

56th FTP AC Meeting Main outcomes and recommendations

1. Welcome and approvals

Two new members have joined FTP since the last AC meeting, UPM-Kymmene from Finland and Bundesforschungszentrum für Wald (BFW) from Austria.

2. Preparation of the CircBio proposal on Forest Partnership

FTP is one of the 12 partners involved in the consortium preparing a proposal to create a new Partnership for the forest-based sector. Four tasks are of key importance for FTP and could be based on already existed tools (FTP Database, SIRA, etc.).

3. Other Horizon Europe Partnerships

FTP Secretariat is following 4 other Partnerships relevant for the forest-based sector: Processes4Planet, Build4People, Biodiversity4Planet and the Circular Bio-Based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) that has been recently approved.

4. EU funding statistics 2020

FTP Secretariat presented the new statistics on EU projects started in 2020. The contribution of the European Commission tripled compared to the previous years. The contribution per subsector has also increased with a significant rise in the Pulp & Paper subsector. FTP Secretariat will analyze it further and try to explain this evolution.

5. FTP Project Database update

The FTP Database is currently being updated with the developer. One of the goals is to make the database compatible with the "FTP Call Topics Manual" by adding information such as subsectors, relevance, the SIRA 2030 structure, etc. Another goal is to improve the user-friendliness of the platform.

6. Advocacy efforts for the 2023-2024 Work Programmes

FTP organized a first meeting with the National Support Groups (NSGs) that have contacts with the Programme Committees (PCs) of Clusters 4, 5 and 6. The 2020 Case Studies have been used as background material and have been divided into three documents for Cluster 4, 5 and 6 respectively, to be easily shared with the PCs.

FTP will share the documents with the NSGs that have confirmed contact with their PC members. FTP recommended that the Case Studies are used to inform the answers to questions from the PC member, when replying to questionnaires for example. They do not have to be sent as they are to the PC member. It is better to share the titles or main concepts of the Case Studies. The documents are not confidential but partially rough and not so easy to read.

7. Partnering request for EU applications

FTP Secretariat received 2 requests to find partners on the following call topics:

- HORIZON-CL6-2022-CIRC-BIO-02-06-two-stage, Harnessing the digital revolution in the forest-based sector - Contact: Michele Vavallo from Solintel
- HORIZON-CL6-2022-CircBio-02-01-two-stage: Integrated solutions for circularity in buildings and the construction sector

The proposal is prepared by the CEI-Bois R&I Working Group. They are searching for partners from Eastern countries (Estonia, Lithuania, Poland or Slovenia). Contact: Björn Källander

8. AOB

FTP Secretariat would need resources support for the implementation of the Forest Partnership. An internship could be a solution. The right person should have a good general knowledge of the sector, know how Brussels works and have strong communication skills.

9. The next Advisory Committee meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 01st February 2022 at 11hrs.