



ANNOUNCEMENT

4th Conference of the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform



FUTURE LEAD MARKETS OF THE FOREST-BASED SECTOR

15-16 May 2007
HANNOVER, GERMANY

in combination with

LIGNA⁺

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Topic

To reach the goals of the Lisbon strategy for development of the European Union, the Member States jointly launched an initiative to create and stimulate lead markets. Lead markets are markets for research and innovation-intensive products and services with a high potential for growth, thus promising a leading role for the European economy at the global level.

The forest-based sector is in an excellent position to create lead markets based on its renewable raw material, its sustainable economic concept, and its ecological and social functions, all linked with the innovative force of the sector's actors.

Successful implementation of innovations into market compatible products is based on the outcome of targeted research and development. At the Conference experts from industry, research and policy will discuss the opportunities for lead markets and indicate concrete steps towards their realisation.

Organisers

- Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) and the German National Support Group (GNSG)
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research, with the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer protection

The conference is part of the official programme of the German Presidency of the European Union.

Target audience

- Forestry and wood industries, pulp and paper industries, wood energy sector
- Research institutes and universities
- Associations and authorities
- European Commission and national research funding organisations

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Time and place

The conference starts Tuesday, 15 May 2007 at 10 am and ends Wednesday, 16 May 2007 at 2 pm. On the evening of the first day all participants are invited to a joint dinner under the Expo roof providing good communication opportunities.

The conference is held in combination with the LIGNA+ Hannover at the Convention Centre on the grounds of the Hannover fair. All participants in the conference will receive vouchers for a visit to LIGNA+.

LIGNA+ HANNOVER is the innovations marketplace par excellence for the forestry and timber industries, and in particular for small and medium-sized enterprises. The displays document the complete production cycle - from the harvesting and processing of timber to the industrial production of wood-based end products and innovative surface treatment technologies. The fair attracts about 100,000 visitors from all over the world and is the ideal venue for an exchange of knowledge and networking.

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Attendance fee and registration

Registration for the conference is possible via the FTP website: www.forestplatform.org
Deadline for registration is **15 April 2007**.

The attendance fee is € 175. The fee covers entrance to the Ligna+, conference meals, refreshments and the dinner banquet on 15 May 2007.

Accommodation

A special booking service of hotel and private rooms is offered by two agencies. Please mention "FTP Conference 2007" on your booking:

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