

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## EU funded EcoReFibre project releases its first Video on increasing MDF and fibreboard recycling at industrial scale

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EPF is delighted to share with you the release of the <u>first video</u> presenting the essence of the <u>EcoReFibre</u> project, showcasing the benefits and versatility of wood-based panels and innovative advancements in the recycling of fibreboards.







Funded by Horizon Europe (14.8 million € for the period May 2022 – April 2026), the project undertaken by a consortium of 20 partners, underscores the importance of collaborative research and development in driving positive change within the wood-based panels sector.

EcoReFibre aims to increase available wood resources in Europe through more recycling at industrial scale. Its ambition is to enhance circularity by pushing wood recycling to the next level and improve waste sorting technologies. Substitution up to 25% of the virgin fibres currently used in the European fibreboard market is one of the project's targets.

Highly promising industry-led pilot demonstrations, involving leading panel manufacturers, are being developed through industrial trials into solid business opportunities creating and increasing economic value, circularity and environmental benefits.

EPF is proud to be part of this consortium and looks forward to further joint efforts towards sustainable solutions and increased circularity in the wood-based panels sector.

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About EPF - the European Panel Federation has members in 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. <a href="www.europanels.org">www.europanels.org</a>