

Innovative wood recycling and cascading use provide excellent products for a better climate

In his State of the Union address delivered this week, EU Commission President Juncker called for Europe to push towards a better future, charting a course ahead and catching today's positive winds. A new Industrial Policy Strategy was presented by the Commission, designed to create world leading businesses built on innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation. EPF, the European Panel Federation, is delighted to announce that this transition is well underway as illustrated in a new video:

Wood-Based Panel Industry

Circular by Design



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Some years ago, the wood-based panels industry began a vital transition from a reliance on virgin material to an increased use of industrial by-products and recovered wood. Using state of the art recycling technology, wood panel manufacturers pioneered the cascade use of wood, ensuring that the forest's valuable resource can be used, reused and recycled time after time into high performance products, primarily for use in construction and for the furniture in our homes. Today, the largest sector of the industry only uses roundwood for 30% of its raw material.

In addition to innovative industrial success and resource efficiency, nature offers us an added bonus with wood-based panels. The harvested wood products of the panel industry sequester carbon for many decades. This helps Europe in its challenge to combat climate change, contributing to a better and safer world for future generations. Addressing climate change, the circular economy, and innovation in industry, the European Panel Federation and its members are delighted to present the video entitled: "Wood-Based Panel Industry, Circular by Design".

About EPF

EPF – the European Panel Federation has members in 25 countries and represents the manufacturers of particleboard, MDF, OSB, hardboard, softboard and plywood. The EU wood panel industry has an annual turnover of about 22 billion Euros, creates over 100,000 jobs directly and counts more than 5,000 enterprises in Europe.