


## Description of best practice

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Title	Futurobois : Interprofessional organization of the forest-wood-paper industry in Poitou-Charentes (in New-Aquitaine)
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Domain	Network
Source of wood	Stemwood and woody biomass
Location	Poitou-Charentes
Implementers	Elected officials, industry companies, operators, public organizations
Actual status	Running
Approach	<p>Futurobois is a registered association, operating by voluntary membership.</p> <p>The objective of the interprofessional association is to unite professionals in the forest-wood-paper sector within an association to exchange and meet. Futurobois' main mission is to promote and inform professionals, local authorities and the general public about the use of wood products.</p> <p>They help member companies to find solutions to enable their economic, technical, human and environmental development.</p> <p>Futurobois' team consists of 5 people.</p>
Main results	<p>In June 2018, the interprofessional association had 237 members in 42 sectors, including forestry, primary processing, secondary processing and construction. The association's actions are the preparation and animation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visits to sawmills, factories,</li> <li>• days of visits around wood processing: from the forest site to the secondary processing,</li> <li>• meetings dedicated to professionals by sector of activity (e.g. in 2018 meetings of furniture professionals),</li> <li>• steering committee for the development of poplar in New Aquitaine,</li> <li>• study trips abroad.</li> </ul> <p>These visits allow companies to meet and give them better visibility with public or private project managers</p>

	<p>and elected officials.</p> <p>The interprofessional organisation also helps companies to secure their supply and comply with regulatory frameworks for small companies. They offer them a catalogue of training courses on different themes (human resources, accounting, etc.)</p>
Lessons learned	<p>Futurobois operates mainly thanks to funding from the region, the State, Europe and the national interprofessional organisation (France Bois Forêt). The remainder comes from membership fees and services rendered. They are the 4th largest interprofessional association in France in terms of number of member companies and 8th in terms of budget.</p> <p>They provide technical knowledge on wood materials to architects and try to better understand their needs in wood construction.</p> <p>Assistance is offered to project managers to remove the blocking points concerning the use of wood in construction (fire risk, insect,...).</p>
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### Best practice assessment

Region	Poitou-Charentes
Time scale	Since 1993
Mobilization Potential	NA / No data available but help to mobilize by providing support to companies that use wood
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	Very positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	NA
Ease of implementation	Very easy : consulting and management of member networks
Economic impact	Support / assistance for the development and supply of companies
Job effect	NA
Income effect	NA
Specific knowledge needed	NA

Costs of implementation	500 000 €
Technical readiness level	Applicable in the next year
Key information for adoption	Association, organization of meeting days, responding to the requests of companies in the wood sector