


Description of best practice

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Title	Creation of the first Guarantee Mark in the wood sector in Spain: Pino Soria Burgos
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Domain	Guarantee Mark. Traceability and guarantee of the wood's origin. Certified sustainable wood (PEFC).. Guaranteed quality.
Source of wood	Stemwood. Scots Pine, Soria, Burgos
Location	Spain, mainly in Castilla y León (specifically in the provinces of Soria and Burgos). .
Implementers	Cesefor
Actual status	Running
Approach	<p>Scots pine wood from the Region of Pinares (a region located between the provinces of Soria and Burgos) enjoyed great prestige in the Spanish market, despite the fact that it lacked a common standardised basis among the companies in the sector that would allow to launch a regulated product on the market that would facilitate its commercialisation.</p> <p>There was also a mismatch between the quality of the product and the quality of the service offered to the buyer by the industry. In this context, the first guarantee mark was created in the wood sector, the Guarantee Mark Pino Soria Burgos.</p>
Main results	<p>This guarantee mark is based on three basic pillars: Guarantee of origin, sustainability (all forests and their processors are certified under the PEFC system) and quality (common marketing bases are established).</p> <p>More than 48 municipalities and the Community of the 150 villages of the Land of Soria, and a total of 15 companies of first transformation of the wood, have joined.</p> <p>On the other hand, we have managed to join a sector that until the creation of the Guarantee Brand was completely dispersed. In</p>

	<p>addition, its close relationship with Cesefor (forestry and wood technological centre) has enabled it to carry out extensive certification of its products (CE marking, PEFC, carbon footprint), training courses (cost control, structural calculation, wood treatment, etc.), and innovation projects (structural characterisation, development of new building systems, etc.). Currently, the companies of the Guarantee Mark are references in the Spanish wood sector and in the construction sector.</p>
Lessons learned	<p>The main lesson learned is that the wood sector requires common marketing standards that make it easier for users to buy their products, eliminating confusion and insecurities that lead to a rejection of the use of wood. They also allow generating a mercantile reference to compete with the rest of products, whether made of wood or other materials such as concrete, steel, pvc...</p> <p>It also allows for closer ties between the business and technology sectors, which guarantees continuous improvement of the business sector through both training and innovation.</p>
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Best practice assessment

Region	Spain
Time scale	2006-
Mobilization Potential	30,000,000 m ³
Kind of wood concerned	Pinus sylvestris
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive: promote the conservation and economic viability of natural forests of P. Sylvestris
Ease of implementation	Medium
Economic impact	The companies working with the guarantee mark have increased their turnover even during the crisis period
Job effect	Increase of job positions caused by the increased turnover
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	Traditional forest management systems. Knowledge of European Standards on certification and manufacturing of wood products
Costs of implementation	20,000 to 30,000 €
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	Need to forge closer links between the forest management sector and the wood industry