


Description of best practice

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Title	INITIATIVE REGIOHOLZ
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Domain	Education training, Networking
Source of wood	Woodland/Forest
Location	Germany
Implementers	The regional wood industry as a result of other projects
Actual status	Running
Approach	RegioHOLZ connects players of the wood and furniture industry targeting the entire value chain. The goal is to create synergies through exchange and cooperation. Furthermore, the network organizes dialogue forums and other events. The team offers expert knowledge and contacts for the entire forestry and wood industry. The cluster initiative involves around 20 companies from the wood value chain in the region.
Main results	Regular meetings, events, workshops, joint trade fair appearances, networking, information and knowledge transfer, initiation of cooperation's and collaborative projects, initiatives in education and training
Lessons learned	Personal contact and trust is the key to improve regional networks successfully.
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Best practice assessment

Region	North Black Forest, Germany
Time scale	2012 – till now
Mobilization Potential	233.988 ha total area
Kind of wood concerned	Depending on projects and partners
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Medium
Ease of implementation	Difficult
Economic impact	Providing funding
Job effect	Positive
Income effect	Possibility of funding
Specific knowledge needed	EU-wide networking
Costs of implementation	N.A.
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	The network has to be established and well known on a regional scale