs, operational agreements

(MoU) were signed between support organizations and knowledge poles, and competitiveness development projects (CDP) were outlined. A strong cooperation framework was set up and built according to the network principle of constant interaction and support. The ID WOOD Network Action Plan is the document organizing it. Further results which worth to be mentioned are: capacity building and support actions in the wood sector reached through training activities and problem solving cases faced at transnational level.

The partnership demonstrated strong research, professional, organizational and cooperation skills, experience and competencies at transnational, national and regional/local level. PPs were able to mobilize all needed skills and capacities to guarantee a deep sectoral impact of the project results.

Transnational cooperation was fundamental for international knowledge flow, granting access to resources not available locally. Development strategies for clusters and technology centers, which were outlined by transnational group of leading experts and transnational support activities to SMEs also addressed by transnational experts, are the primary example of transnational dimension of the project.

Based on the findings of the assessment activities through the entire life cycle of the project the Network Action Plan was set as the operative basis of the ID:WOOD partnership to develop further common activities as spin-offs of the ID:WOOD project within the 2014-2020 EU programming framework. The Plan represents the commitment document to grant sustainability to the project activities.

ID:WOOD project was ambitious not just by delivering set of relevant outputs but also by setting a framework for transnational partnership beyond the timeframe of project itself.

Knowledge poles in the wood-based research field should play a crucial role in supporting SMEs if they will continue to foster their own internationalization. To fully play their role of competitiveness and development factors in their territories they need to internationalize themselves as well as to coordinate and create complementarities to become a transnational functional and operational platform of the wood sector in the region.

## 2 RÉSUMÉ OF PROJECT OBJECTIVES

2.1 Short outline of the project, highlighting its context and objectives, covering also the following issues (ca. 2000 characters):

- Project's aims and rationale /added value for adopting a transnational approach
- Project contribution to the goals of the SEE Programme
- Main success factors and obstacles (if any) for reaching the project objectives

The main objective of the project is to foster innovation and competitiveness of SMEs in the wood sector in the SEE area to address structural deficits of SMEs and enhance innovation potentials of the productive sector. Transnational cooperation was fundamental for international knowledge flow, granting access to knowledge and technical resources not available locally.

Project contributes to the achievement of the indicators of the SEE programme as for the specific area of intervention 1.2 (Develop the enabling environment for innovative entrepreneurship) & 1.1 (Develop technology and innovation networks in specific fields) are perfectly in line with project objectives: ID:WOOD is based on the creation and consolidation of a transnational network of SME support organizations in the wood sector. According to project general objective of promoting and fostering innovation and competitiveness of SMEs in the wood sector in the SEE area, project stimulates the creation of continuous interactions among SMEs, universities and research centers by sharing and transferring technical and organizational know-how.

PPs were successful in mobilizing relevant experts in the wood sector, and the project itself was the platform to fortify existing but weak foundations based on past spot experiences, offering a comprehensive framework, for strengthening old and setting up new partnership. The presence in the partnership of internationally recognized excellences from AUT, ITA, SLO contributed significantly to good involvement of partners in SEE territories and granted a high quality level to project activities and outputs. The overall management of the project proved effective in mobilizing the right human resources able to cope with administrative, technical and financial challenges.

The problems were raised from the fact that in some regions SMEs showed low interest in participating at project activities as they were overwhelmed by day-to-day management problems due to the deep economic crisis concerning the wood sector. The policy level did not react always promptly, although PPs put in a lot of effort in order to include them. In terms of sustainability of project activities in the future, the termination of SEE programme resulted in two new programmes with different eligibility areas is posing problems in terms of Partnership continuity in the new programming period.

## 2.2 Level of achieving project objectives

Complete the table below inserting the objectives as outlined in the approved Application Form, indicating up to which level those have been achieved, describing briefly in the "comment" field what exactly have been achieved. If some of the objectives have only partially, or not been achieved, the justification should be included in the last column.

	Objectives	Achievement (%)	Comment / Justification
1	to build up and consolidate transnational network of wood-furniture clusters, wood technology centers, RDAs and knowledge poles (Universities, Design Institutes) that will share organizational models and pool complementary expertise to set up mechanisms to support the SME population in innovation processes;	100	The transnational group of experts set methodologies and activities to develop wood sector support structures by sharing competencies and knowledge to support innovation processes to SMEs: territorial visits and analysis of needs; strategic development documents; Memorandum of understanding; Competitiveness development plan; local and transnational support actions to SMEs

2	to foster innovation skills in the wood sector supporting structures (wood clusters, wood tech centers and RDAs) creating new functions and competencies on design, intellectual property and environmental issues needed to support innovation processes in SMEs	100	Specific training packages; development strategies at cluster and technology level; local and transnational support actions to SMEs; pooling competencies at local translational level between knowledge poles; Thematic dossiers
3	to bridge gaps between the productive sector and knowledge poles (Universities dealing with wood related technology or industrial design centers);	100	Memorandum of understanding; Competitiveness development plan; local and transnational support actions to SMEs
4	to rise SME capacity to implement innovation processes .	100	Thematic dossiers; Specific training packages; local and transnational support actions to SMEs; Competitiveness development plan

### 3 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS – PROJECT OUTPUTS/RESULTS

#### 3.1 *Type/characteristics of achievements* (ca. 3000 characters)

- Describe the major achievements of the project deriving from its outputs and results, focusing on the qualitatively most significant achievements (and not simply listing all outputs and results that were generated by the project)
- The main achievements of the project in relation to the project and programme objectives should be detailed, using also indicators, when applicable;
- The specific feature of these achievements should be demonstrated, their innovative character, the practical relevance and applicability of those project outputs
- How these project achievements contribute to practical improvements / changes in a specific thematic field in the SEE area.

In case further results have been achieved, in addition to those listed in the original application, they should be listed as well.

**WP3's main results are: the delivering of strategic documents** (clusters and tech centers development plans; guidelines for the sector development) **and their transfer to the policy level in the involved areas.** Development plans and guidelines were outlined by working group of transnational experts and were presented to the competent policy makers through specific workshop. Moreover, the Letter of Intent was signed by the policy level acknowledging the sector need and intervention strategies.

**WP4 and WP5** were the starting phase of development plans and their implementation. The main achievement of **WP4** is **increased impact and efficiency of the regional support organizations, needed to support innovation processes in SMEs**, by improving: their internal skills (Courses in order to develop support organization capacities to local SMEs); their organization and intermediary role between the productive sector and the knowledge poles (MOU, developing CDPs, and dissemination events on specific themes). To reach that: 7 courses with 489 participants were organized; each country signed operational agreement (MOU) and 9 CDPs were outlined, addressing a gap identified as critical to the growth of SMEs local population.

New support organizations function were tested involving local SMEs: by solving 158 SMEs cases on specific common aspect at national/transnational level. In total, 521 SMEs were informed about new opportunities through 36 regional events with more than 683 participants.

The main achievements of **WP5** are: **Strategic Programming Laboratory and Network Action Plan**.

–To set up the Strategic Programming Laboratory the PPs were direct interviewed in order to point out crucial problems that would need to be solved in their territories.

The Strategic Programming Laboratory has been conceived as the tool to sum up PP's visions in a shared plan of new activities. Based on the findings of the assessment activities carried out by the transnational team of experts through the entire life cycle of the project and based on an active participation of all PPs, the Laboratory produced the ID:WOOD Network Action Plan. Declaratory in its form, the Network Action Plan was set to be the operative basis of the ID:WOOD partnership to develop further common activities as spin-offs of the ID:WOOD project within the 2014-2020 EU programming framework. The Plan represents the commitment document to grant sustainability to the project activities.

The strategic documents for the clusters and technology development are innovative as they are the result of synergic work involving transnational experts with relevant experience in detecting gaps, needs and potentials of existing technical infrastructure and human resources. The development plans, based on strategic document, were shared with the policy level managing the sector and were accepted as relevant documents for further development of wood sector at local level. Furthermore, the project was successful in forcing a networking between different knowledge poles from same territories and in coordinating a common approach towards productive sector and its specific problems. The resulting CDPs are an outcome of a coordinated work between stakeholders that usually acted in a non-coordinated way.

The methodology applied in fore-mentioned activities proved to be very effective in bridging the gaps between the knowledge poles and the productive sector, which turns to be the main problem when dealing with innovation processes at SMEs level.



### 3.2 Target groups and territorial dimension of achievements (ca. 1500 characters)

Please describe the groups targeted and the territorial dimension of the project achievements by indicating:

- The main target groups that benefit from the achievements, explaining also if all planned target groups have been reached and are able to use the project results and in case not, provide the reasons (also the description should highlight how the different target groups are using the project results).
- On which territorial level(s) (local, regional, national) have the project outputs / results been implemented / applied and how.

Key target groups of the project were: all support organizations dealing with the wood sector (technology centers, clusters, RDAs, Universities), the productive sector - SMEs and the policy level representatives. Target groups involvement was ensured by each project partner along all project implementation, in carrying out the sector and needs analysis (WP3), in capacity building phase and testing of new functions of the involved support organizations (WP4) as well as in strengthening the network at transnational level (WP5).

Support organizations benefited in improving their capacities and their efficiency pivotal for the competitiveness of the sector through specific courses, tailored on sector and needs analysis. To improve their impact, the lasting partnership between support organizations and knowledge poles was established ensuring the knowledge transfer to SMEs.

Some activities involving SMEs were carried out to test and start up new functions of support organizations. SMEs benefited of some "pilot actions" (target assistance, workshops, dissemination events) at regional and transnational level.

Partnership transferred guidelines to the competent policy maker level through specific workshops. Letter of Intent was signed by the policy level acknowledging the sector need and intervention strategies.

Transnational experience and cooperation were core actions of the project since all activities were rendered possible by pooling of competencies and experiences not available at local level. A strong transnational network of wood sector support centers will grant a synergic approach to promote sharing, integration and transfer of necessary know-how and allowing to fill the considerable disparities in innovation support capacity within the SEE regions.

#### 3.2.1 Project implementation area

Please, define the geographic location of the project implementation by indicating the NUTS III level codes<sup>1</sup> of areas where the key, content related project activities

<sup>1</sup> Annex 1 contains the list of NUTS III codes of those SEE countries involved in the NUTS system.

and results (but not project meetings, conferences, etc.), especially of the pilot activities were delivered, highlighting (make a short note) also, if the location of pilots / deliverables are different from the location of the involved PPs'.

Description of pilot activity / main project result	Location NUTS III code <sup>1</sup>
Policy makers commitment toward the implementation of Development plans - WP3	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223, HR031, kanton, district / okrug
Strengthen transnational cooperation (working groups) -WP3	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223, HR031, kanton, district / okrug
Improved capacities of support organizations in the wood sector - WP4	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223, HR031, kanton, district / okrug
Stronger cooperation between knowledge poles and productive sector -WP4	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223, HR031, kanton, district / okrug
Sustainability of Network support action-WP5	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223, HR031, kanton, district / okrug
Longlisting and sustainable partnership and cohesion of the network -WP5	SI023, SI021, ITH43, ITH41, AT226, RO121, BG411, HU223,

In case of countries, not applying the NUTS system, please indicate the name of the NUTS III equivalent territory (AL - county / Qark; BA - kanton; MD - statistical region; RS - district / okrug; UA - raion).

In case of countries outside of the SEE area, please refer to the EUROSTAT website - [http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/index.cfm?TargetUrl=DSP\\_PUB\\_WELC](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/index.cfm?TargetUrl=DSP_PUB_WELC) .

#### 4 PARTNERSHIP

Evaluate the transnational cooperation within the partnership and highlight the different aspects of added value of the transnational cooperation approach (ca. 3000 characters) by:

- Assessing the overall cooperation of the partnership as well as roles and involvement of partners in the project, and indicating if all partners have made the planned inputs to the project;
- Describing (if relevant) the experience of cooperating with PPs funded by IPA sources;
- Specifying (if relevant) the benefit of the project and the SEE territory in general of involving 20% ERDF PPs, or Associated Strategic Partners (10% PP, EU ASP, 20% ASP) in the partnership;
- Outlining what has been achieved by the project which could not have been achieved individually or bilaterally at only local, regional or national level;
- Explaining if the cooperation achieved to generate coordination across different sectors (including sectoral policies) and across different levels of administration (from local and regional to national and EU level);
- Detailing if the PPship established synergies with other projects in other EU cooperation areas/programmes and if other types of actors and/or organizations have been involved (networks established) beyond the PPship and how.

The area involved in the project is characterized by a clear dual spatial pattern, where some of the regions involved (Italy and Austria) managed to develop their sectoral potentials reaching, in some cases, levels of excellence, while other regions/countries involved still struggle to tune up the right support approach and, in some cases, to set up basic support frameworks. The Partnership aimed at developing support organization capacities by pooling competencies at transnational level sharing organizational approach models and training human resources. The partnership turned to be perfectly balanced as frontrunners from more developed countries delivered substantial support and knowledge transfer to less developed support organizations and territories. The partners acted in full compliance with project objectives and expectations.

IPA founded partners delivered not just in terms of outputs and results but were successful beyond expectations by involving relevant stakeholders not just from their territories but also that from nearby regions; e.g. PINS IPA PP1 subcontracted agency Hrast from Slavonia; NERDA IPA PP2 subcontracted ZEDA Agency and the LIND laboratory from Zenica, PREDA

agency and wood cluster from Prijedor.

Transnational cooperation was fundamental for international knowledge flow, granting access to knowledge and technical resources not available locally. Development strategies for clusters and technology centers were outlined by transnational group of leading experts and transnational support activities to SMEs also addressed by transnational experts, were the primary example of transnational dimension of the project. ID:WOOD project was ambitious not just by delivering set of relevant outputs but also by setting a framework for transnational partnership beyond the timeframe of project itself. Knowledge poles in the wood-based research field should play a crucial role in supporting SMEs if they will continue to foster their own internationalization. To fully play their role of competitiveness and development factors in their territories they need to internationalize themselves, as well as to coordinate and create complementarities to become a transnational functional and operational platform of the wood sector in the region.

ID:WOOD project was actively involved in Capitalization activities organized by SEE programme – Thematic pole 1, and contributed to all the outputs of the working table. Some of the PPs developed another project idea, Renew school financed in 2014 by Intelligent Energy Europe programme to promote the use of wooden modular elements for retrofitting school buildings for high energy efficiency. Slovenian partners and experts are involved in a national project on rational use of hardwoods with a focus on beech wood that was proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia of the Republic of Slovenia, our Associated Strategic Partner (EU ASP2) and Observer in ID:WOOD project.

## 5 SUSTAINABILITY AND FOLLOW-UP

### 5.1 *Sustainability and mainstreaming of project results*

Provide an outline on the sustainability of project results, their transferability and long-lasting effects (ca. 3000 characters) describing:

- Which measures *have already been realised* for ensuring the sustainability of the project results in the medium/longer term (please consider the 3 dimensions of sustainability – financial/institutional/political)?
- If and which “next steps” *after project closure* are envisaged for ensuring the sustainability of the project results in the medium/longer term?
- If and how project results have been mainstreamed and/or integrated into policy at local, regional, national or European level? How the results of pilot projects (if applicable) are / will be transferred within the involved partner regions and mainstreamed beyond the partnership? Will further mainstreaming and transfer of results to other organisations/ regions/ countries beyond the partnership be achieved?
- Will the partnership / involved stakeholders continue to cooperate on the issue the project dealt with?

The project envisaged specific activities to grant project results. In particular, the strategic

programming laboratory that involved all partners and relevant stakeholders of all participating territories, made it possible to outline a set of priorities and needs at support organization level and productive level. Within Strategic laboratory the partners summed up all the inputs in the logic intervention framework that was the final output of the project itself – The Network Action Plan.

Based on the inputs collected within Strategic Laboratory the Partnership identified two topics on which to concentrate common efforts, **Technology Transfer** and **Design**. As a result, two specific project ideas were developed and shared on the Danube Strategy Platform. The two specific thematic ideas are not intended to be the only possible fields of future intervention by the Partnership but represent a tangible operational proposal to target actual critical gaps and grant sustainability to the results achieved so far.

Other topics still need to be tackled with specific initiatives, in particular all the territories expressed the need to tune up vocational school programmes to sector's needs. However, profound differences in administrative and institutional assets as well as competencies distribution in different territories still do not allow a common methodological approach to the matter.

In every territory the political level has been involved in different project activities.

The Partnership transferred development plans and guidelines to the competent policy maker level through specific workshops. Moreover, a specific Letter of Intent was signed by the policy level acknowledging the sector need and intervention strategies.

The ID:WOOD project wishes to set a path for the Partnership beyond the timeframe of the project itself, to further foster cooperation and knowledge transfer in the SEE wood sector. ID:WOOD Network Action Plan was outlined on the findings of the assessment activities carried out by the transnational team of experts through the entire life cycle of the project and based on an active participation by all the PPs. Declaratory in its form, the Network Action Plan was set to be the operative basis of the ID:WOOD partnership to develop further common activities.

Each partner institution is carrying on ID:WOOD achievements and results and by signing Network Action Plan, the partnership committed itself to: act as a Network and share needs and opportunities; support the ID:WOOD Network in designing the project proposals on the themes pointed out in the Strategic Programming Laboratory and the ID:WOOD Network Action Plan; keep an active approach toward the Network by exchanging information and experiences that are relevant to the wood sector actors and relevant to the success of common activities; actively promote new cooperation ideas; inform the Network members about financing opportunities on EU Territorial cooperation programs (multilateral and bilateral) as well as on all EU funding schemes; provide support to the Network in the phases of project design; inform the Network about international conferences and workshops related to the sector.

## 5.2 *Impact*

List the impacts that the project has already had (e.g. territorial cohesion and socio-economic / environmental impacts) and provide qualitative and (if possible) quantitative information. Please, also indicate whether the results of the project



will have impacts in the foreseeable future (next 1–5 years). The description should, in particular, cover the following issues (ca. 3000 characters):

- If and at which level the project results will stimulate policy improvements and/or the adoption of new policies (regional/national/EU)?
- The possibility to induce any future investments from the project results by shortly describing investments also identifying who will execute it, quantifying their volume and indicating the respective financing sources?
- If and how the project results generated new jobs or will new jobs be created in the near future?

The main project impact is the reduction of disparities and the growth of competitiveness in a pivotal sector for the regional economies of the involved areas and other SEE regions where "wood" represents a large share of the overall manufacturing sector. Areas characterized by deficits in the support organizations system will benefit of the increased capacities, while the other regions will be able to support the local SMEs population with more efficiency, promoting innovation, technology transfer and design and developing new relationships with the knowledge poles. Thus, all involved territories will benefit of an improved awareness on the territorial specializations and potentials that allow a balanced cooperation among SMEs of the SEE areas.

The project set models and operational instruments for policy improvements in terms of technological transfer towards SMEs and strengthen relationship and communication between knowledge poles and productive sector. Memorandum of understanding and Competitiveness development project were essential but innovative tools to set new paths of cooperation. These "pilot" activities contributed to the framework of the consultation phase for the strategic programming document at regional and national level.

The territorial visits started a new cooperation framework between technology centers that resulted in specific follow-ups: planning of student and researcher exchanges for longer periods; technical support activities of testing capacities in new laboratories; coordination of activities between testing institutions –CATAS present BiH and CRO partners.

Stronger support organization capacities should result in an enhanced technology transfer processes towards SMEs thus an improved competitiveness of the productive sector. Such process is supposed to generate new jobs opportunities in the framework of the wood sector which benefitted of targeted interventions. The transnational network of support organizations and knowledge poles should serve to SMEs as an important information source for new trends and opportunities in regional markets.

The ID:WOOD project is consistent with EU horizontal policy on environmental sustainability as its objectives, activities and results do not affect the development possibilities of future generations. By building a network between relevant actors in the forestry-wood sector in order to develop innovation and innovative support activities, the project conform to the strategy of the European Union that the Union shall work for the sustainable development of Europe.

## 6 PUBLICITY, VISIBILITY AND CAPITALISATION POTENTIAL

### *Communication and Dissemination*

Briefly summarise the measures taken with regard to the communication and dissemination of project results. Please also include information on additional measures planned for the future (ca. 1500 characters):

- Measures undertaken to raise awareness and to inform the general public on project topics and activities highlighting the results achieved in the field of publicity and visibility.
- If all planned target groups of communication have been reached by the project publicity and in case not, what were the reasons?
- Follow-up activities planned to disseminate project results
- Project results most relevant in terms of capitalisation (new, innovative approaches/methodologies and tools, good practices) and the level of their visibility achieved by project publicity.

Communication activities were planned since the beginning of the project in the framework of the Communication Plan, containing clear methodological indications on the management of dissemination actions. One of the main communication tools was the website which, regularly updated and reflecting project activities, attracted more than 25 000 unique visitors. According to the definition of target groups some specific actions were taken: setting up a transnational stakeholder's database for the dissemination of targeted communication.

The key messages addressed to target groups were submitted thanks to the events and the circulated materials. Some partners produced additional promotional materials for their national events and some extra events were organized, in agreement with JTS. 69 events were organized, 2474 individuals participating (target: 2000), 792 SMEs (target: 400) and 421(target: 200) administrative organizations.

Each PP carried out press conference, press releases were circulated for lots of events and there were 73 media (articles, press, other) appearances (target: 20). The estimated value of dissemination is much higher taking into account on-line news of some PPs with broad wood sector related stakeholder database (reaching more than 3000 individuals).

After the end of the project the website will remain active for two years and all the relevant documentation will be available for the wider public. Within a network and further cooperation approach capitalization actions (e.g. development of new projects from ID WOOD results) will take as a starting point ID WOOD outputs. Most relevant results which should furtherly developed are: the Strategic Programming Laboratory and the resulting Network Action Plan

## 7 CONTRIBUTION TO THE HORIZONTAL POLICIES OF THE EU

### *7.1 Sustainable development*

Briefly describe the approaches, actions and contributions of the project to sustainable development. Consider the aspects of the three interlinked objectives of the Sustainable Development Strategy of the EU: environmental protection, social equity and cohesion and economic prosperity. (ca. 1000 characters)

ID:WOOD project is consistent with EU horizontal policy on environmental sustainability since its objectives, activities and results do not affect the development possibilities of future generations. By setting up the transnational network ID WOOD contributed to social equity and cohesion granting increased knowledge transfer towards less developed regions. Strengthening of transnational network and partnership in the forestry and wood industry has furthermore contributed to increase innovation ability and competitiveness of supporting organizations and SMEs thus contributing significantly to achieving the Lisbon and Gothenburg strategies, particularly in terms of increased use of clean energy and natural materials, while managing natural resources more responsibly. The project has also adopted a low carbon management methodology and all materials produced (printed, gadgets, etc.) were compliant to the highest environmental standards (FSC). The project is therefore fully compliant with sustainable management of natural resources through improved resource efficiency and an integrated product policy.

### 7.2 Equal opportunities

Briefly describe the approaches, actions, contributions and influence of the project on equal opportunities. Consider those aspects of equal opportunities that are described in the SEE Guidelines on horizontal themes (SEE Implementation Manual - annex 4). (ca. 1000 characters)

The activities carried out within the project were fully in line with European and national policies for equal opportunities and non-discrimination because all of the actions foreseen by the project respected the Gender Mainstreaming adopted by the Amsterdam Treaty. Especially it was ensured the equal opportunities for men and women in the public selection of the external experts involved in all WPs, of the enterprises in which test the new support actions (activity 4.4 and 5.1) and in the formulation of the agreements with the knowledge poles (act. 4.3).

## 8 LOCATION OF PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AND DELIVERABLES

Please, indicate the location of project documentation and deliverables that are to be retained for audit purposes in accordance with Article 10.2 of the Subsidy Contract by each project partner. In case the storing place is different from the location of the PP, please highlight this, providing also contact details of a person / unit responsible for storing the documentation.

PP No.	Name of PP organization	Location of project documents and deliverables  (Name - in case different from the PP's - address of organisa-	Contact details  (Phone; email address)

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LP	Slovenian Forestry Institute	Vecna pot 2, Ljubljana, 1000 Slovenia	(386)-1-200 7800/int. 209 jozica.gricar@gozdis.si
ERDF PP1	INFORMEST	Via Cadorna 36, Gorizia, 34170 Italy	(39)-0481-597411 sandra.sodini@informest.it informest@informest.it
ERDF PP2	WOOD INDUSTRY CLUSTER	Dimiceva 13, Ljubljana, 1504 Slovenia	(386)-41-41 354 131 grozd@sloles.com
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