



MIMWOOD

Database of innovative materials for the furniture sector

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1.- INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

One of the REAL needs of companies in the sector of WOOD and FURNITURE demands the incorporation of innovative materials in the development of their products as a distinguishing key element.

The current and future workers in the sector should have sufficient and up-to-date knowledge about what those new materials are and how to apply them in the wood and furniture sector. They also need to know their usefulness, applicability and properties to be able to select the appropriate materials, for designing and for producing, depending on the production processes of the companies.



Partners of the project:

Technology Institutes specialized in the wood and furniture sector: AIDIMA (Spain) <http://www.aidimme.es/> , and Wood.be, (Belgium) <https://www.wood.be/>

Enterprises association FederlegnoArredo (Italy), <http://www.federlegnoarredo.it/>

VET CENTRES: CIP FP Catarroja (Spain) <http://www.servef.gva.es/web/cipfp-catarroja> and CFPIMM (Portugal) <http://cfpimm.pt/>,

Social partner , WODWIZE; <https://www.woodwize.be/nl/>,

University, GMIT (Ireland) , <http://www.gmit.ie/>

Web del Proyecto: <http://www.mimwoodproject.eu/>

2- OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT.

This project aims to develop a tool (digital era) that will provide structured and targeted information (on the evolution) of innovative materials at an international level. This tool will be available for students and teachers. The aspects related to the selection of the material depending on the properties, use and demand, will be treated. Both the students and teachers will be stimulated to use the tool for all the innovative aspects, and for the development of new products.

To facilitate the use and accessibility of this information, and to elaborate an online tool that can be used in the VET centers; with the scope to distribute the information, to analyze the information, and to select the ideal material(s) depending of the product, the required properties and the possibilities.

To provide a new and innovative methodology in the VET centers by providing the teachers an online tool, that will facilitate the updating of their knowledge of innovative materials, to familiarize the students with research methodologies and analysis of the capacity of use of these materials and the possibility of use in the development of new products.

To provide the knowledge and tools to generate technological surveillance systems in VET centres, which will allow to acquire up-to-date information about new materials, applied in the in the wood and furniture sector, as well for products, derived from wood, as well for other materials, which can give an innovative character in the (finished) products .

To create an online tool, that will facilitate the updating of both teachers and students and their knowledge on these new materials.

To work with methodologies for research and analysis on the capacity of using these materials, which are normally not available or performed within the VET-centres.

To generate a mentality of innovation at the VET-students and the VET-teachers, by elaborating products with innovative materials.

3.- KICK-OFF MEETING

On 13th September 2017, the Kick-off meeting was held in the premises of the coordinator, AIDIMA.

During the meeting the coordinator presented the project's aims, the activities, the Intellectual Outputs approval, the expected results during the project, the project impact, and the European Official dissemination and communication websites.

Every partner presented their centre and their activities and delivered a brief



The first activity to develop is to elaborate an Open **educational methodological guide on technological surveillance**.

This guide will facilitate the development of a surveillance system in the area of innovative materials in the VET centres by applying a competitive intelligence system.

Innovative guide that will explain how to carry out the surveillance technology within an institution and how to use different tools and information systems.



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