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As the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> project rapidly draws to a close, the number of exciting developments increases and the outcomes of the ambitious plans laid down just over two years ago really begin to take shape. With this final instalment of the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> e-newsletter we would like to bring to your attention just some of the latest project developments and inform you of the final project meeting in Angers from the 15-17 October.

### Final phase: Implementation of Wood EMC<sup>2</sup>

The Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> curriculum is now complete and the pilot certification of the test questions developed for project managers has been carried out at various institutes within the project partner countries. The curriculum structure is as follows:

Training module	Time (%)
Techniques I	15
Techniques II	15
Project management	25
Human resources	10
Quality	10
Marketing	10
Legislation	15

The project partners recently met in Dublin to discuss the findings of the pilot certification phase. The conclusions drawn from the pilot certification were that the level of the questions incorporated into the curriculum was generally appropriate for the certification of project managers in the timber construction industry, with a good balance between technical knowledge and theoretical project management required of the certification candidates. The test candidates indicated that only a few of the questions required slight refinement. The oral exam was subsequently also re-structured to better facilitate the evaluation process. Finally, it was decided that the two hour time limit adopted for the written exam originally was too short to allow candidates to cover all areas so this has been extended somewhat.

The final phase of the project involves ensuring that the curriculum is now adopted by third level institutions and that it is implemented as part of degree courses, to guarantee that the training necessary to produce the highest possible calibre of project manager for the sector is available. The target is to have the curriculum implemented in the six partner countries initially, before expanding to incorporate all of the European Union. In France the University of Grenoble has already expressed an interest in the curriculum, as have the universities Brachow, Bucharest and Suceava in Romania.



The Wood EMC partners hard at work in Dublin

At the Dublin meeting it was also decided that all successful candidates of the training programme will be awarded a Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> certificate, as well as an academic transcript outlining their performance in each module of the programme. The certificate

will be designed by the partners from the National Institute of Wood in Romania. The first ‘graduates’ of the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> curriculum - the candidates that successfully took part in the pilot certification - will be awarded their Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> certificates at the final project seminar in Angers, France, which will take place in mid October 2008.

Upon conclusion of project business in Dublin, the project partners were provided with a detailed summary of the Irish timber construction industry by Philip Mahony of the Irish Timber Frame Manufacturers’ Association (ITFMA), before embarking on a visit to the premises of Dempsey Timber Engineering in Arklow, part of the Glennon Group, where the partners gained further insights into the Irish timber industry. The three day meeting concluded with cultural visits to Avondale, the ‘home of Irish forestry,’ and subsequently to Powerscourt Gardens.



Frédéric Bontoux investigates the machinery at Dempsey Timber Engineering

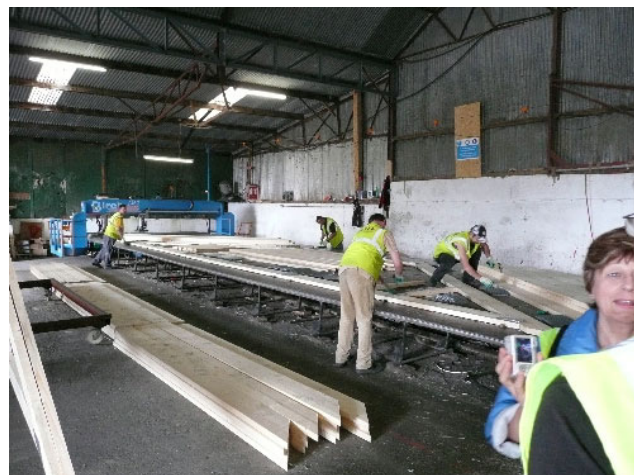
### Final project seminar

**ANGERS, FRANCE**  
**15-17 OCTOBER 2008**

The final meeting of the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> project will take place in Angers between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2008. Organised to coincide with the Wood Convention on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the Salon Maison Bois trade fair on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will begin with a one day working session to finalise the remaining details of the project. At the convention, each project partner will hold a short presentation on the timber construction industry and on vocational training in the sector in their home country.

In addition to a wide variety of representatives of French and European timber enterprises, the wood conference and the trade fair will also be attended

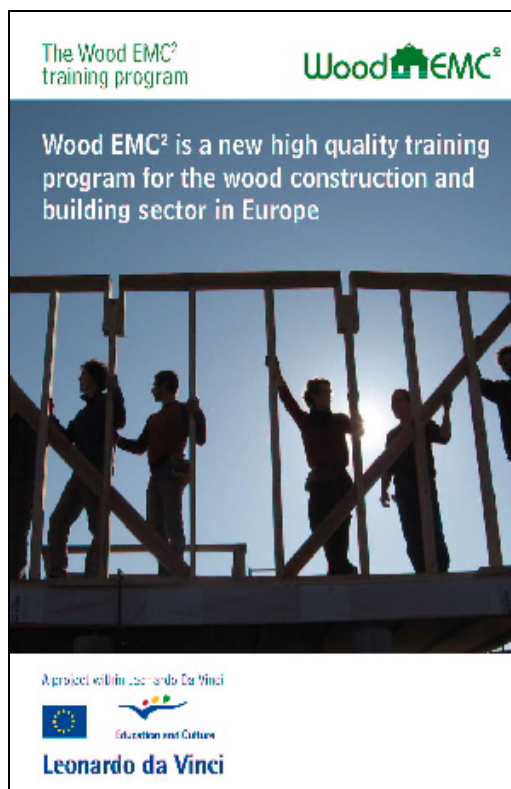
by a number of invited guests from training institutes and from industrial associations from each of the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> partner countries.



The Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> partners look on as roof trusses are prepared at Dempsey’s

### Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> brochure

Under the leadership of the Swedish project partner Ameldo & Co. a brochure advertising the Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> curriculum has been prepared to disseminate the results of the project. Including a summary of Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> in all six project languages, this full colour, eight page brochure will be printed in an initial run of 2 000 copies for distribution to firms involved in timber construction and training centres throughout Europe. Copies of the brochure can be obtained from any of the project partners.



The Wood EMC<sup>2</sup> brochure

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