

Press Release  
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**EPF Chairman confirms to COP Presidents and EU Commissioners that we should be scared of the scarcity of wood in Europe, and cites 3 ways to address this.**



At yesterday's high-level stakeholder conference to help prepare the EU Strategy for long-term emissions reductions, EPF Chairman Dott. Paolo Fantoni urged Europe to embrace three concepts that could contribute greatly to the prevention of climate change: broadening the cascade use of wood, implementing the waste hierarchy and developing extended producer responsibility. These practices are increasingly at the core of the wood-based panels industry, which is recognised as a leading example of the Circular Economy and a key driver towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The event was hosted by the European Commission at the Université Libre de Brussels. Dott. Fantoni shared the podium with former French Prime Minister Fabius, President of COP21 and architect of the Paris Agreement, EU Commissioners Cañete, Bieńkowska, Katainen and Šefčovič, as well as European Commission Director-Generals Ristori and Petriccione and other stakeholders. The full programme may be seen here <https://bit.ly/2KPN6Fg>. EPF was proud to contribute to this significant event that is part of putting Europe at the heart of the drive to prevent climate change.

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#### 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.

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