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Bioeconomy strategies and policies – what are their implications to the wood products industries?

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Woodworking Industries (WI) (excluding furniture):

> 171,000 companies

annual turnover = 123 billion euros

Employment = 1 million workers in the EU

(please note that these figures remain underestimations! Small companies (<20 employees) are not taken into account given the Member States’ reporting).
• Turnover of the sawmill industries = 37 billion euros.

• Total production of sawnwood in Europe (minus Russia, Belarus and Ukraine) =

108,980,856 m3 (FAO)
## Wood products industries in Europe

### Employees (000) [EUROSTAT]

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Europe

• European Commission adopted its strategy: "Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bioeconomy for Europe »

• Bioeconomy panel

• Bioeconomy observatory

• BBI Joint Undertaking: a new €3.7 billion partnership between the EU and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (public-private partnership) (1 billion EUROS EC funding)
European Commission:
« Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bioeconomy for Europe »
Set by the EU's The Bioeconomy Strategy, the Panel aims to support interactions between different policy areas, sectors and stakeholders in the bioeconomy.

Because the bioeconomy is made up of many different sectors, it is difficult for any one expert or organisation to have a complete overview. The Bioeconomy Panel meets that challenge by bringing together, in one group, people with different perspectives and areas of expertise.
Europe: The bioeconomy Observatory

The Observatory is one of the "tools" proposed in the EU's Bioeconomy Strategy to regularly assess the progress and the impact of the bioeconomy.

The Observatory monitors data and information about the bioeconomy, provides statistics on investments in research, does the policy mapping, analyses country profiles, and produces analytical reports.
Bioeconomy strategies on national level:

Finland, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, Austria, …

France is working on its Bioeconomy strategy (published around Spring / Summer 2016)
Implications to the wood products...

Homework that has to be done!

✓ Collaboration
✓ Perception
✓ Innovation
✓ Engagement
✓ Paradigm shift
✓ Lobbying for your future!

- Rural development
- Dialogue
- Pride!
- Tackle unemployment
THANK YOU!