



NEWSLETTER

WOODRISE ALLIANCE

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EDITORIAL



In this fourth periodical Woodrise Alliance newsletter, we are pleased to share with you the outcome of the September WoodRise Conference and Tour in Portoroz, Slovenia and the Woodrise Alliance annual Meeting organized the previous day in this issue. You will also discover the progress of the international survey launched within the Woodrise Alliance and as well as the participation of two Woodrise Alliance members at the International Wood Architecture Conference, in Tallinn, Estonia.

Finally, you will find the most recent information about the 4th edition of the WoodRise Congress 2023 that will take place from 17 to 20th October 2023 in Bordeaux.

We hope you will enjoy this newsletter and look forward to seeing you in Bordeaux next year.

Take care of yourself.

We wish you a merry Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Frédéric STAAT, FCBA
General WRA Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL WOODRISE ALLIANCE SURVEY

Since the WoodRise Alliance meeting in October 2021, a dedicated working group organized a series of meetings to think about strategical issues. One of the first activity in this group was to prepare an international survey about efforts made in the member countries of the WoodRise alliance to establish medium and high-rise timber construction. This survey will help to refocus and sharpen the strategy of international cooperation and communication. **Result of this survey will be presented in Bordeaux in 2023 and we will update the WoodRise white paper.**

The survey has 11 questions:

- [1] National policy on forestry and wood construction
- [2] Description of general normative and regulatory framework
- [3] Building regulations by performance criteria about mid-rise and tall wood construction
- [4] Other regulations that impact wood buildings
- [5] Normative tools, Design Standards or Individual assessments
- [6] Innovative Products and Solutions
- [7] Tools for designers and builders, software, handbooks, guides, non-normative wood sector tools
- [8] Construction techniques
- [9] Key players and ecosystem
- [10] Major congresses and conferences
- [11] Wooden high-rise buildings, exemplary achievements

Filling the survey takes time and efforts. Today we have, France, Germany, Canada, Slovenia, and Japan surveys that are completed. Also Spain, Sweden, and USA committed themselves to send their country survey soon. We still need to reach China, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, and the new partner Austria in this respect volunteer contributions are welcomed. When the survey will be completed for the 13 WRA countries involved, the team will publish the new updated edition of the WoodRise white paper. And it will also be valued with a presentation during WoodRise 2023.

DEADLINE OF CONTRIBUTION: JANUARY 2023



SLOVENIA 2022 WOODRISE CONFERENCE AND TOUR

6 TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2022 IN PORTOROŽ

Dr. Iztok Šušteršič - INNORENEW

InnoRenew CoE and the University of Primorska successfully organised the international congress Woodrise 2022

The Woodrise 2022 congress was held in Bernardin on 6-7 September 2022 under the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor. More than 200 international participants attended the congress to listen to lectures about the best examples of sustainable construction from around the world.

Among the keynote speakers was Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, the mastermind behind the development of the New European Bauhaus, whose inspirational speech highlighted the urgency of action to mitigate climate change: "If we keep global warming below two degrees, which is very difficult to achieve, we can prevent many natural disasters. We can achieve this by fundamentally transforming the built environment and by using more wood, which is storing the carbon dioxide. We already have the first opportunity now, when it will be necessary to renovate Ukraine's cities, ruined because of the war."

All keynote speakers were also part of the roundtable discussion. They shared their thoughts and views on multi-storey timber construction, and current architectural and engineering developments. In particular, they focused on the renovation, rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing buildings using timber construction technologies. The congress included thematic workshops where a number of research projects on timber construction and the latest developments in the performance of tall timber construction were presented.



Additionally, research projects were presented in a poster exhibition. Further, the travelling exhibition "Women Ambassadors Creating the Future of Wood Science" was also part of the congress.

From 8–9 September 2022, attendees joined the technical and business tours of the construction and wood processing industry in Slovenia and the surrounding region.

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WOODRISE ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING

5th SEPTEMBER 2022 IN PORTOROŽ

Frédéric Staat, Woodrise Alliance Coordinator

The annual Woodrise Alliance meeting was organized on Monday September 5th the day before to the Woodrise Conference and Tour in Portoroz, Slovenia 2022. All 25 WoodRise Alliance members were invited. Political issues were first discussed with a presentation by Lyndall Bull and Sven Walter, Food and Agriculture Organization from United Nations FAO, as special guests, followed by New European Bauhaus actualities. Objectives of the ongoing international survey were developed with Eguralt project data presented during the meeting which would be helpful with this respect.

During the meeting a new member was welcomed, the Technical University of Graz in Austria represented by Dr. Heinz FERK on the picture during the meeting with Jean-Luc Kouyoumji from FCBA.



PARTICIPATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL WOOD ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE, IN TALINN, ESTONIA

NEW PARTNERSHIP

The Estonian Forest and Wood Industries Association affiliated to CEI-Bois European Federation organized the International Wood Architecture Conference: The Key to a Better Living Environment in Tallinn on Friday, November 4th 2022.

Two Woodrise Alliance members were invited to speak lecture:

- Frédéric Staat, Timber Industry and Construction Department Director, FCBA Technological Institute, France: 15 years of wood renovation experience in France: studies, tools and achievements,
- Aarne Johannes Niemelä, Architect and Assistant Researcher, Innorenew CoE, Slovenia: InnoRenew Building in Izola, Slovenia.

During this conference, the contacts made with the participants among which representatives of Estonian Association of Architects (EAL) and Woodhouse Estonia, local association of wood constructors may lead to the organization of an Estonian delegation for the WOODRISE International congress in Bordeaux in October next year.



2023 WOODRISE WORLD CONGRESS BORDEAUX

16 TO 20 OCTOBER 2023 IN THE PALAIS 2 L'ATLANTIQUE

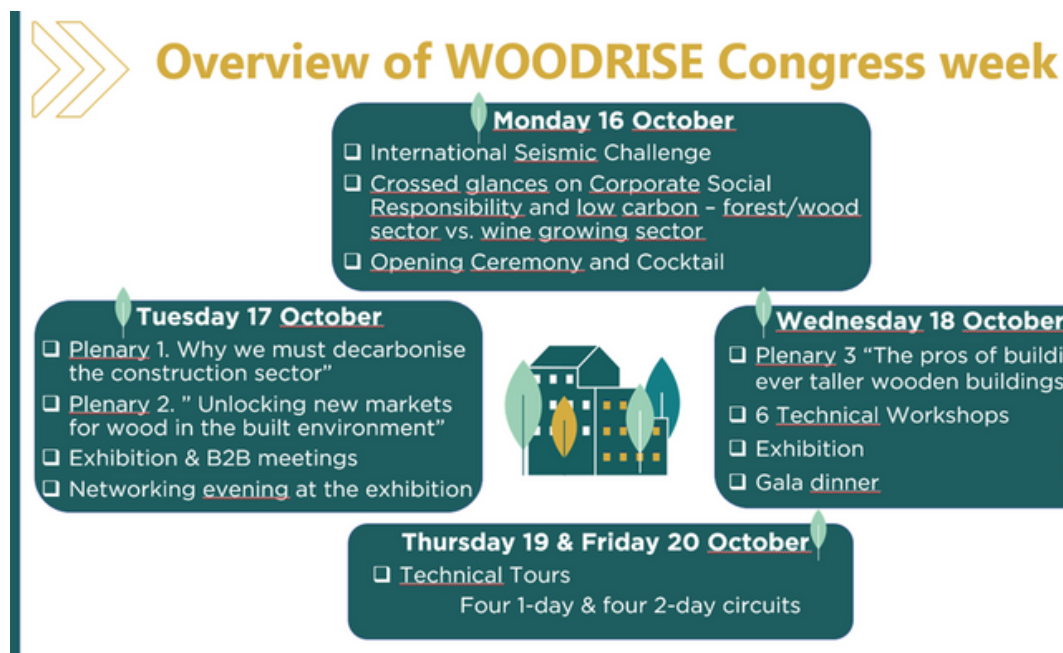
Alette Kinébanian, FCBA



WOODRISE is coming back to the city of Bordeaux from 16 to 20 October 2023 for its 4th edition! With the *Decarbonisation of the Built Environment* as its main theme, WOODRISE 2023 wishes to address the societal and environmental challenges of low-carbon construction and of the integration of biodiversity in tomorrow's cities. Internationally renowned speakers will discuss these different challenges through plenary sessions and workshops in order to suggest answers.

This new edition aims to bring together 3000 participants from 20 different countries and more than 100 exhibitors.

The project has an international professional component as well as a public segment to raise awareness about sustainable construction and wood resource management. Off-site activities for the general public will take place throughout the year and during the congress week, starting in January with a series of radio programmes.



We hope you will join us to:

- o discover international novelties and innovations in mid and high-rise wood construction
- o meet professionals: ordering customers, contractors, builders, suppliers... and develop your business opportunities
- o present your newest technologies in the Innovation Village
- o expand your network with our B2B meeting platform
- o showcase your organisation to an international audience

You can find all the information on our website Woodrise congress: woodrise-congress.com

If you have questions on the different ways in which you can participate or if you would like create a country delegation please contact Alette Kinébanian I kinebanian@fcba.fr | +336 72 65 95 95

