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PRESS RELEASE

13th European Wood-based Panel Symposium 2024 launches with near record attendance

Hamburg, 10 October 2024

The 13th European Wood-based Panel Symposium started yesterday with a large Welcome Reception at the Grand Elysée Hotel in Hamburg, Germany. This high-level innovation, marketing and networking event will run until 11 October 2024. It is set to welcome about 370 participants from around the globe.

Organised by EPF and the Fraunhofer Institute for Wood Research (WKI), and with the support of iVTH and Hywax, the Symposium is globally recognised as a unique biannual conference for the wood-based materials industry, its suppliers and their customers, as well as research and education institutes. In a crowded field, it has become the benchmark.









The 2024 symposium was opened this morning with an introduction of the new Managing Director of Fraunhofer WKI, Professor Raoul Klingner ahead of the first session on markets. EPF Managing Board Member and senior EGGER Director Philipp Sprockhoff delivered the keynote address on the situation of the wood-based panels industry in Europe.

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Until Friday afternoon, the Symposium will again serve as a vibrant platform for attendees from across Europe and beyond, featuring presentations, panel discussions and valuable networking opportunities with peers, industry leaders and key stakeholders. The event's diverse sessions will explore the latest market trends, challenges, and advancements within the industry. The full programme can be accessed here.



Welcome Reception of 9 October 2024

Dedicated sessions on Markets, Resources, Artificial Intelligence, Recycling, Resins and Developments will be held later during this year's biannual symposium.

For further information on any of the above, please kindly contact EPF at info@europanels.org or WKI at EWBPS@wki.fraunhofer.de

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About EPF - the European Panel Federation has members in 30 European countries and represents the manufacturers of particleboard, MDF, OSB, hardboard, softboard and plywood. The EU wood-based panels industry has an annual turnover of about 25 billion euro and creates over 100,000 jobs directly.

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