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Press Release

Perspectives and Challenges of the Woodworking Industries in Europe is a joint project between the European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois), the European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW) and the European Panel Federation (EPF). The project focuses on challenges faced and solutions offered by the Woodworking Industry and aims at developing common opinions and deriving recommendations to the companies and workers involved, so that a real practical on-the-ground effect of this project can be measured in five years' time.

Two related Seminars and one Conference were organised and hosted by the Portuguese Association of Wood and Furniture Industries, AIMMP, member of CEI-Bois.



The 1st Seminar took place on the 7 of December 2017 in Porto and focused on two main issues, formaldehyde and working conditions. During the event, the European Commission's DG Employment representative Mrs. Karola Grodzki, made an intervention on the issue of the protection of workers against occupational cancer, the Commission's proposals to amend Directive 2004/37/EC and related aspects.

The 2nd Seminar took place on the 30 of November 2018 in Lisbon and was organised around the theme of the European Woodworking Sector *Attractiveness*. It provided a good insight on the strengths and challenges the sector's image is facing today, as well as some concrete examples of the best practices and solutions tested and/or implemented in Croatia, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom and Belgium.



It was preceded, on the 29 of November 2018, by a training workshop and the official signature of the voluntary agreement between EPF and EFBWW on the European Action Guide on Formaldehyde, the first of its kind in the European Woodworking industry. The Action Guide ushers in a new level of safety in the workplace, estimated to be introduced several years ahead of any possible legislative requirement.



During the Final Conference, that took place on the 24 of May 2019, in Porto, the Social Partners underlined the importance of the Social Dialogue as a platform for bringing together the Social actors and allowing to join forces to face new European Woodworking Industry challenges. The Partners welcomed the signature of the European Action Guide and highlighted the need for further actions and increased future collaboration.

For more information on the project you can visit: http://pcwie.com

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