


Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Holzketten Schwarzwald e.V.
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Domain	Education training, Networking
Source of wood	Woodland/Forest
Location	Black Forest
Implementers	The regional wood industry as a result from earlier projects
Actual status	Running
Approach	<p>Holzketten Schwarzwald is an association of representatives of the forestry and wood industry as well as communities and individuals. Their goal is to promote the cooperation across various stages of timber products from forest owner to final consumer.</p> <p>Furthermore, the association is aiming to strengthen the wood sector in general, especially in the Black Forest. At present, the association has 200 members, among them 12 communities: Bonndorf, Breitnau, Eisenbach, Feldberg, Friedenweiler, Hinterzarten, Löffingen, Lenzkirch, St.Märgen, St.Peter, Titisee - Neustadt and Schluchsee.</p> <p>The association was established based on the EURES study "Standortinitiative Hochschwarzwald" commissioned by the municipalities of Löffingen, Lenzkirch and Titisee-Neustadt in 1996. In particular, the study highlights the importance of the wood sector to the regional labor market in the Black Forest (24% of the workforce in the Black Forest depends on wood).</p>
Main results	<p>Every 2 years the Holzketten organizes an event called Holztag. This event always take place in a membership community in the Black Forest.</p> <p>Several information events and expert conventions as well as a fair take place during the Holztag.</p>
Lessons learned	Personal contact and trust is the key to improve regional networks successfully.
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Best practice assessment

Region	Black Forest
Time scale	21.01.2005 – till now
Mobilization Potential	Medium
Kind of wood concerned	Depending on projects and partners
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive / Enhancement of regionally added value
Ease of implementation	Medium
Economic impact	Medium
Job effect	Promoting the importance of the local wood industry
Income effect	N.A.
Specific knowledge needed	Here: EURES study
Costs of implementation	N.A.
Technical readiness level	Generally applicable
Key information for adoption	Engaged company leaders and individuals needed