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EPF experts launch a collective discussion towards enhanced worker safety and visit FINSA factory

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On 25 May, about 30 experts from EPF member companies met in Santiago de Compostela to exchange experiences and discuss best practices on preventive and protective measures as well as on training requirements in WBP manufacturing.

The aim of this meeting was to launch a collective discussion, led by Chairman Mr José António Rocha ([SONAE ARAUCO](#)) and Vice-Chairman Mr Koen De Backer ([UNILIN](#)), by reviewing shared contributions on selected processes towards an eventual EPF standard.



Finsa The EPF Fire & Explosion Safety Task Force meeting hosted by [FINSA](#) started with a presentation of a case study. Incident, impact, and possible preventive actions were shared and reviewed with the participants. Efforts in the direction of limiting risks and containing consequences as much as possible were highlighted as the main conclusions of FINSA's presentation. Participants valued FINSA's impressive work of reflection and actions, strengthening internal knowledge within the Task Force.

Following interesting and lively interactions, shared experiences and debates on follow-up decisions, next central themes and focus areas of work to address, Task Force experts were delighted to visit the headquarters of FINSA and its modern and innovative-oriented factory whose role is to manufacture and transform wood and products derived from wood into boards, decorative surfaces, components for furniture and laminate flooring.



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During the visit, the group learned more on the company's values and witnessed safety and production processes, mainly based on advanced technologies, on high-level measuring and check controls, on circularity and creative design. A safe and fulfilling workplace environment to continuously attract the best talents is central to EPF's Role Model Industry ambition.

The next Task Force meeting will take place in Germany on 10 October 2023 and will be hosted by [PFLEIDERER](#).

About EPF - the European Panel Federation has members in more than 30 European countries and represents the manufacturers of particleboard, MDF, OSB, hardboard, softboard and plywood. The EU wood-based panels industry has an annual turnover of about 25 billion euro and creates over 100,000 jobs directly. Contact us at info@europanels.org.